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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 6 September 2018, forwarding for response petition 2950-18 (the petition) as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 4 September 2018.

The petition seeks to create legislation that would require every house to have solar panels and storage batteries installed prior to its sale. Whilst the Queensland Government supports solar systems in a number of different ways, it does this in a voluntary manner and currently does not mandate installation of solar or batteries in households.

In response to comments made in the petition I would like to emphasise Queensland's credentials in the deployment of solar systems; Queensland is a world leader in solar uptake, with one in three detached dwellings having a solar system installed. Queensland has more installed solar capacity than any other state in Australia, and we continue to see a new solar system installed in Queensland every 15 minutes.

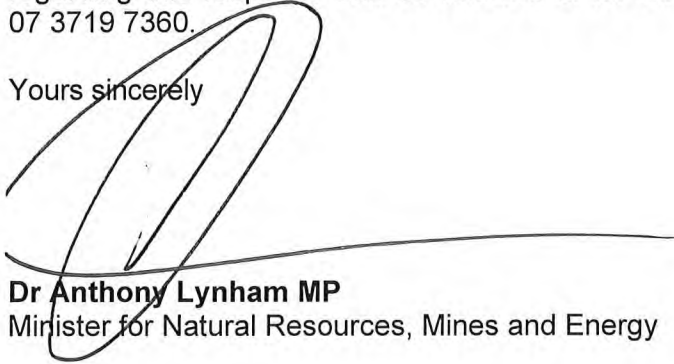
Work undertaken by the Queensland Government continues to provide for additional solar systems to be connected to the electricity network system, as evidenced by changes put through last year changing voltage limits in Queensland which will allow for an additional 960 megawatts of solar to be connected to the network.

The Queensland Government is also introducing solar to new market segments, which allows for ongoing growth of the industry. Recent examples of this include the launch of Interest Free Loans for Solar and the Solar for Public Housing Trial. The solar installation at Lockhart River that occurred as part of the Solar for Public Housing Trial recently took out the Clean Energy Council's Innovation Award.

In view of the significant government work currently underway supporting solar, and the significant costs and complexities associated with the proposal in the petition, I do not believe a change in policy to mandate solar and storage uptake for homes sold is warranted at this time.

I provide you with this response for tabling pursuant to Standing Order 125(3). Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Simon Zanatta, Chief of Staff, on telephone 07 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely

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