

The Hon Anthony Roberts MP

Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy

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Dr Peter Boxall

Dear Dr Boxall

Chairman Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal PO Box K35 Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240



I, Anthony Roberts, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, request that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) carry out a special review under section 234B of the *National Energy Retail Law (NSW)* on retail offers available to Solar Bonus Scheme customers following the Scheme closure on 31 December 2016.

The special review must consider:

- A general overview of the types of products and services available to residential solar customers including Solar Bonus Scheme Customers on both single and three phase power supply, including:
 - Types of meters and functionality provided [such as Advanced Meters (digital/smart), in-home displays, data analytics] and associated costs
 - o Tariff structures for both electricity and solar feed-in
 - Storage or other products which could assist manage customer electricity use and bills
- Energy bill case studies for a range of typical households with Solar, outlining the impact on their bill, under the following scenarios - changes to metering arrangements, changes to tariffs and implementing new technologies such as battery storage.

IPART is to provide a report to the Minister within 6 weeks of receiving this letter.

I intend to make the report on the special review publicly available.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Roberts MP Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy