

**Cotton Australia – electronic submission via QCA website
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Cotton Australia is the peak body representing the nation's cotton growers and cotton ginnerers, including those that make up the Queensland component of our industry.

Cotton Australia has been a regular submitter to the QCA Regional Electricity Price setting process for well over a decade.

Despite there being significant inconsistency in tariff structures and pricing equity, Cotton Australia has long been disappointed in the QCA's regimented approach to price setting, and its lack of willingness to provide publicly available advice to government on how tariffs and associated issues such as equal access can be improved for Queenslanders.

That being said, at this point Cotton Australia will refrain from a lengthy submission and await the release of the draft report, except to request that the proposed "Solar Soaker" tariffs be made available to all residential and business users, and not be restricted to users specifically suing them to charge Electric Vehicles or Batteries.

The reality must be that if energy is significantly cheaper during the middle of the day for some users, it should be significantly cheaper for all users.

If that is not the case, the QCA must make it completely transparent as to what this government policy is costing in the form of additional direct subsidy (CSO) or cross-subsidy by other users, and how it is being funded.

Kind regards,

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