

# Feedback Form

## Long-Term 2 RFP – November 21, 2024

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Following the LT2 RFP November 21, 2024, engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the items discussed. The presentation and recording can be accessed from the [LT RFP engagement web page](#).

To promote transparency, feedback submitted will be posted on the Long-Term RFP engagement page unless otherwise requested by the sender. If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please mark "Yes" below:

- Yes – there is confidential information, do not post**
- No – comfortable to publish to the IESO web page**

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by December 6, 2024.**

## Agricultural Impact Assessment Process

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| Do you have any comments for the IESO to consider regarding the timing of the AIA requirement in the LT2 RFP and LT2 Contract |   |
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| Are there any specific aspects outlined in the session that you would like further clarification on?                          | <p>We are seeking further clarification by OMAFA on establishing for LT-2 and beyond a process to be engaged by proponents and allow an evaluation process for the cases where some land has been designated as a "Prime Agricultural Area", but where it can be demonstrated, with the support of an AIA, that the land does not meet the criteria for it to be used as a Prime Agricultural and, therefore could be 'exempt' from the designation when it comes to proposing a photovoltaic ground mount solar project.</p> <p>Our municipality owns land that has been designated as "Prime Agricultural" land use under the OP, however this designation was made in error: the soils are not high class soils (not 1-2-3) and the land in the past has not, and will not in the future, sustain agricultural uses. Therefore, the township would like to propose a solar facility on these lands, however the current IESO project submission regulations will not allow this to happen without an ability for us to request and receive an exemption on the land use designation under the county official plan, which requires OMAFA review and approval. This could be justified, but no process exists to allow this type of process and review of "one-off" parcels, even though it is in the public interest to use these under-utilized and poorly designated lands.</p> <p>Can IESO and OMAFA collaborate on a new process to allow exemptions through a review process of land use designation, using AIA reviews, and where it is obvious that prime agricultural land in a region is not in fact at risk of being lost?</p> |

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| <p>Is there any additional information related to agricultural considerations that would be helpful?</p> | <p>Another consideration that the IESO should review for further revision under its RFP development is to consider cases where large parcels of land could have two different designations on the same parcel. For example, on a 100 acres parcel of land, it is very possible that 20 acres are designated as Prime Agricultural land under the OP. In such a case, the current rules would not allow any ground mount solar development on the remaining 80 acres of land, even if it can be shown that none of the area to be developed for the project would fall on top of the agricultural areas (the 20 acres).</p> <p>This concept should be reviewed and addressed by the IESO in the RFP to better align the goal of protection of land use for agriculture, from the unintended consequence of blocking PV ground mount solar projects on less-valuable land use areas close by. Can the IESO please try to address this oversight in the siting policy?</p> |

## General Comments/Feedback