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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: CIPMA Tasking and Dissemination Protocols

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 August 2006, regarding the draft business rules for the tasking of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis (CIPMA), the Australian Pipeline Industry Association is please to have the opportunity to provide comments.

As the CIPMA is a computer based capability with data and information from a range of sources (including the owners and operators of critical infrastructure) to model and simulate the behaviour and dependency relationships of critical infrastructure systems, it is important that the system takes into account its impact on industry.

As the peak representative body for the gas transmission industry in Australia, APIA would like to ensure that industry is adequately represented on the relevant committees that decide priorities. We are concerned that the process outlined will introduce delays that could be detrimental to industry.

APIA also points out that there is no indicative timeframe or target timeframe specified for the process from an initial request to the implementation of that request. There should be, at least, a performance guarantee that request would be dealt with in a specific time, perhaps three months, rather than having the process based on the timing of committee meetings and other possible delays.

We also seek information regarding the history and the expected level of use of the model.

Importantly, as mentioned, the gas transmission industry is keen to work with Government in order to ensure that all processes work well and, to this end, would appreciate being included in relevant committees and working groups.

Yours sincerely

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