

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
What are some considerations if certain technology types were limited, or restricted from being developed on Ontario's prime agricultural areas?	If the agricultural land is actually being farmed and contributing to its purposes, then it should not be available to energy projects.
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?	There are lots of places to insert wind turbines and solar panels in urban areas and lots of grasslands that are not being used for agriculture.
What would the impact be if there were requirements to avoid, minimize and mitigate agricultural impacts in prime agricultural areas?	There would be zero impacts. By protecting agricultural lands you would be protecting Ontario's bread-basket, which is more important than IESO's best guess, that we need to procure an additional 5 TWh of energy by the end of the decade. It's hyperbolic guesswork! This is the government laying the groundwork for another land grab.
Based on what you heard today, do you require additional clarity on agriculture land restrictions? Why or why not?	See my comment above.

General Comments/Feedback

ORA is strongly opposed to using agricultural lands for energy projects or using Ontario rivers for new hydroelectric projects.