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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email regarding petition 4105-24 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 20 February 2025 seeking a moratorium on renewable energy developments.

During the 2024 State election, the Crisafulli Government committed to *amend laws to ensure renewable energy projects are impact assessable with approval processes consistent with other land uses like mining and agriculture.*

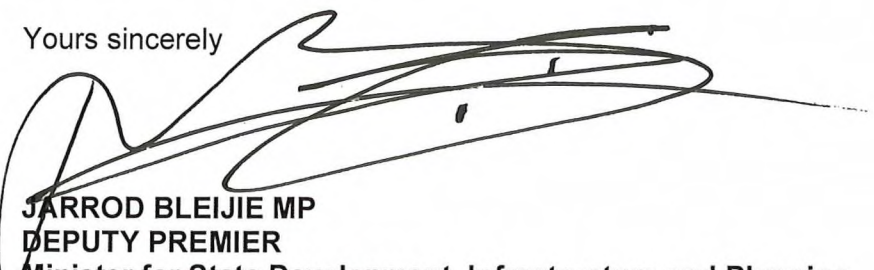
I am pleased to advise that the first part of this election commitment has been delivered. Effective 3 February 2025, all wind farm applications in Queensland are subject to Impact assessment. This means mandatory community consultation and third party appeal rights. This new process is specifically designed to facilitate public involvement and ensure transparency. It enables individuals and communities to submit their views, which must then be considered as part of the decision-making process. This was something that Labor did not do for 10 years.

In addition to this, updates have also been made to *State code 23: Wind farm developments* and the associated planning guideline to include new assessment benchmarks relating to community impacts and decommissioning of wind farms. Community engagement for a proposed wind farm is now expected to start prior to lodging an application with SARA. For further details you can access the Planning guideline at: https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0024/98106/planning-guideline-state-code-23-wind-farm-development.pdf.

The next phase of implementing the State Government's commitment to renewable energy reforms will focus on other renewable energy technologies such as large-scale solar farm developments. Work on these reforms is currently underway and I am committed to seeing them come to fruition promptly and effectively.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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