ELECTRICITY ACT 1994
Section 253AA

As the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, pursuant to section 253AA of the *Electricity Act 1994 (the Act)*, I hereby direct the Queensland Competition Authority (the Authority) to monitor and provide a written report on solar feed-in tariffs in the designated retail market area (Energex distribution area).

The Authority must publish this direction on its website.

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

Terms of Reference

The Authority must monitor retailers' feed-in tariff offers (as published on the Australian Energy Regulator's Energy Made Easy website) to residential and small business electricity customers with solar PV systems, which were available in the preceding tariff year (monitored on a quarterly basis) and include in its report:

1. A comparison of the lowest, highest and average feed-in tariffs between retailers.

2. Variations to retailers' generally available market offer prices that are offered in conjunction with a solar feed-in tariff, including variations to fixed and variable electricity charges.

3. A comparison and ranking of the net overall bill position from generally available market offers, considering electricity charges and feed-in tariffs. This analysis should compare net bill outcomes for a range of different residential and small business electricity customers with solar PV systems, varying by:
   - total electricity consumption (e.g. a small, typical and large residential customer)
   - high, medium and low solar export / use ratio.

   The analysis should include retail market offers with and without feed-in tariffs and specify the retailer for each offer.

4. Any trends in relation to retailers' feed-in tariffs in and between the reporting period and preceding tariff years.

5. Any comment on the emergence of new and/or innovative feed-in tariff structures.

Timing

The QCA is to provide me with a final version of the written report no later than 31 October each year covering the preceding tariff year.

The QCA must publish its report on the QCA website by 31 October each year.

DATED this 17th day of February 2017

SIGNED by the Honourable)
Mark Bailey)
Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and)
Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) *(signature)*