1. In September 2022, the Queensland Government released the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan (the Plan). The Plan contained commitments to legislate key elements of the Plan, as well as establish new legislative infrastructure frameworks.
2. An exposure draft of the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023 was released for public consultation in June 2023. Ninety-one responses were received from a diverse range of stakeholders including industry participants, peak bodies, local governments, and individuals. Elements of the draft Bill that attracted the most interest were the renewable energy targets, public ownership provisions and Renewable Energy Zones.
3. The Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023 (the Bill) will support implementation of the Plan and Infrastructure Blueprint. The Bill includes:
* Queensland’s three renewable energy targets.
* a requirement to prepare a public ownership strategy and report.
* a regular review process for the Infrastructure Blueprint to ensure key objectives continue to be met.
* Priority Transmission Investment and Renewable Energy Zone frameworks.
* establishment of the Job Security Guarantee and Fund.
* three new governance and advisory functions – the Queensland Energy System Advisory Board, Energy Industry Council and Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate.
* amendments to the *Electricity Act 1994* to assist in the deployment of new grid supporting technologies by generation, transmission, and distribution entities under the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation process and
* an amendment to the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* to preserve the Queensland Government’s ability to recover the gas portion of Queensland’s contribution to Australian Energy Market Commission costs, reflecting changes in National Gas Law terminology.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. Cabinet approved the release of the consultation summary report on the exposure draft of the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023.
3. *Attachments*:
* [Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Oct/Renewables/Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Oct/Renewables/Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Oct/Renewables/Attachments/SoC.PDF)
* [Consultation summary report – Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Oct/Renewables/Attachments/Report.PDF)