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Dear Professor Green

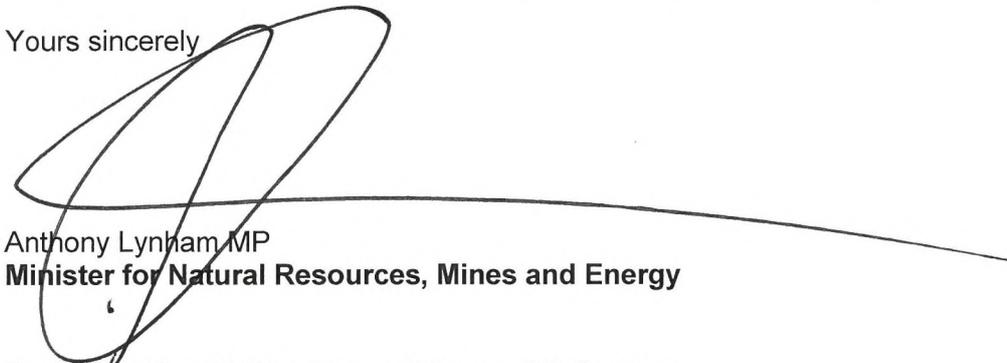
I am writing to direct the Queensland Competition Authority (the Authority) under section 93 of the *Electricity Act 1994* (the Act) to decide the feed-in tariff (FiT) rate for the 2018–19 tariff year, and under 253AA of the Act to provide advice on a time-varying FiT for the 2018–19 tariff year. I attach my directions and the associated Terms of Reference (ToR) which impose conditions and timeframes on the Authority when undertaking its investigation and advice.

My section 93 direction requires the Authority to decide a flat FiT rate for 2018-19 consistent with the methodology used to decide the 2017-18 regional FiT rate of 10.102 cents. Given that the methodology and approach are unchanged, no public consultation is required in deciding the 2018–19 FiT.

The Authority is to provide advice about a time varying FiT by calculating values for defined peak and off-peak times. The approach taken should be consistent with the Authority's advice on a time-varying FiT for 2017–18 tariff year and therefore no public consultation is required.

Please contact Mr Tim Quirey, Director, Strategic Futures, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy on 3199 4976 should you have any questions about these directions.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Lynham MP  
**Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy**

Encl: Section 93 Direction and Terms of Reference  
Section 253AA Directions and Terms of Reference – Time-varying FiT advice

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1994**  
**Section 93**

As the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, 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 2018-19 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 and 2017–18 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 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Consultation

No public consultation is required to decide the 2018–19 flat rate feed-in tariff given that the Authority must apply the same methodology as was applied in previous tariff years.

Timing

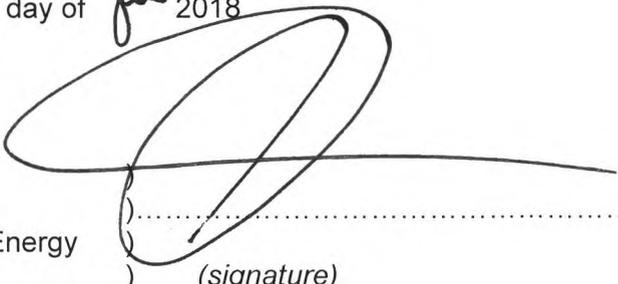
The Authority is to decide the flat rate feed-in tariff and, in accordance with section 94 of the Act, announce the flat rate feed-in tariff on the Authority's website and publish the feed-in tariff via gazette notice no later than 31 May 2018.

DATED this

22<sup>nd</sup>

day of Jan 2018

**SIGNED** by the Honourable  
Anthony Lynham MP  
Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

  
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