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### **APIA welcomes reappointment of Minister Macfarlane**

The Australian Pipeline Industry Association, representing the nation's gas transmission industry, has welcomed the announcement today that the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP will retain his Industry portfolio and his position in Cabinet.

"Minister Macfarlane has demonstrated a genuine interest in Australia's energy industries," APIA's Chief Executive, Cheryl Cartwright, said today.

"The Minister is committed to ensuring that Australia's energy industries are not hampered by unnecessary and intrusive regulation," Ms Cartwright said.

"APIA has had many discussions with the Minister about energy reform legislation and we look forward to continuing to work with him in order to achieve the best legislation possible for industry, for government and for consumers."

In the Prime Minister's statement today, he indicated that Minister Macfarlane will retain all his responsibilities in the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio.

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