

Solar sharer offer for regional Queensland – decision notice

30 June 2026

The QCA has approved a new solar sharer offer (SSO) tariff for standard contract customers in regional Queensland, effective from 1 July 2026. The tariff is based on the SSO recently approved by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) for south-east Queensland (SEQ).

Background

We recently published our [final determination](#) of 2026–27 regulated retail electricity prices (notified prices) for regional Queensland.

On 15 June 2026, we received a delegation from the Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership (the Minister) to set a new time-of-use SSO tariff in regional Queensland from 1 July 2026¹, based on the SSO the AER recently approved for SEQ.² We are not required to consult on this determination.³

Reasons for decision

In making this decision, we have had regard to the Minister's delegation and the matters in section 90(5) of the *Electricity Act 1994*, including the costs of providing the services and the Queensland Government's uniform tariff policy (UTP). The delegation requires us to:

- develop a new time-of-use retail tariff consistent with the SSO introduced in SEQ as part of the AER's 2026–27 default market offer (DMO) determination
- add the new tariff to the 2026–27 notified prices tariff schedule.

¹ The delegation was issued in accordance with s 90AA of the *Electricity Act 1994* (Qld).

² The AER's final decision, including information on the SSO, is available on [the AER's website](#).

³ The Minister's delegation and terms of reference is available on our website.

Introducing the SSO in regional Queensland is consistent with the Queensland Government's UTP, which seeks to provide regional customers with access to electricity tariffs that are generally consistent with those available in SEQ.

The delegation does not require application of the network plus retail (N+R) cost build-up methodology typically used in our notified prices determinations. Instead, consistent with the delegation, we have adopted the tariff rates, structure and conditions determined by the AER for the SSO in SEQ as part of its 2026-27 DMO determination.

Consistent with the Queensland Government's UTP, we consider it appropriate to align the tariff rates, structure and conditions with those applying in SEQ. These arrangements could be reviewed in future if issues specific to regional Queensland emerge.⁴

Accordingly, we have included the SSO in the 2026-27 notified prices tariff schedule with effect from 1 July 2026. Table 1 sets out the features, structure and rates for the new SSO tariff, designated as tariff 12F in the tariff schedule.

We have considered the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) and are satisfied that this decision is compatible with human rights.

Table 1: Features, structure and rates for tariff 12F (solar sharer offer)

Key features of tariff 12F	
Eligibility	Residential customers with advanced digital meters
Free usage period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SSO includes a free usage period between 11 am and 2 pm. Customers can receive up to 24 kWh of electricity per day free of charge during this period. Once a customer has consumed 24 kWh during the free usage period, any additional consumption between 11 am and 2 pm is charged at the day period rate.
Tariff component	Rates
Daily supply charge	161.685 c/day
Free usage period (11 am - 2 pm, up to 24 kWh/day)	0.0 c/kWh
Day period usage charge (2 pm - 4 pm and usage above the cap)	7.365 c/kWh
Peak period usage charge (4 pm - 9 pm)	44.456 c/kWh
Night period usage charge (all other times)	24.011 c/kWh

Note: Tariff 12F adopts the same tariff structure, rates and conditions as the SSO determined by the AER for SEQ. Rates have been converted to GST-exclusive amounts for consistency with the other notified prices.

Eligible customers may opt in to the new SSO tariff or remain on their existing tariff arrangements.

As the SSO is a time-of-use tariff, charges vary depending on when electricity is used. Customers who can shift more of their electricity consumption into the free usage period (11 am to 2 pm), particularly from the peak period, are likely to benefit most. Customers should consider their individual usage patterns when deciding whether this tariff is suitable for them.

We encourage retailers to provide clear information to help customers understand the tariff and make informed choices.

⁴ OCA, *Regulated retail electricity prices in regional Queensland for 2026-27*, final determination, pp 19-21.