



Office of the Minister for Energy and Water Supply

Ref: EWS/004732
CTS 5210/14

QLD COMPETITION AUTHORITY

15 MAY 2014

DATE RECEIVED

Level 13 Mineral House
41 George Street Brisbane 4000
PO Box 15456 City East
Queensland 4002 Australia
Telephone +61 7 3896 3691
Facsimile +61 7 3012 9115

1 May 2014

Dr Malcolm Roberts
Chairman
Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Dr Roberts

As you are aware, the *Electricity Act 1994* requires electricity retailers to include in household electricity bills, a statement including an estimation of the annual dollar impact of carbon tax and renewable energy target (RET) costs on a typical household. The statement itself is prescribed in the *Electricity Regulation 2006* and is intended to be updated for each financial year based on the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) estimation for that financial year.

For the purposes of the regulatory requirement for 2014–15, I am directing the QCA under section 253AA of the *Electricity Act 1994* to provide an estimation, in the form of a single dollar figure, of estimated carbon tax costs plus RET costs and an estimation, expressed in megawatt hours, of the annual consumption of a typical household.

I would appreciate it if the QCA would provide the requested advice to me when it makes its final determination on notified prices for 2014–15.

Yours sincerely



Mark McArdle MP
Minister for Energy and Water Supply