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Dear Ms Power

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2021 regarding the post implementation review (PIR) – *Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act 2017* (the Act).

The decision PIR was assessed by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) against requirements of the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation (the guidelines), and a letter of advice was provided on 18 June 2021.

I appreciate your office undertook considerable effort and investment of staff resources to prepare the PIR, including regular engagement with the OBPR and two rounds of stakeholder consultation.

It is acknowledged that no stakeholder submission recommended that the Act be repealed, or that different policy options to retention of Act be implemented.

However, the Decision PIR also recognises the limitation of the analysis, including that quantitative evidence of a net benefit to the Queensland community has not been presented. This has been impacted by a lack of relevant data.

I note your office's commitment to a future review of the Act when long-term benefits for regional communities from a number of operational resources projects are better understood and government has data from industry to support the future review.

The OBPR would welcome the opportunity to assist your office in developing performance indicators and a data collection plan to support the future review of the longer term impacts of the Act on regional communities. This should in turn provide quantitative evidence to allow the net benefits of the policy to be assessed and presents a pragmatic way forward.

On balance, and subject to a commitment to undertake this further analysis, the Decision PIR is assessed as adequate.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Christine Tozer, Team Leader, OBPR, Queensland Treasury, on (07) 3035 3473 or [christine.tozer@treasury.qld.gov.au](mailto:christine.tozer@treasury.qld.gov.au), who will be pleased to assist.

Yours/sincerely

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Leon Allen  
**Under Treasurer**

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