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Dear Ms O'Rourke

Thank you for your email and attached letter outlining Solar Citizens' five policy issues for the 2015 Queensland election. I have provided below the Queensland Greens' formal positions in response to these issues.

**1. A FAIR PRICE FOR SOLAR FED INTO THE GRID**

*Does your party commit to setting a regulated minimum feed-in tariff, set at a fair level for consumers who generate power and feed it back into our state's energy supply?*

YES. The Queensland Greens believe a solar tariff should reflect the economic and environmental benefits of solar over traditional electricity generation.

**2. NO DISCRIMINATORY SOLAR FEES**

Does your party guarantee no unfair fixed fees and charges for solar homes and to roll back the ridiculous \$500-a-day charge for larger solar users?

YES. The Queensland Greens do not support any discriminatory fees against solar power, and reject the deliberate efforts of the Liberal National Party to impose extra costs on solar power over and above that which applies to other power users.

**3. TRIAL SOLAR STORAGE - THE WAY OF THE FUTURE**

Does your party commit to launching a trial of solar plus storage - the next big thing - in 1000 Queensland homes to test innovation of technology and business models that will allow solar to run day and night and help maintain our state's energy supply?

YES. The Queensland Greens are happy to support a trial of this sort being undertaken as soon as possible. We believe it could be feasible to combine household storage with all new household installations through subsidies.

#### 4. ONE MILLION SOLAR ROOFTOPS

Will your party commit to setting a target for achieving one million Queensland rooftops (including for low income earners, schools and public buildings) to have solar power installed by end of the next term of government?

YES. The Queensland Greens also want to install solar on public housing where possible.

#### 5. STAND UP FOR QLD SOLAR JOBS – PROTECT THE RET

Will your party declare full support for the national Renewable Energy Target, that supports thousands of Queensland solar jobs, helps with the price of installation and lowers the wholesale price of power for all consumers, and will your party pledge to call on the Federal Government to expand the RET to at least 50% by 2030?

YES ABSOLUTELY. The Queensland Greens policy for a Queensland Renewable Energy Target (QRET) goes far beyond the current national RET and could be implemented even in the face of the current federal government's recalcitrance in this area. More details of the Queensland Greens QRET policy can be found at this link: <http://qld.greens.org.au/initiatives/qret>.

Thank you for giving the Queensland Greens the opportunity to outline our positions. Please get in touch if you would like any further information or elaboration.

Yours sincerely



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