

The banner features three horizontal bands: a blue top band with a power line tower, a green middle band with a field of crops, and an orange bottom band with a digital display showing numbers. The text 'Agricultural Tariff Trial' is written in large white font across these bands.

Agricultural Tariff Trial

The Queensland Government and Ergon Energy are inviting producers to participate in the Agricultural Tariff Trial.

This trial is an initiative under the Queensland Government's Regional Business Support Package and is in response to requests from the agricultural sector for consideration of other tariff options to suit the needs of primary producers. Its purpose is to help Ergon Energy better understand the potential for offering controlled load and seasonal demand tariffs as an alternative to the current transitional agricultural tariffs.

There are three distinct trial groups for customers to register their interest for.

Fact sheets, application forms and terms and conditions for participating in each of these trial groups are available from ergon.com.au/agtarifftrial.



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Trial Group 1

Controlled Load Tariff

This group will be trialling the use of a controlled load tariff for supplying key loads and ancillary farm equipment.

The aim is to understand the implications for farms switching from tariffs with power available 24/7 to a control load tariff with limited hours of supply.

The proxy tariff being used by this group during the trial is Tariff 33.

Participants in this group will receive a free digital electricity meter, access to off-peak tariff rates for the duration of the trial and detailed tariff analysis to help transition to the most suitable tariff option in the future.

Normally only available in conjunction with a primary household or small business tariff, Tariff 33 is offered as a primary tariff for the purposes of this trial only. Tariff 33 will not be used in this way on an ongoing basis.

All of your equipment at your nominated connection point will be moved to Tariff 33, which has a lower rate for usage than primary tariffs and no daily supply charge.

This trial will run until 30 June 2018.

Trial Group 2

Tariff 24 Seasonal Demand Tariff

For many of our customers, knowing whether to move to a demand tariff can be difficult as their current billing and metering does not provide enough information to make an accurate tariff analysis.

This group will be trialling the use of Tariff 24, which is a new seasonal time of use demand tariff.

The aim is to better understand how this works for agricultural customers in comparison with their current tariffs.

Participants in this group have a special opportunity to trial a new tariff, with the added comfort of a safety net to ensure they pay no more than what they would have on their current tariff.

At completion of the trial, participants will also receive detailed tariff analysis to help transition to the most suitable tariff option, if requested.

This trial will run until 30 June 2018.

Trial Group 3

Load Profile

This group will remain on their current tariff at their nominated connection point. Their usage data will simply help us improve our understanding of the load profiles of agricultural customers.

The information gathered will also be used to gain greater insights into customers' electricity needs and allow for more advanced tariff analysis to be undertaken.

Participants in this group will receive a free digital electricity meter, consumption reports and detailed tariff analysis to help transition to the most suitable tariff option in the future.

This trial will run until 30 June 2019.

Applications

To apply to participate in one of the above trial groups, complete the online application form at ergon.com.au/agtarifftrial. You can also download a printed version of the form to complete and return by email or by post.

Please ensure you have read the relevant trial group fact sheets and the terms and conditions, before applying.

You'll need to supply photos of your meter box and switchboard to assist us with the selection process.

Applications must be received by 3 April 2017.

For further information, speak to your agricultural industry body representative or contact Ergon Energy.

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