

Feedback Form

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Following the February 22, 2024, LT2-RFP joint engagement with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on items discussed during the webinar. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the LT RFP [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by **March 7, 2024.**

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<p>What are some considerations if certain technology types were limited, or restricted from being developed on Ontario's prime agricultural areas?</p>	<p>Northland Power supports the position advanced by Energy Storage Canada on this issue:</p> <p>"Ontario has already adopted a robust regime of affirming community consent for clean energy projects through the Municipal Support Resolution (MSR) requirement, atop existing siting conditions including setbacks. Any further restrictions on siting of clean infrastructure on prime agricultural land...would severely impede the objectives outlined in <i>Powering Ontario's Growth</i>, render the target of an emissions-free power system by 2035 impossible, and in particular would restrict job creation and economic growth in the province's premier agricultural regions through shortfalls in electricity supply and/or distribution capacity."</p>
<p>Given the limited amount of specialty crop areas in the province, how would diverting or restricting energy projects from these areas impact your ability to develop your energy project?</p>	<p>Northland Power supports the position advanced by Energy Storage Canada on this issue:</p> <p>"As evidenced by the local challenges experienced in securing MSRs by Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proponents through the LT1 process, the provincial government and IESO must be working with developers to <i>expand</i>, not <i>restrict</i>, siting opportunities."</p>
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<p>What would the impact be if there were requirements to avoid, minimize and mitigate agricultural impacts in prime agricultural areas?</p>	<p>Northland Power supports the position advanced by CanREA on this issue:</p> <p>“Should additional restrictions be imposed, renewable energy development would be forced into less desirable areas with lower wind and solar potential, located further away from load centres. This would result in system inefficiency, reduced levels of project investment and higher cost solutions for Ontario ratepayers.”</p> <p>And the position advanced by Energy Storage Canada:</p> <p>“Developer partnerships with farmers also offer revenue tools and mitigation from wholesale electricity prices that can significantly improve the economics of continued farming, often allowing further investments in expanding their core business.” Further restrictions would deprive farmers of these benefits.</p>
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<p>Based on what you heard today, do you require additional clarity on agriculture land restrictions? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Northland Power supports the position advanced by CanREA on this issue:</p> <p>“CanREA members, municipalities, landowners and other stakeholders would benefit from clear, plain language guidelines for wind energy, solar energy and energy storage development in prime agricultural areas.</p> <p>Further clarity on how any provincial requirements may fit with any LT2 RFP requirements, such as municipal support resolutions, would be helpful.</p> <p>A comprehensive, plain language LT2 guidance document from the IESO which outlines applicable policy, regulatory and LT2 RFP requirements would benefit all stakeholders.”</p>

General Comments/Feedback