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Dear Mr Crawford

Thank you for your letter of 4 May 2010 concerning the National Competition Council's (NCC's) final recommendation on an application from Queensland Curtis Liquefied Natural Gas (QCLNG) Pipeline Limited for a 15-year no-coverage determination for its proposed QCLNG pipeline. I understand that the NCC has classified this proposed pipeline as a transmission pipeline and as such I am the relevant Minister with responsibility for making the final determination on this matter.

I have decided to grant a 15 year no-coverage determination for the QCLNG pipeline. In making my decision, I have carefully considered the pipeline coverage criteria, the National Gas Objective and the NCC's final recommendations. Given the consultation exercises undertaken by the NCC, I did not invite further submissions. Please find attached further detail on my decision and associated statement of reasons.

I have also written to the applicant and the Australian Energy Market Commission, advising them of my decision. Under the National Gas Rules, my decision and statement of reasons must be published. As such, I would appreciate if you could arrange for the attached document to be published on your website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Ferguson', written over a horizontal line.

Martin Ferguson

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