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Dear Mr Millstead,

**RE: Regional Queensland feed-in tariff 2026–27 Draft Determination**

It is important that the QCA's feed-in tariff reflects the true market value of exported solar energy. This will ensure customers receive a fair and reasonable price while also avoiding price distortions that act as a barrier to retailer participation in the Ergon network.

Solar PV exports, like other generation, should be valued based on wholesale spot prices at the time of export to ensure the FiT reflects the true avoided cost of energy. In previous decisions the QCA has not been able to separate solar PV exports from the Net System Load Profile (NSLP) for interval meter data.

It is positive that AEMO now provides data which allows for the QCA to separate solar PV exports from small customer imports for those small customers on interval meters. However, because this data does not provide for a complete carve out from interval meters, the QCA has taken a weighted average of the relative volumes from smart meters and the NSLP.

We believe this approach overstates the true value of solar to a retailer. While this issue will be resolved with full smart meter penetration, in the interim the QCA should adopt the most accurate calculation method possible.

As we have highlighted previously, we consider that IPART's methodology in NSW demonstrates how using historical PV export and half-hourly spot price data (available from AEMO) can be used to develop a transparent and market-aligned WEC that reflects the price of PV exports when they occur. Origin considers the QCA should adopt a similar approach to ensure its FiT reflects the actual avoided wholesale cost of energy, supports competition in regional Queensland, and remains consistent with contemporary regulatory practice.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact Gary Davies in the first instance at [gary.davies@originenergy.com.au](mailto:gary.davies@originenergy.com.au).

Yours sincerely

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