

## Question on Notice

No. 471

Asked on 20 April 2023

**MR L MILLAR** asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to strategic cropping land protection not being listed as a consideration for proponents of renewable energy projects on the Business Queensland webpage outlining the planning and approvals process for renewable energy projects—  
Will the Deputy Premier advise whether strategic cropping land is protected from development for renewable energy projects?

ANSWER:

The *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* protects and provides guidance for the management of identified strategic cropping land (SCL).

Local governments are the assessment manager for solar farm development applications. In its role as assessment manager, the local government is required to balance the impact of renewable energy projects against a range of other existing uses, including SCL.