

Clean Economy Jobs Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

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The Clean Energy Council (the 'CEC') welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Clean Economy Jobs, Resources and Transport Committee on the *Clean Economy Jobs Bill 2024*.

The CEC is the peak body for the renewable energy sector in Australia. We represent and work with more than 1,000 businesses operating in Australia across solar, wind and hydro power, energy storage and renewable hydrogen. Our mission is to accelerate Australia's clean energy transition.

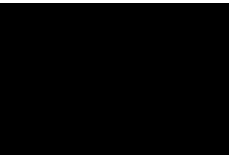
The CEC strongly supports the Queensland Government's move to legislate greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. While the 30 per cent target for 2030 is at the low end of the mitigation efforts required over the coming years, the 75 per cent emissions reduction below 2005 levels by 2035 is broadly in line with the scale of emissions reductions required for the state to play its commensurate part in national and global efforts to limit temperature rise.

Queensland has much to gain from strong climate policies, by leveraging its formidable renewable energy and rich mineral resources to promote economic expansion opportunities in new value-added green commodities, such as green hydrogen (and its derivatives), minerals processing, green metals, and the supporting supply chains. Realising the sunshine state's potential to be a winner from the race to net zero relies on the State Government developing and communicating a clear vision for the state's future. These strong legislated targets will provide clarity in relation to the direction and speed of transition for households, business, industry and investors. Noting the strong economic benefits that new net-zero aligned industries can deliver to Queensland, we would encourage the State Opposition to support the new legislation.

The new legislated targets will need to be backed up by strong supporting policies and capacity building programs both at the state and Commonwealth levels to enable an efficient and effective economic transition. Low-cost, renewable energy is a foundation for the net zero transition, and our members look forward to working in partnership with the Queensland Government and its energy businesses to deliver on the Queensland Energy & Jobs Plan and go further to realise the state's full superpower potential.

In conclusion, we welcome and strongly support the Clean Economy Jobs Bill (2024) and look forward to it enjoying the full support of the Queensland Parliament.

Yours sincerely,



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