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To: Queensland Productivity Commission

Dear Committee,

Re: Inquiry into Solar Feed-in Tariff Pricing

HOPE has for many years now supported the transition from fossil fuel based electricity generation to that of renewable energy sources such as solar. In fact, we have supported Queensland-wide, national and international “Switch to Solar” campaigns for the past 15 years or so and we will continue to do so into the future.

HOPE’s positive contribution to the State Government’s ‘energy efficiency’ initiatives has been our direct involvement in the *Low Carbon Diet* program; and the promotion of the *ClimateSmart Home Service* program.

We also initiated the *Darling Downs Solar Neighbourhood (DDSN)* project to provide residents with information on the benefits of going solar; and to encourage them to purchase solar systems through our bulk purchase and discount program.

Suffice to say, HOPE members and supporters – as well as residents who attended some 40 information sessions – all appreciated the DDSN project and, in particular, the State Government’s 44¢ feed-in-tariff solar bonus scheme.

We strongly urge the State Government to continue its support, promotion and funding of initiatives like the solar feed-in-tariff to encourage more Queenslanders to switch to solar power!

Regards,

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Extract from RenewEconomy newsletter, 7 April 2016

WA takes lead and tells utility to close down fossil fuel generation

Giles Parkinson

WA energy minister instructs utility to close down 380MW of excess fossil fuel capacity, and hails the role of rooftop solar and battery storage in being able to reform a market weighed down by massive fossil fuel subsidies.