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**SUBMISSION ON QCA DRAFT DETERMINATION ON
REGULATED ELECTRICITY PRICES 2020-21**

BACKGROUND

The Queensland Consumers' Association (the Association) is a non-profit organisation which exists to advance the interests of Queensland consumers. The Association's members work in a voluntary capacity and specialise in particular policy areas, including energy. The Association is a member of the Consumers' Federation of Australia, the peak body for Australian consumer groups and is represented on the Queensland Competition Authority's Consumer Consultative Committee and the Energy and Water Queensland Ombudsman's Advisory Council. The Association is also a member of the Queensland Council of Social Service's Essential Services Consultative Group.

The Association welcomes the opportunity to make this brief submission.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

We support QCOSS's submission.

In particular, for the reasons in our submission on QCA's interim consultation paper, we emphasise the need for reviews of the methodologies used by QCA to estimate retail costs and standing offer adjustments. These reviews should be public and be conducted separate to, and before the start of, the process for setting the regulated prices for 2021-22.