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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 4210-25 titled 'Electricity Rebates', submitted by the Principal Petitioner Mr Tony Magrathea and received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 1 April 2025.

I note the petitioners concerns that no future power bill rebates have been budgeted for.

The government is committed to ensuring assistance is targeted to best support those who need it most. The Crisafulli Government's existing concessions framework provides a range of energy rebates aimed at supporting vulnerable and low-income households, including the Queensland Electricity Rebate and Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme.

The Queensland Electricity Rebate provides vulnerable and low-income households \$372.20 per year off their energy bills. Additionally, the Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme is available for Queenslanders suffering an unforeseen emergency or short-term financial crisis and offers up to \$720 once every 2 years to provide emergency assistance with energy bills.

These are targeted measures that provide direct and meaningful relief to the most vulnerable Queenslanders. I can confirm for the petitioners that these measures have been budgeted for by the Crisafulli Government and we will continue to support these schemes moving forward.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the former Labor Government. Despite their claims otherwise, Labor budgeted to cut the \$1000 energy rebate as they did not provide for any ongoing additional funding above the standard assistance provided to vulnerable and low income households. In contrast, the Crisafulli Government is providing direct and targeted relief to support the cost of living.

The Crisafulli Government has already put in place the \$1.4 billion Electricity Maintenance Guarantee. This guarantee aims to drive effective maintenance, safety and long-term reliability of Queensland's power generators and put downward pressure on power prices and the cost of living. This is in addition to other key cost of living measures, including the LNP's Permanent 50-cent Fares, ending Labor's patient tax, which would have increased the cost of seeing a GP,

and supporting young people to get into their first home by extending exemptions from stamp duty for first home buyers.

I thank the petitioners for their interest in this matter and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

DAVID JANETZKI MP

Treasurer

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