## Government Response to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

## Report No. 46

# Gasfields Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

### Recommendation 1

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The committee recommends the Gasfields Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 be passed.

The government thanks the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee (the committee) for its consideration of the Gasfields Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (the Bill) and the committee's recommendation that the Bill be passed.

### Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that the Minister in the second reading speech report the findings of the government's consideration of the recommendations and stakeholder issues raised during the 2016 review, including issues relating to the rights to intellectual property of Indigenous people as identified in the Nagoya protocol.

The government supports this recommendation.

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The government is still considering the recommendations of the 2016 review of the *Biodiscovery Act 2004*. The government will issue its response to the review in due course. However, in the second reading speech, the Minister will provide a summary of the review and stakeholder issues, including issues relating to the rights to intellectual property of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as identified in the Nagoya protocol.

The government will also consult with stakeholders about reform of the *Biodiscovery Act 2004*, including the recommendations of the review. The government notes that issues relating to the rights to intellectual property of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is a new issue for biodiscovery policy and it is important to ensure that a range of views are considered.