Sustainability in the Australian Sugar Industry
Can the sugar industry do anything about excessive electricity prices?

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Can we influence electricity prices?

- Senate Inquiries
- RET Review
- Agriculture Strategy
- Local members
- COAG
- Productivity Commission
- Energy Strategy
- Backbench committees
- MCE
- Energy White Paper
- IDC
- DEWS
- AER
- Energy Strategy
- Ag Energy Committee
- AEMC
- QCA Price Determination
- Ag Cabinet Committee
- AEMO
- QCA Regional Electricity Price Review
- Ministerial meetings
- AEMO
- CANEGROWERS and The Australian Sugar Milling Council are founding members of the Australian Sugar Industry Alliance
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Our message is stronger when we leverage sectoral partners:

- Canegrowers
- Australian Sugar Milling Council
- Agforce
- Cotton Australia
- Queensland Farming Federation
- Queensland Dairy Farmers organisation
- Australian Prawn Farmers Association
- Australian Cane Farmers Association
- Australian Sugar Industry Alliance

Addressing the increasing electricity prices affecting regional Queenslanders has failed at every turn resulting in a 96% compounded increase over 7 years*...

How many jobs do you think we can afford to lose? Do your local candidates have a plan to fix this? Find out before you vote.

*Figures based on Queensland Competition Authority determinations for irrigation tariffs
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What’s still to come?

• AER decision on Ergon and Energex’s allowable revenue recovery...today
• QCA Price determination for 2015-2016
• Ergon’s new tariff structure
• Queensland Government’s Productivity Commission Review on electricity pricing
• Queensland Government’s 50% renewable energy target.
What are we asking for?

Short term:

• Immediate price relief, in the form of significant tariff reductions for irrigating farmers, and agricultural processors

• A moratorium on all further price increases until a review of Ergon is completed.
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Longer term

The government to establish an independent, intensive analytical and structural review of Ergon, including:

- A panel chaired by an independent who has not been directly employed by any of Australia’s networks or the QCA
- Reconciliation of Ergon’s regulated revenue recovery through the network charges, based on its and Energex’s network tariff;
- Independent assessment of the economic efficiency and fairness of Ergon’s existing and proposed network tariffs; and
- Recommendations on changes to Ergon’s network tariffs to ensure that they serve the long term interests of consumers.