

**CERTIFICATE OF DELEGATION**  
**Under section 90(3) of the *Electricity Act 1994* (Qld)**

**Delegation**

In accordance with section 90(3) of the *Electricity Act 1994* (the Act), I delegate to the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) the following functions and powers (the delegated activities) for 2010-2011:

1. Calculation of the Benchmark Retail Cost Index (BRCI) under Chapter 4, Part 2, Division 3 of the Act;
2. Application of the change in the BRCI to the tariffs for the previous tariff year as required by section 90(5) of the Act; and
3. Publication of the amended tariff schedule for the relevant tariff year in accordance with sections 90(2), 90(7) and 96 of the Act.

This delegation does not include the power to fix principles under section 95 of the Act.

**Conditions of delegation**

1. The QCA must apply the change in the BRCI to the tariffs for the previous tariff year, taking into account any other changes to notified prices made by the Minister under the provisions of section 90 of the Act which are not the subject of this delegation, which will be advised prior to the required date for publication of the tariffs in accordance with the Act and this delegation;
2. The QCA must consider the following policy objective of the Queensland Government when exercising the delegated powers and functions:
  - a. the annual indexation of electricity tariffs by the index should ensure that existing retail headroom in the tariffs at the date of the Original Delegation made prior to the commencement of full retail competition<sup>1</sup> remains relatively stable (although not necessarily the same from year to year); and
  - b. the policy of enabling small market customers to revert to notified prices should not result in a retail entity providing customer retail services to non-market customers at a loss;
3. In calculating the 2010-2011 BRCI, the QCA must apply the same methodology as utilised in the 2009-10 BRCI Final Decision which is consistent with the direction of the Queensland Supreme Court of 14 May 2009.
4. The QCA must complete the delegated activities for the 2010-2011 tariff year no later than 31 May 2010;
5. On the same day that the QCA gazettes the tariff schedule for a tariff year, the QCA must make a public announcement of the change to the notified prices; and

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<sup>1</sup> The Original Delegation was made under section 90(3) of the *Electricity Act 1994* on 27 March 2007.

6. Any other conditions formally notified by the Minister from time to time.

This delegation applies to the calculation of the BRCI for 2010-11 only, and revokes and replaces my delegation of 3 June 2009.



**STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP**  
**Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy**  
**and Minister for Trade**

Dated: *SR* February 2010