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APPEA welcomes legislation to validate environmental approvals

Legislation to validate environmental approvals in Western Australia has been welcomed by the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association.

The legislation was introduced into the WA Parliament today after a review found a number of Environmental Protection Authority approvals granted between 2002 and 2012 were at risk of being found to be invalid due to technical governance issues.

The legislation will provide much-needed certainty and should be supported by all parties.

APPEA also supports the EPA's moves to strengthen its conflict of interest procedures and governance arrangements.

Public confidence in the EPA and the integrity of environmental approvals is critical.

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