

Our family farming business has operated for 45 years on the Atherton Tablelands. We produce a wide variety of crops for both human & animal consumption. We rely very heavily on irrigation using electric pumps to water our crops. The cost of irrigating is a substantial expense which we cannot recoup by increasing our product prices. We only have one power supplier in our region & do not have the luxury of choosing another supplier. There is no competition to keep prices at a reasonable level. We cannot continue to absorb these massive increases. A 10% rise to us equates to an additional \$10,000 per year. This means we cannot employ more staff or give more hours to the staff we already employ. We will have to cut corners somewhere else to cover this additional expense. Please don't allow our electricity prices to increase arbitrarily. Please review the pricing of our power in North Queensland.