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The Research Director
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

By email: sdiic@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Electricity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014.

QFF supports the Queensland Government's decision to cease the transitional 8c Solar Bonus Scheme. The resultant saving of \$110 million over the next six years will not need to be recovered in electricity charges. Ergon Retail is to be required to fund a feed-in tariff in rural and regional areas outside South East Queensland and recover the costs through the on-selling of the exported electricity.

QFF also agrees that QCA needs to be responsible for setting the regulated regional feed-in tariff in the absence of a competitive market particularly in rural areas.

This decision however fails to address the significant impact of the 44c feed-in tariff is having on electricity tariffs and particularly the cost of electricity to irrigators across the state.

Yours sincerely

Dan Galligan

Chief Executive Officer