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Dear Professor Menezes

Flavio

I am writing to direct the Queensland Competition Authority (the Authority) under section 93 of the *Electricity Act 1994* (the Act) to decide the feed-in tariff (FiT) rate for the tariff year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (2022-23).

I attach the direction and associated Terms of Reference (ToR) which impose conditions and timeframes on the Authority when undertaking its investigation.

My section 93 direction requires the Authority to decide a FiT rate for 2022-23 consistent with the methodology used to decide the 2021-22 regional FiT rate of 6.583 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh). Given that the methodology and approach are unchanged, no public consultation is required in deciding the 2022-23 FiT.

If you have any questions, [REDACTED] Executive Director, Energy Division, Department of Energy and Public Works, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Mick de Brenni MP
**Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and
Minister for Public Works and Procurement**

Encl: Section 93 Direction and Terms of Reference

ELECTRICITY ACT 1994
Section 93

As the Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen, pursuant to section 93 of the *Electricity Act 1994* (the Act), I hereby direct the Queensland Competition Authority (the Authority) to decide a flat rate feed-in tariff for the 2022-23 tariff year.

The following are the Terms of Reference pertaining to this direction.

Terms of Reference

Matters to consider

In accordance with section 93(2) and 93(3) of the Act, in deciding the feed-in tariff the Authority must consider the following:

1. The flat rate feed-in tariff should be decided using the general 'avoided cost' methodology applied for the 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–18, 2018–19, 2019–20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 tariff years.
2. The effect of the feed-in tariffs on competition in the Queensland retail electricity market.
3. The matters described below:
 - The arrangements in place for Origin Energy to provide retailer services to Queensland customers connected to the Essential Energy supply network in southern Queensland
 - Any other matter the Authority considers relevant.

Application of the feed-in tariffs

The flat rate feed-in tariff is to apply for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Consultation

No public consultation is required to decide the 2022–23 flat rate feed-in tariff given that the Authority must apply the same methodology as was applied in previous tariff years.

Timing

The Authority is to decide the flat rate feed-in tariff and, in accordance with section 94 of the Act, announce the flat rate feed-in tariff on the Authority's website and publish the feed-in tariff via Gazette Notice no later than 31 May 2022.

This delegation is made by **The Honourable Mick de Brenni MP**, Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement:

Signed:



The Honourable Mick de Brenni MP
**Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and
Minister for Public Works and Procurement**

Dated:

16/12/2021