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Dear Mr. Callaghan

United Voice is writing in support of the submission made by the Tax Justice Network (TJN) to the Government's review of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT). It is clear that the PRRT is in need of reform, and the new royalty regime proposed by the TJN would be an excellent step in addressing many of the issues that have recently come to light. Reform of the PRRT would assist in both moving Australia towards a fairer taxation system and establishing a more stable revenue base.

United Voice members believe government has a crucial role to play in delivering the services that the community relies on. Quality public services allow all Australians to thrive and prosper.

In order to provide the services that ensure a successful and prosperous society, we must ensure we are collecting the revenue required to fund them properly. This needs to be done in a way that is fair and equitable, with everyone contributing their fair share.

The way our taxation system operates in relation to offshore gas projects is failing the Australian people. Hard working Australians should be receiving some benefit for their natural resources.

Recently, the Government has tied essential funding for early education and care to cuts to social services. United Voice is of the view there are other measures the Government could put in place to fund these services, and the revenue from the scheme proposed by the TJN would be a good start.

That's why United Voice asks you, on behalf of our 120,000 members, to give proper consideration to adopting the measures proposed by the TJN.

Yours sincerely

Jo Schofield

United Voice National Secretary