

# QLD COMPETITION AUTHORITY

## SUPPLEMENTARY NEW/ADDITIONAL ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR REGIONAL QLD 2020-21 ANNOUNCED

KCGO was aware that the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy issued two delegations to QCA on 24<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 to:

- Set three new electricity controlled load tariffs to apply in regional Qld from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.
  - a primary load control tariff for small business customers (Tariff 34)
  - a primary load control tariff for large business customers (Tariff 60A)
  - a secondary load control tariff for large business customers (Tariff 60B)
- Set eight additional retail tariffs to once again apply to regional Qld from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021
  - a residential transitional demand tariff (Tariff 14A)
  - a residential demand tariff (Tariff 14B)
  - a residential time-of-use energy tariff (Tariff 12B)
  - a small business wide inclining fixed tariff (Tariff 20A)
  - a small business transitional demand tariff (Tariff 24A)
  - a small business demand tariff (Tariff 24B)
  - a small business time-of-use energy tariff (Tariff 22B)
  - a large business time-of-use demand tariff (Tariff 50A)

QCA have now issued their final determination in relation to these new tariffs. Please be aware that this determination does not affect existing standard or obsolete tariffs published as part of QCA determination of notified prices on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Members need to be fully aware of T & C's of each tariff taking into account their current irrigation practices and usage prior to any formal decision eg. load control tariff for small business (tariff 34) can result in cost savings of between 32.00-36.00% for growers currently on obsolete tariffs however supply availability is for a minimum of 18 hours per day and times of supply will be based on demand and controlled by the regional distribution business. Growers will also need to be aware there may be a need to for meter and switchboard upgrades to access these tariffs, in particular primary load control tariffs.

With pending introduction of these new tariffs for regional Queensland it is timely that members in the coming months undertake a review of their current tariff structures to determine most cost effective one for their irrigation needs, especially given that obsolete tariffs 62, 65 and 66 expire as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

QCA Information booklet summarising their final determination can be sourced by [clicking here](#).

Have provided links to Ergon Energy's small business tariff's/pricing for 2020/2021 as well as agricultural transition/obsolete tariffs to be phased out in less than 12 months.

New tariffs overview – <https://www.ergon.com.au/retail/residential/tariffs-and-prices/new-tariffs-coming-soon>

Transitional/Obsolete farming tariffs - <https://www.ergon.com.au/retail/business/tariffs-and-prices/farming-tariffs>

When considering a review of current tariff with a view to possible change there are a number of options available to assist:

- call Ergon Energy on 13 10 46 (7am – 6.30pm, Mon – Fri) who will undertake an assessment

- Utilising free Ergon Energy's "Energy Analysis" tool available through My Account, [click here](#) to access. If you require assistance in accessing please do not hesitate to contact this office.
- Engaging local business that specialises in tariff comparison eg. Agritech Solutions.
- Provide your electricity accounts for the last 12 months to our office to undertake a basic comparison to current small business tariffs on your behalf.