




Speech By  
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### **QUEENSLAND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION BILL**

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef) (5.59 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Queensland Productivity Commission Bill. I am proud to say that this bill is the fulfilment of another of our election promises. It reflects this government's commitment to excellence in policymaking and its commitment to both public consultation and expert advice. Already, the Queensland Productivity Commission in its interim form is investigating electricity pricing to improve outcomes for consumers and solar feed-in prices with the aim of determining a fair price for solar power.

Solar energy is an important part of our commitment to renewable energy. I am passionate about renewables, not just in my capacity as minister for the environment but also as member for Mount Coot-tha. This is something my constituents raise with me often and eagerly. In 2008 there were less than 1,000 solar PV customers. In June of this year there were almost 400,000. This is just one example of how the Queensland Productivity Commission will provide a vital service for the government and the state. I commend the bill to the House.