

STATEMENT OF POLICY

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN THE DAINTREE REGION

BACKGROUND:

This Statement of Policy reflects the Queensland Government's policy position of opposing the extension of mains electricity supply north of the Daintree River and of supporting, as an alternative, the use of stand-alone power systems.

POLICY:

The supply of electricity to customers in the Daintree Region is restricted as follows:

1. Supply of electricity using a supply network is not permitted, except to the following customers—
 - (a) customers who are already being supplied electricity from an existing supply network; and
 - (b) customers who are capable of being supplied electricity from an existing supply network but only if, in order to supply electricity to any such customer, it is not necessary for the supply network to be extended in any way other than the installation of a service line to the customer's premises.
2. Supply of electricity from a stand-alone power system is permitted.

For the purposes of this Policy—

- the “Daintree Region” means—

“the area bounded by the low water mark of the Pacific Ocean between the Daintree and Bloomfield rivers; to the North by the Southern bank of the Bloomfield River; to the South by the Northern bank of the Daintree river; and to the West by the Western boundary of the Cape Tribulation National Park and extending from the junction of this Park with the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area to a point on the Northern Bank of the Daintree River opposite Kilkeary Point, as delineated on Map ELEC/ERG/Daintree held by the Department of Energy”;

- a “stand-alone power system” means—

“a system that is not connected to the supply network of a distribution entity or special approval holder and is supplied with electricity from one or more of a number of sources including, but not limited to, a photovoltaic array, a wind generator, a micro-hydro generator and an engine generator set”; and

- other words have the meaning given in the *Electricity Act 1994* or the *Electricity Regulation 1994*.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

Not applicable.

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