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Dear Mr Rizos

Thank you for your recent letter to the Honourable David Janetzki MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership, regarding solar feed-in tariffs (FiTs) and electricity pricing in South East Queensland (SEQ). The Treasurer has asked me to reply on his behalf.

As you note, electricity prices in SEQ operate within a deregulated retail market. Since retail price regulation was removed in 2016, electricity retailers have been able to compete on price and product offerings, including the FiTs they provide to customers with rooftop solar. In contrast, electricity prices in regional Queensland remain regulated because there is limited retail competition and Ergon Energy Retail remains the primary retailer.

The Crisafulli Government continues to closely monitor the effectiveness of the SEQ electricity market. Each year, the government directs the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) to independently assess the operation of the market, including levels of competition, customer outcomes and the adequacy of existing consumer protections.

In relation to solar FiTs, the value retailers place on exported solar electricity is influenced by conditions in the wholesale electricity market. As solar generation has grown significantly across Queensland, electricity supply during daylight hours has increased, placing downward pressure on wholesale prices at the times when most rooftop solar systems export energy to the grid.

While export payments remain one component of the value proposition for rooftop solar, many households continue to receive significant savings by using the electricity they generate rather than purchasing electricity from the grid. Increasing self-consumption, either by shifting electricity use to daylight hours or through battery storage, can help maximise the financial benefits of a solar system.

The Australian Energy Regulator and the QCA continue to monitor electricity pricing and retail market outcomes. Consumers are also able to compare offers between retailers, including feed-in tariff arrangements, through the Australian Government's free Energy Made Easy comparison service at www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/.

The Treasurer has also directed the QCA to track power prices, fees and retail behaviour from 1 July and provide an independent report on whether market offers are competitive.

Yours sincerely

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