



Minister for Mines and Energy

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 19 April 2007 regarding petition Nos 724-06 and 725-06 received by the Queensland Legislation Assembly. I apologise for the delay in responding.

In reference to petition number 724-06 concerning energy source labelling, the Queensland Government continues to support the National Framework for Energy Efficiency (NFEE) which oversees the star rating system for appliance energy consumption and is currently considering how information on electricity and gas bills can be best used to motivate the general public to reduce their energy use.

One example under consideration by NFEE includes providing the electricity customer with a visual benchmark showing how their household compares with others in relation to their electricity consumption. Informing customers of the amount of greenhouse gas their electricity use produces and what this means in easy to understand terms, is also under consideration. These serve as methods of reducing greenhouse gas emissions through promoting reductions in energy use.

In reference to petition number 725-06 regarding Peak Oil and the Oil Depletion Protocol, as the subject matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Honourable Peter Beattie MP, I have forwarded your correspondence to him for a direct reply.

Yours sincerely

GEOFF WILSON MP Minister for Mines and Energy