

Queensland Farmers' Federation Look Up, Mark Up and Live Rebate Program

Round 2

During 2020-2021, there were 54 agricultural incidents involving overhead powerline contacts in Queensland, including sadly a number of fatalities and serious injuries.

Powerlines are difficult to see as there is no immediate and persistent reminder of their location, even in situations where farmers or vehicle operators know where they are.

Hazard recognition is essential, and workers must be aware of risks such as overhead powerlines.

Any business that has crops under or near lines, that plant, harvest, spray or irrigate should have a powerline safety plan and consider installing overhead powerline markers, also known as rotamarkers. Rotamarkers help to alert farmers, workers, contractors, visitors and family members and maintain a constant reminder of where overhead powerlines are located on properties.

In 2021, Ergon Energy Network and Energex offered to install up to 10 rotamarkers per property at a cost of \$100 each. To encourage more farmers to take up this opportunity, the Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) offered a co-contribution up to a maximum of \$500 to match farmers' funds of installing rotamarkers.

Due to the success of Round 1, QFF is pleased to now offer Round 2 of this rebate initiative.

Ergon Energy Network and Energex are currently offering to install up to 10 rotamarkers per property at a cost of \$100 each.



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Eligibility criteria

1. Be a member of a [QFF member organisation](#).
2. Have completed the [Rural Electrical Safety Awareness Micro-credential](#), a one hour online introductory course providing foundation skills in how to work safely with electrical equipment in rural workplaces, currently being offered free. The course provides a tutorial on the Look Up and Live powerline mapping tool.
3. Have downloaded or utilised the [Look Up and Live](#) app or web page tool.
4. Complete an on-farm risk assessment or a powerline safety plan, which identifies where rotamarkers (as a control measure) could make a real difference. The Look Up and Live tool provides landholders with property maps showing the location of powerlines (low voltage and high voltage as well as other electricity infrastructure).
5. Only one application per property or farming entity is permitted.

How to order rotamarkers

The rotamarker request process is different for the Ergon and Ergon Energy Network areas.

ERGON ENERGY NETWORK AREA

1. Fill out the [Powerline Hazard Identifier Application Form](#) – enter “rotamarkers” in the ‘Type of powerline hazard identifiers’ section and list the number of poles to be marked, or use a screenshot or map from [lookupandlive.com](#).
2. Send the completed form to safetyadvice@ergon.com.au.

ENERGEX NETWORK AREA

1. Fill out and submit the [Safety Advice Form](#) – enter “rotamarker installation” in the ‘Detail of work being performed’ – the number of poles can be added with a screenshot or map from [lookupandlive.com](#) if desired.

A member of the Ergon Energy Network or Energex team will be in touch within five working days to assist landholders verify the location of the rotamarkers.

How to claim the rebate

Applications open 1 March and close 30 June 2022.

The claim form for receiving the co-contribution can be accessed from the [QFF Member Portal](#) and you can send your completed claim forms to qfarmers@qff.org.au with “Rotamarker Application” in the subject line.

To support your application, you must attach:

- The Rebate Claim Form
- An invoice from your business to QFF for the rebate amount you seek.
- The Completion Certificate for the [Rural Electrical Safety Awareness Micro-credential](#)
- The receipt from Ergon or Energex showing payment for the rotamarkers

