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## Oil and gas industry salutes Ian Macfarlane's outstanding career

### Statement by APPEA Chairman Bruce Lake

The oil and gas industry congratulates Ian Macfarlane, Australia's longest-serving Minister for Resources, on his outstanding achievements and wishes him well for the next phase of his career.

Mr Macfarlane today announced his decision to resign from parliament at the next election.

Mr Macfarlane entered Parliament in 1998. From November 2001 until September 2015, with one brief interval, he served as the Coalition's Minister or Shadow Minister in the industry, resources and energy portfolio.

"Since 2001, Mr Macfarlane has been a tireless, passionate champion of the resources sector in general and the gas industry in particular," said APPEA Chairman Bruce Lake.

"He leaves office with an impressive record of achievement and universal respect.

"Ian's energy, diligence, pragmatism and genuine belief in bipartisan policy have left an enduring mark on Australian energy policy.

"Ian played a major role in the rapid development of Australia's liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry, helping to ensure a positive investment environment which attracted \$200 billion into local projects.

"With Australia poised to become the world's leading LNG exporter, Ian can be proud of his pivotal role in developing this world-class industry.

"Ian has a real understanding of what business needs if Australia is to maintain a prosperous and competitive economy. He has been an effective advocate for policies that have seen our industry invest hundreds of billions of dollars and bring Australia's largest-ever resource projects to fruition.

"The industry thanks Ian for his unstinting support.

"Given his knowledge, experience and practical approach, Ian still has much to contribute. APPEA wishes him well in his life and his career after politics."

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