

USEFUL RESOURCES



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There are a number of resources referenced throughout the Toolkit. They are available at the links provided in the tables below.

Legal Agreements

Considerations for Landholders before entering into Commercial Agreements



A publication by the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner (AEIC) about how some considerations for inclusions for each of the agreements and phases of development. aeic.gov.au/publications/considerations-landholders-entering-commercial-agreements

Negotiating a Conduct and Compensation Agreement



A fact sheet produced by Coexistence Queensland to advise landowners in discussions with resource companies. cqld.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/negotiating-a-conduct-and-compensation-agreement.pdf

Land Access and State Lands

A guide to land access in Queensland



A guide on how land access is made available. resources.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/1442223/guide-to-land-access-in-queensland.pdf

Using state land for renewable energy projects



Guidance on how state land can be used for renewable energy projects. qld.gov.au/environment/land/state/use/energy-projects

Additional Purpose of a Lease



How to gain approval for an additional purpose for a Lands Act Lease. nrm.mrd.qld.gov.au/?a=109113:policy_registry/additional-purposes-lease.pdf&ver=4.00

Native title information for landholders (state land)



Details about how native title issues should be addressed in State Land applications. qld.gov.au/environment/land/state/use/native-title

Land Access Code



Resource companies must comply with the mandatory provisions of the Land Access Code when on private land to carry out authorised activities. business.qld.gov.au/industries/mining-energy-water/resources/accessing-land/private-land/land-access-code

Renewable Energy Resources

RELA Assess Tool



Assess is a tool to help landholders assess the potential value of their land for renewable energy projects, developed by RELA with funding from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency.
assess.rela.com.au/

Global Wind Atlas



A map of wind speeds to give an indication of areas with good wind resources.
globalwindatlas.info/en/area/Australia/Queensland

Social Licence Toolkit for Local Government



The toolkit helps councils understand their roles in renewable energy projects and how to support the social licence for new projects.
statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/about-us/resources/social-licence-toolkit

Queensland Energy Generation Map



The locations of Queensland's existing power stations with greater than 1 MW installed capacity
electricity-generation-map.treasury.qld.gov.au/

Renewable Energy Guides

Developer Code of Conduct



The Queensland Government is preparing a code of conduct to set the standards for renewable energy development in Queensland.
treasury.qld.gov.au/policies-and-programs/energy/energy-roadmap/renewables/

Renewable Energy Guides *continued*

Queensland Renewable Energy Developer and Investor Toolkit



This resource provides clear guidelines and practical strategies for renewable energy developers to set a new benchmark for landholder agreements.
qrec.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Queensland-Renewable-Energy-Developer-Investor-Toolkit_FINAL-TOOLKIT.pdf

Renewable Energy Industry Biosecurity Guide



This guide helps developers identify, manage, and monitor biosecurity risks using practical control measures, supporting leading renewable energy industry standards in Queensland.
qrec.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/QREC-Biosecurity-Guide_2025-1.pdf

Landholder guide: Decommissioning renewable energy projects



This guide provides landholders with practical information about decommissioning to support informed decision-making when considering renewable energy projects on their property.
cqld.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Landholder-guide-Decommissioning-renewable-energy-projects.pdf

Position statement: Treatment of renewable energy assets at end of life – protection for landholders (October 2025)



This position statement advocates for clear rules so responsibilities are fair and transparent. Locals should not be left to pay for removing or cleaning up old equipment.
aeic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2025-10/position-statement-treatment-renewable-energy-assets-end-life.pdf

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Factsheet



Provides information on battery storage facility projects.
qrec.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/BESS-Factsheet-March-2026-2.pdf

Electricity Network Planning

Queensland Energy Roadmap 2025



The Queensland Government's five-year plan to deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy through existing assets, renewables, storage and network investment.

treasury.qld.gov.au/files/Queensland-Energy-Roadmap-2025-25-043.pdf

Connecting Renewables to Ergon's Electricity Distribution Network



Ergon Energy's website detailing how to gain approval for the connection of a large generator or battery to the Distribution Network.

ergon.com.au/network/our-services/connections/large-customer-connections

Connecting Renewables to Powerlink's Electricity Transmission Network



Powerlink's website detailing how to gain approval for the connection of a large generator or battery to the Transmission Network.

powerlink.com.au/connect-our-network

Powerlink's connections and confidentiality



This fact sheet explains the process for developer-led projects to connect to the transmission network and Powerlink's confidentiality obligations.

powerlink.com.au/brochures/connections-and-confidentiality

Energy Grid Alliance



Energy Grid Alliance engages with electricity transmission companies, industry regulators, market operators, relevant peak bodies, government, and communities to establish best planning practices for new electricity transmission projects and to advocate the critical importance of policy, planning and engaging with communities early to acquire and maintain social licence.

energygridalliance.com.au/planning/

The Energy Charter



The Energy Charter outlines a vision for the energy industry and the high-level principles and practical actions that energy businesses are encouraged to embed in their operations to deliver on that vision.

theenergycharter.com.au/

Planning and Development in Queensland

Planning Act 2016



This Act governs Queensland's planning framework and provides the rules by which council and the State Government must assess Development Applications, including how State Government Agencies are consulted and when a Minister can call in an application.

It also establishes the community benefit system and the requirement for certain development to undertake Social Impact Assessment and enter into a Community Benefit Agreement.

legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2016-025

Development Assessment Rules



The Development Assessment (DA) Rules explain how development applications including applications for State facilitated development in Queensland must be lodged, assessed and decided. The DA Rules also outline how public notification is required to be undertaken.

planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/da-rules

Queensland State Government Mapping



Maps that show a range of planning layers for Queensland including the application of the State Planning Policy and Development Assessment Triggers, Agricultural Land Classifications, Cultural Heritage and Natural Hazards such as flood and bushfire hazard areas.

planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/mapping

State Code 23: Wind farm development



Outlines the purpose and performance outcomes of State Code 23: Wind farm development of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP).

planning.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/102208/sdap-v3.3-state-code-23-wind-farm-development.pdf

State Code 26: Solar farm development



Outlines the purpose and performance outcomes of State Code 26: solar farm development of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP).

planning.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/102214/sdap-v3.3-state-code-26-solar-farm-development.pdf

State Code 27: Battery storage facility development



Outlines the purpose and performance outcomes of State Code 27: battery storage facility development of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP).

planning.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/110594/sdap-v3.5-state-code-27-battery-storage-facility-development.pdf

Community Benefit System



Information on the community benefit system and how it fits into the Queensland planning framework.

planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/community-benefit

Local Government Directory



Contact details and links to websites for all Queensland councils.

statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-the-community/local-government-directory/search-the-local-government-directory



Kennedy Energy Park. Image Courtesy: Windlab.

Community Consultation and Engagement

Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner (AEIC) Community Engagement Review



A review of community engagement in renewable energy conducted by AEIC and published in February 2024.

aeic.gov.au/news-media/news/community-engagement-review-report

Developer Rating Scheme



The Developer Rating Scheme provides landholders, councils, and local communities with the independent visibility they need to make informed decisions. Search the public register to view detailed developer profiles and check their specific 5-star community engagement scores before a project even begins.

icirt.com/drs

Clean Energy Council Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Developments



The Best Practice Charter is a set of voluntary commitments by Clean Energy Council members to engage respectfully with the communities in which they plan and operate projects, to be sensitive to environmental and cultural values and to make a positive contribution to the regions in which they operate.

cleanenergycouncil.org.au/advocacy-initiatives/community-engagement

Information for Community



A source of information for communities hosted on Coexistence Queensland's website.

cqld.org.au/working-with-you/community/

Benefit Sharing

A Guide to Benefit Sharing Options for Renewable Energy Projects



A guide providing strategies and case studies on benefit sharing for projects.

re-alliance.org.au/building_stronger_communities_cbf

Clean Energy Council Benefit Sharing for Renewable Energy Projects



A Guide to Benefit Sharing Options for Renewable Energy Projects provides a comprehensive study of the various community benefit sharing options available to the developers of large-scale renewable energy projects.

cleanenergycouncil.org.au/advocacy-initiatives/community-engagement/benefit-sharing-for-renewable-energy-projects

Australian Wind Alliance Building Stronger Communities



Building Stronger Communities Guide by the Australian Wind Alliance.

assets.nationbuilder.com/vicwind/pages/2608/attachments/original/1625530588/AWA_Building_Stronger_Communities_Second_Edition_v04_SCREEN_%281%29.pdf?1625530588

Community Benefits Handbook



The Community Benefits Handbook by the Renewable Energy Alliance.

assets.nationbuilder.com/vicwind/pages/2631/attachments/original/1630471142/RE-Alliance_Community_Benefits_Handbook_WEB_01v1_%281%29.pdf?1630471142

Farm Powered



The Farmers for Climate Action Farm Powered report lays out a plan for farming communities to participate and benefit from the rollout of renewable energy.

It also sets out considerations for farmers who want to develop smaller scale renewable energy projects on their land.

farmersforclimateaction.org.au/farm-powered/

Other useful resources

Agrivoltaics Handbook



This guide helps landholders and developers integrate solar with farming, providing practical guidance, case studies and best-practice advice before project agreements.

energyco.nsw.gov.au/agrivoltaics-handbook

Community Power Agency



Advice on developing community owned renewable energy resources.

cpagency.org.au/resources/

NSW Farmers



Renewable Energy Landholder Guide

nswfarmers.org.au/NSWFA/Content/IndustryPolicy/Resource/Renewable_Energy_Landholder_Guide

First Nations Clean Energy Network

Best Practice Principles for Clean Energy Projects



The 10 best practice principles, designed for the clean energy industry, government and communities, cover such things as ensuring projects provide economic and social benefits, mutual respect, clear communication, cultural and environmental considerations, landcare, business employment opportunities and free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

assets.nationbuilder.com/fncen/pages/183/attachments/original/1680570396/FNCEN_-_Best_Practice_Principles_for_Clean_Energy_Projects.pdf?1680570396

Clean Energy negotiations guide for First Nations



To help communities negotiate mid to large scale developments on country, or assist those wanting to initiate their own clean energy projects. Covers all aspects such as joining or opposing a project and getting resources and advice.

assets.nationbuilder.com/fncen/pages/148/attachments/original/1667776468/FNCEN-Clean_Energy_Negotiations_Guide_for_First_Nations.pdf?1667776468



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