

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR S ANDREW ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise whether Ergon's Tariff Initiative for Irrigators will be extended to permit electricity consumers that exceed 100 MWh per annum to utilise Load Control Tariff 33?

ANSWER:

Ergon Energy's 'Tariff Initiative for Irrigators' provides an opportunity for farmers to reduce their electricity costs by connecting irrigation pumps to Tariff 33. This initiative does not permit electricity customers using more than 100 MWh per annum to utilise Tariff 33. Ergon Energy is looking at circumstances whereby some large customers could be given access to Tariff 33.

Energex and Ergon Energy have proposed load control tariff options as part of their 2020-25 Tariff Structure Statement (TSS) submissions to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). These tariffs are currently undergoing further consultation with customers as part of the AER's TSS consultation process. These tariffs, if approved by the AER, will be introduced during the 2020–25 regulatory control period.

It is proposed that the load control tariff options would be available to large low voltage connected customers (i.e. customers with annual consumption over 100 MWh), and be similar to the existing load control tariffs that are offered to small customers. Details of these proposed tariffs, such as the terms and conditions, are still being determined.