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Environment Protection Agency
Noise Policy Review
GPO Box 2607
Adelaide SA 5001

Att: Steve Smith

Review of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007

The SA Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) is pleased to provide initial comment on the *Environment Protection (Noise) policy 2007* as part of the review to amend the policy.

SACOME's ongoing interest is to maintain the provisions for exempt activities (e.g. blasting operations) described in Schedule 1 of the existing policy. In addition, SACOME recommends there be provision in the new policy to include further activities for exemption as well as exemptions from the policy where matters are specifically addressed in licence conditions.

SACOME looks forward to the EPA engaging with the resources industry on the future draft policy. As we have emphasised in the past, meaningful consultation with the industry on an amended policy is essential and should be an iterative process to test the potential implications of proposed amendments in the policy. The value was demonstrated in the round table discussions on the *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016*, albeit after that draft policy was released. It is a model that SACOME considers should be continued in government consultation with industry generally.

SACOME would encourage the EPA to commence discussions with industry on proposed amendments to test potential implications prior to the release of a draft policy for formal consultation.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Long", is written over a light grey circular stamp.

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