

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRY STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 5 FLNG SAFETY MATTERS**

The Government acknowledges the findings and recommendations arising from the extensive work undertaken by the Committee and all who made submissions and attended hearings. The fundamental requirement of ensuring the safety and health of workers employed in an industry using new offshore technology known as Floating Liquefied Natural Gas (FLNG) is recognised as being of paramount importance.

Recommendation 1

The Western Australian Government encourage the Commonwealth Government, Shell and other stakeholders to conduct an emergency response exercise based on the Prelude facility as soon as possible following its commissioning.

Supported. Existing intergovernmental mechanisms are sufficient to progress the issue of emergency response exercises involving the State and Commonwealth Governments, as well as other stakeholders, based on the Prelude LNG facility.

Recommendation 2

The Western Australian Government place on the COAG agenda the need for a lead agency for the coordination of necessary safety-related infrastructure and services.

Recommendation 3

The Western Australian Government place on the COAG agenda the need for increased transparency from the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority in relation to emergency response plan information.

Recommendation 4

The Western Australian Government place on the COAG agenda the need to develop a program to educate stakeholders in relation to the emergency response responsibilities of government agencies.

Recommendation 5

The Western Australian Government place on the COAG agenda the need for a regional plan for offshore emergency response, one that considers the aggregate effect of multiple FLNG operations on safety infrastructure and the complexity of an emergency response involving concurrent multiple FLNG operations.

Recommendations 2 – 5 not supported. Existing intergovernmental mechanisms are sufficient to progress these issues.