



EISL background

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The Energy Information Service for Landholders (EISL) is a free phone service for farmers and landholders in Queensland and can assist by providing up to date and accurate information on a range of energy matters.

Timeline of sentiments:



Mid-2024:

Mostly neutral calls about tariffs and efficiency.



Late 2024:

First concerns and queries about renewable projects (battery and wind).



2025 to early 2026 escalation:

Mar-Jun: Strong opposition to battery and wind projects.

Jun-Jul: Multiple Darling Downs calls about wind farm setbacks, noise, and decommissioning.

Nov-Feb: Solar and wind farm objections dominate, with dozens of negative calls from Biloela, Rockhampton, Proserpine and surrounding areas.



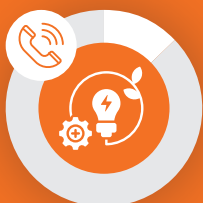
100+ calls across three key topic areas



More than half of calls on renewable energy projects

Common question and feedback themes

- › Hosting or neighbouring wind, solar and battery projects.
- › Decommissioning risks and lack of bank guarantees.
- › Community consultation and planning transparency.
- › Insurance, biosecurity, and lease agreement terms.



One in five calls on energy efficiency

Common question and feedback themes

- › Energy efficiency supports, equipment upgrades, and available grants.
- › Replacing pumps or improving irrigation systems.
- › Accessing subsidies or support programs.
- › Reducing power bills through technology, including renewables and data systems.



One in ten calls on tariffs and retail pricing

Common question and feedback themes

- › How to manage electricity costs.
- › Choosing the best tariff for operations.
- › Differences between large and small customer classifications.

*Current as of February 2026



Regional sentiment



- 1 Proserpine**
Concerns relating to a wind farm development in a cane growing region.
- 2 Banana**
Significant concerns relating to a solar farm project and associated battery storage facilities.
- 3 Bundaberg and Wide Bay**
Mix of renewable energy and insurance-related inquiries. Callers asked about liability near solar farms and coverage for solar panels. Emerging concerns about fire and contamination risks relating to several proposed battery storage facilities.
- 4 Glasshouse Mountains**
Focused on energy efficiency, especially around pumping equipment upgrades.
- 5 Western Downs**
Dominated by renewable energy concerns. Callers raised issues about wind farm setbacks, decommissioning, and community consultation.
- 6 Toowoomba**
Strong interest in energy independence and tariffs. Multiple inquiries about solar installations and irrigation pump configurations.
- 7 Goondiwindi**
Detailed questions about lease agreements, battery safety, and biosecurity.



Commodity-specific questions and insights



Beef
Most active group; wind farms, decommissioning, biosecurity, compensation, tariffs.



Grains
Tariffs, solar, lease agreements, energy independence, battery safety.



Sheep
Insurance coverage near solar farms.



Cotton and Sugarcane
Tariff and insurance.



Dairy, Avocado, Lucerne, Turf
Energy efficiency and cost reduction.