The Office of the Mayor

PO Box 223 COBAR NSW 2835

Telephone: (02) 6836 5888 Facsimile: (02) 6836 5889

Email: mail@cobar.nsw.gov.au Website: www.cobar.nsw.gov.au

In your reply please quote: M2-1 Ref: 100995

LOB:JLB



Cobar Shire Council Offices 36 Linsley Street COBAR NSW 2835

ABN: 71 579 717 155

"Regional Centre in Western NSW"

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

Mr Michael Callaghan **PRRT Review** The Treasury Lanaton Crescent PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Mr Callaghan,

RE: REVIEW - PETROLEUM RESOURCES RENT TAX (PRRT)

I am writing to support the important policy initiative that has the potential to provide significant benefits for the rural and regional communities by ensuring the level of Commonwealth oil and gas taxes and royalties provide a more eauitable return to the Australian communities without discouraging investment in exploration and development.

The review should consider whether the PRRT provides an opportunity to introduce a national "royalties for regions" program, delivered by the Federal Government and support that any discussions about an equitable return must place regional, rural and remote Australians firmly centre.

The ability to have a fair share of future earnings being re-invested in regional. rural and remote Australia will allow the Government to improve the liveability of our towns and build a more prosperous future for our families.

I thank you for giving me this opportunity to provide the submission on behalf of the Community of Cobar and wish you all the best in delivering the final recommendation to the Government.

Yours faithfully illiam Brady

Lilliane Brady OAM

Mayor of Cobar Shire Council