

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.**

Topic	Feedback
<p>What are some considerations if certain technology types were limited, or restricted from being developed on Ontario's prime agricultural areas?</p>	<p>There are a number of risks limiting development on prime agricultural land, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restricting municipalities participation in the procurement and forcing them to forgo tax and municipal fee revenues from projects. 2. Limiting the ability to site projects close to areas of need and available transmission capacity risking grid reliability and leading to inefficiencies due to line losses. 3. Stifling competition and causing higher electricity prices. 4. Missing out on good projects by restricting land use.
<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>As a developer the concerns only arise if the province were to go beyond restricting specialty crop areas by restricting prime agricultural land. The areas that contain rural and agricultural land as the ministry pointed out are the areas where transmission lines are built. Areas north of French River, crown land, have limited transmission access. This will severely limit the amount of good projects we can pursue. This will also bring into question investing in Ontario versus other jurisdictions that are much less restrictive.</p>
<p>What would the impact be if there were requirements to avoid, minimize and mitigate agricultural impacts in prime agricultural areas?</p>	<p>We would work with the landowners to minimize impact to the land and form an agreement to return land to its original state. Some projects may be able to allow for the same productivity levels of the agricultural land like a wind facility. Avoiding prime agricultural land completely will result in the concerns listed in the previous questions.</p>
<p>Based on what you heard today, do you require additional clarity on agriculture land restrictions? Why or why not?</p>	<p>We understand the land restrictions that currently exist and will proceed under the existing framework as presented in the session.</p>

General Comments/Feedback