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Committee Secretary
Public Works and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BIRSBANE QLD 4000

Re: Electricity and Other Legislation (Batteries and Premium Feed-in Tariff) Amendment Bill 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Electricity and Other Legislation (Batteries and Premium Feed-in Tariff) Amendment Bill 2017.

Powerlink Queensland is a Government Owned Corporation (GOC) that owns, operates, develops and maintains Queensland's high voltage electricity transmission network.

Having reviewed the Bill, Powerlink will not be directly impacted as the Solar Bonus Scheme (SBS) is not relevant to transmission network connections.

Powerlink recognises the benefits that distributed energy resources can provide, such as its effect on reducing network congestion.

Powerlink also supports the target alignment of Queensland legislation with the National Electricity Rule changes associated with the Australian Energy Market Commission's Power of Choice review into embedded networks. This review aims to reduce the barriers to embedded network customers from choosing the products, services and provider of retail services that suits them best.

If you have any questions regarding this submission please contact Matthew Myers, Senior Government Relations Adviser, on the contact Matthew Myers, Senior Government Relations Adviser, on the contact Matthew Myers, Senior Government Relations Adviser, on the contact Matthew Myers, Senior Government Relations Adviser, on the contact Matthew Myers, Senior Government Relations Adviser, on the contact Matthew Myers, Senior Government Relations Adviser, on the contact Matthew Myers, Senior Government Relations Adviser, on the contact Matthew Myers, Senior Myers, Myers,

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