

ELECTRICITY ACT 1994
Section 93

As the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, 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 2017-18 tariff year.

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

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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 and 2016–17 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 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Consultation

No public consultation is required to decide the 2017–18 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 2017.

DATED this

17th day of Feb 2017

SIGNED by the Honourable
Mark Bailey

Minister for Main Roads, Roads Safety and Ports and)
Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply)

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