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APPEA statement on Queensland Gasfields Commission review

APPEA welcomes the announced review of Queensland's Gasfields Commission.

The Gasfields Commission has played an important role in managing and improving relationships between rural landholders, regional communities and the gas industry.

The review will be conducted by Mr Robert Scott, who was formerly a member of the land court of Queensland and before that a Deputy Director-General in the former Queensland Department of Lands. Mr Scott is an experienced mediator in land valuation, compensation and land use matters. He has extensive experience with the challenges facing rural landholders and regional communities.

APPEA Queensland Director Chris Lamont said the review had been foreshadowed last year and is timely as the Commission was established three years ago.

"The Queensland GasFields Commission has been highly effective in providing effective information and in promoting coexistence outcomes, this is a key function of the Commission and will continue to be important for both landholders and the gas industry," Mr Lamont said.

"Today a \$70 billion investment in gas projects continues to support thousands of jobs and strengthen Queensland's economy and is helping the globe transition to a lower carbon future.

"APPEA looks forward to working with Mr Scott and assisting in the review."

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