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**SUBMISSION ON QCA DRAFT DETERMINATION ON  
REGULATED RETAIL ELECTRICITY PRICES FOR 2016-17**

**BACKGROUND**

The Queensland Consumers' Association (the Association) is a non-profit organisation which exists to advance the interests of Queensland consumers. The Association's members work in a voluntary capacity and specialise in particular policy areas, including energy. The Association is a member of the Consumers' Federation of Australia, the peak body for Australian consumer groups and is represented on the Queensland Competition Authority's Consumer Consultative Committee and the Energy and Water Queensland Ombudsman's Advisory Council. The Association is also a member of the Queensland Council of Social Service's Essential Services Consultative Group.

The Association welcomes the opportunity to make this brief submission.

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**GENERAL COMMENTS**

This submission only addresses issues that have a direct impact on residential customers.

The Association suggests that when estimating the efficient retailer total, fixed and variable costs and the price differential to apply to efficient costs for the calculation of the final tariffs that consideration be given to using weighted rather than simple averages and that the weightings be based on each retailer's market share.

The Association requests that the final determination contain information about the likely impact of the new tariffs on the annual bills of a range of residential consumer types and that full details be provided of the assumed consumption of all the tariffs involved for each type, including tariffs 31 and 33.