1. The Queensland Government has set a target for one million residential solar photovoltaics (PV) rooftops or 3000 megawatts of installed solar PV of all scales in Queensland by 2020.
2. In 2015, the Government tasked the Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) with conducting an inquiry into a fair price for small scale solar systems selling their power back into the electricity grid. The QPC was required to examine a fair price based on an assessment of public and consumer benefits from solar generated electricity rather than the benefit to retailers. Government also specified that the price must not have an unreasonable impact on network costs for non-solar users. The QPC has completed its inquiry and handed its findings to government for response.
3. Direction on the development of Queensland’s large scale renewable energy industry including solar will be guided by the Renewable Energy Expert Panel’s inquiry into a 50 per cent renewable energy target (QRET) by 2030.
4. Battery energy storage will bring new products to the energy market, challenges and opportunities for the electricity grid and safety hazards for consumers. Policy work to date has focussed on preparing for the safe and efficient deployment of battery storage in Queensland. This work will contribute to safety standards, industry guidelines and skills training to protect consumers and the integrity of this important new growth industry.
5. Cabinet endorsed the government response to the Queensland Productivity Commission Solar feed-in pricing in Queensland final report.
6. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Productivity Commission Solar feed-in pricing in Queensland Final Report](Attachments/Report.pdf)
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