

Our Ref: QT02257-2026

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Queensland Competition Authority

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Dear Dr Roberts

Pursuant to section 90AA of the *Electricity Act 1994* (the Act), I delegate to the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) the functions under section 90(1) of the Act for the determination of a new time-of-use retail tariff to be included in the 2026–27 tariff schedule.

I note the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) final Default Market Offer (DMO) decision for South East Queensland (SEQ), including price decreases of up to 10.7 per cent for households and 14 per cent for small businesses. I acknowledge the QCA's role in ensuring these reductions flowed through to regional customers.

I have written to SEQ retailers outlining my expectation that power bill reductions be passed through in full to customers, and I have directed Ergon Retail to do the same for regional households.

The AER's final DMO also provided clarity on the Solar Sharer Offer (SSO) and how it will apply in SEQ. The SSO presents an opportunity to offer a time-of-use tariff that includes a three-hour window of 'free electricity' up to a designated cap, with higher prices outside that period.

To ensure all Queenslanders share the benefits from the 2026–27 final DMO, it is important that regional households have access to the SSO at the same time as SEQ customers. For simplicity and consistency, the QCA should implement the SSO from 1 July 2026 using the same tariff rates and structure as set by the AER for SEQ, including terms and conditions imposed by the AER.

I note the QCA has already consulted stakeholders on introducing the SSO in regional Queensland as part of the 2026–27 price determination process, with feedback broadly supportive of early implementation.

Given consultation already undertaken by both the AER and the QCA, no further consultation is required. In addition, as the rates and structure for implementation are the same as those developed by the AER for the DMO, there is no need to publish a draft decision.

If you require further information or assistance, Mr Tim Mactaggart, Executive Director, Energy, Queensland Treasury, can be contacted by email at tim.mactaggart@treasury.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Home Ownership

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QUEENSLAND TREASURY
Electricity Act 1994
ELECTRICITY (MINISTERIAL) DELEGATION (NO. 1) 2026
to the Queensland Competition Authority

Preliminary matters

1. The preliminary matters form part of this delegation.
2. **QCA** means the Queensland Competition Authority established under the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*.
3. Section 89A of the *Electricity Act 1994* (the Act) relevantly provides:
price determination see section 90(1).
pricing entity means—
 - (a) the Minister; or
 - (b) QCA, if the Minister delegates a function of the Minister under section 90(1) to QCA.
4. Section 90(1) of the Act provides:
*The Minister must, for each tariff year, decide (a **price determination**) the prices, or the methodology for fixing the prices, that a retailer may charge its standard contract customers for all or any of the following—*
 - (a) customer retail services;
 - (b) charges or fees relating to customer retail services;*Examples—*
 - charges or fees for late or dishonoured payments
 - credit card surcharges for payments for the services
 - (c) other goods and services prescribed under a regulation.
5. Section 90(5) of the Act provides:
In making a price determination, the pricing entity—
 - (a) must have regard to all of the following—
 - (i) the actual costs of making, producing or supplying the goods or services;
 - (ii) the effect of the price determination on competition in the Queensland retail electricity market;
 - (iii) if QCA is the pricing entity—any matter the pricing entity is required by delegation to consider; and
 - (b) may have regard to any other matter the pricing entity considers relevant.
6. Section 90AA(1) of the Act provides:
The Minister may delegate to QCA all or any of the Minister's functions under section 90(1).
7. Section 90AA(2) of the Act provides:
The delegation may state the terms of reference of the price determination.
8. Sections 90AA(3) and (4) of the Act provides what the terms of reference may specify and how the terms of reference may apply.
9. The terms of reference provided for in sections 90AA(2) and (3) of the Act are contained in the Schedule to this delegation and comprise the matters under section 90(5)(a)(iii) of the Act that the QCA as the pricing entity is required by delegation to consider.

Powers delegated

10. Subject to the conditions of this delegation, I delegate all of the Minister's functions under section 90(1) of the Act to the QCA for the tariff year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, in respect of the following matter:
 - (a) Developing a new time of use retail tariff (the solar sharer offer [SSO]) to include in the 2026-27 Tariff Schedule consistent with the SSO being introduced into south east Queensland as part of the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER's) Default Market Offer (DMO);
 - (b) Adding the new SSO tariff to the Tariff Schedule, pursuant to section 90(3)(c) of the Act.
11. The new SSO tariff must take effect on 1 July 2026 for the 2026-27 tariff year.

Conditions of delegation

12. The delegated functions of the Minister must only be exercised for the purpose of deciding the prices, or the methodology for fixing the prices that a retail entity may charge its standard contract customers in Queensland, other than standard contract customers in the Energex distribution area.
13. In exercising the delegated functions under section 90(1), the QCA, as the pricing entity, must have regard to all matters set out in section 90(5)(a) of the Act, which includes the terms of reference in the Schedule to this delegation.
14. In exercising the delegated functions, the QCA must have regard to all relevant statutory provisions, whether referred to in this delegation or not.

Revocation

15. All earlier delegations of the Minister's powers under section 90(1) of the Act are revoked.
16. Unless earlier revoked in writing, this delegation ceases upon gazettal by the QCA of its final price determination on regulated retail electricity tariffs for the 2026–27 tariff year under section 90AB of the Act.

Note to delegation

17. Statutory references are to be construed as including all statutory provisions consolidating, amending or replacing the statute referred to and all regulations, rules, by-laws, local laws, proclamations, orders, prescribed forms and other authorities pursuant thereto.

This delegation is made by **The Honourable David Janetzki MP**, Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership.

Signed:



The Honourable David Janetzki MP
Treasurer
Minister for Energy
Minister for Home Ownership

Dated: 13/6/26

SCHEDULE
Terms of Reference
Section 90(5)(a)(iii) and 90AA of the Act

Period for which the price determinations will apply (section 90AA(3)(a) of the Act)

1. These Terms of Reference apply for the tariff year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Policies, principles and other matters the QCA must consider in deciding the notified prices and making the price determination (sections 90AA(3)(c) and (d), and 90(5)(a)(iii) of the Act)

2. The policies, principles and other matters the QCA is required by this delegation to consider are:
 - (a) The Governments Uniform Tariff policy, which provides that, wherever possible, customers of the same class should pay no more for their electricity, regardless of their location.
 - (b) The SSO should reflect the rates and tariff structure of the SSO as set by the AER for the SEQ retail market as part of its DMO process.

Consultation Requirements (section 90AA(3)(e) of the Act)

3. Given the tariff will reflect the SSO within the DMO, and both the QCA and the AER have already undertaken consultation on an SSO tariff, there is no need for consultation for this price determination.

Draft Price Determination

4. There will be no requirement for a draft determination.

Final Price Determination

5. The QCA must investigate and publish its final price determination on the new regulated SSO tariff and gazette it in the form of a Tariff Schedule.

Time frame for QCA to make and publish reports (section 90AA(3)(b) of the Act)

6. The QCA must make its reports available to the public.
7. The QCA must publish the final price determination on regulated retail electricity tariffs for the 2026–27 tariff year and have the new tariff gazetted no later than 30 June 2026.

(SCHEDULE ENDS)