



8 June 2017

Mr Kevin Welsh
General Manager - Production
Beach Energy Limited
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Dear Kevin,

Re: Review – Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO), Fracture Stimulation of Deep Shale Gas and Tight Gas Targets in the Nappamerri Trough (Cooper Basin), South Australia

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet – Energy Resources Division (DPC-ERD) on the 30 May 2017 received a request from Beach Energy Limited for an extension on the *Fracture Stimulation of Deep Shale Gas and Tight Gas Targets in the Nappamerri Trough (Cooper Basin), South Australia, SEO* five year review.

DPC-ERD understands that Beach Energy intend to incorporate fracture stimulation activities into their Production SEO to cover potential fracture stimulation activities across all Beach permits within the Cooper Basin, in turn streamlining the development of activity notifications and simplifying internal auditing programs.

DPC-ERD are prepared to grant the extension for the submission of the updated **Cooper Basin Petroleum Production Operations - EIR and SEO** to the proposed date of **22 December 2017** to allow for the incorporation of fracture stimulation activities.

It is expected that these documents will have been consulted on with relevant stakeholders prior to formal submission to DSD for consideration under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact Jarrod Spencer via email at jarrod.spencer2@sa.gov.au or on (08) 8463 3588.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barry a Goldstein'.

BARRY GOLDSTEIN
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Delegate of the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy