

Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023

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Dear Transport and Resources committee,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to you today as a distressed farmer burdened by the implementation of the Energy Bill 2023.

I wish to express my concerns with regards to the recent proposed legislation within the Energy Bill (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) 2023 here in Queensland and appeal for your support. These changes have raised several issues that need to be carefully considered to ensure the best outcomes for both property owners and the people of Queensland.

One of my primary concerns is that these changes give unrestricted rights to Powerlink and the Minister once an area is declared a “Renewable Energy Zone.” The changes infringe upon property rights by allowing privately owned energy projects the ability to access the Energy Network via compulsory land acquisition. This is property theft from landholders; the original legislation was penned for “State critical projects” not for a political target to be achieved.

Additionally, the legislation changes have a complete lack of consideration on the potential impact on energy prices and affordability for consumers, particularly low-income households. The changes will disproportionately increase energy costs and uplift in the cost of living. The social impact on communities including visual impacts, traffic disruptions, continuous noise and environmental destruction hasn't had enough consideration worthy for community support.

Given these concerns, I kindly request that you carefully consider the consequences of supporting the Energy Bill and the legislation changes drafted. It is crucial that a political target doesn't abolish property owner's rights and collaborative efforts are needed to ensure that the legislation is fair and of community benefit.

I request that the legislation protects Prime Agricultural land and where a commercial renewable energy projects is proposed the proponents must negotiate with landholders for grid access not Powerlink as the costs to Queenslanders will be absurd.

Sincerely,

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