

# 2026 SURAT BASIN ENERGY SUMMIT PROGRAM

19.08.2026 | 8AM - 4PM | DALBY EVENT CENTRE

8:00am **Event Registration**

8:50am **Event Opening Address**

9:00am **Western Downs Regional Council Welcome Address**

9:10am **Keynote Address**

9:20am **Major Sponsor Address**

9:30am **SESSION SPONSOR VIDEO: VERMEER**

## **SESSION 1: SETTING THE SCENE**

9:32am This session is about capability, progress and what's working, not what's broken. This panel sets a shared understanding of where Australia's energy system is heading, why the TSBE region is central to that future and how reliability, affordability and transition are being delivered in practice.

10:22am **TSBE General Update**

10:30am **BREAK - Morning Tea**

11:00am **SESSION SPONSOR VIDEO: TILT RENEWABLES**

## **SESSION 2: RENEWABLES, RELIABILITY AND THE FUTURE**

11:02am This session highlights how large-scale renewables are being delivered in the region and integrated into networks and markets. It will focus on what's working now to maintain energy security as renewables scale and how legacy industries support this transition. Panellists will explore the role of diversification, storage and firming technologies in balancing reliability and affordability, while outlining what is needed to scale further with confidence, strong community support and continued investment in infrastructure and systems.

11:50am **SESSION SPONSOR VIDEO: STANWELL**

## **SESSION 3: THE FUTURE OF COAL & THE SURAT BASIN**

11:52am This session provides a balanced, forward-looking discussion on the role of coal in the Surat Basin and Western Downs, recognising its ongoing contribution to regional economies and energy system reliability. It will explore how coal supports baseload power and system strength while examining practical pathways for an orderly transition, including emissions reduction technologies and firming solutions. Panellists will consider how the region can maintain jobs and economic resilience through change, alongside the policy and market signals shaping coal's future in an evolving energy mix.

12:40pm **BREAK - Lunch**

1:10pm **SESSION SPONSOR VIDEO: HARNESS**

## **SESSION 4: OIL & GAS IN QUEENSLAND: DECADES DELIVERED, DECADES AHEAD**

1:12pm To explore the evolving role of oil and gas in Queensland, recognising the Western Downs and broader Surat Basin as a long-standing cornerstone of Australia's energy system, while examining how natural gas can support energy security, complement large-scale renewables, and contribute to lower-emissions future energy systems.

2:00pm **BREAK - Afternoon Tea**

2:30pm **SUPPORTING SPONSOR VIDEO: CS ENERGY**



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**2:32pm** **INDUSTRY EXPERT PRESENTATION**

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**2:42pm** **SESSION SPONSOR VIDEO: GHD**

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**SESSION 5: REGIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: COMMUNITY BENEFITS & CONFIDENCE**

**2:44pm** This session highlights the role of local government leadership in translating energy investment into lasting regional benefit across the Toowoomba, Western Downs and Maranoa regions. It will focus on how councils enable investment, build community trust and align development with local priorities while maintaining consistency and collaboration. Panellists will showcase best practice approaches that create long-term value and reinforce the region's reputation as a safe, attractive and predictable place for future energy projects.

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**3:34pm** **WESTERN DOWNS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT LAUNCH**

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**4:00pm** **EVENT CLOSE**

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**4:30pm** **REGISTRATION & EVENT OPEN - NETWORKING EVENING**

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**5:00pm** **OPENING ADDRESS - TSBE**

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**5:05pm** **WELCOME ADDRESS - WDRC**

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**5:10pm** **SPONSOR ADDRESS - ARROW ENERGY**

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**20 AUGUST 2026 - SITE TOUR - WAMBO WIND FARM**

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**DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED**

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