



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	TSBE Opening Address
9:20am	Keynote Address
9:30am	SESSION SPONSOR VIDEO: VERMEER
9:32am	SESSION 1: SETTING THE SCENE 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.
10:30am	BREAK - Morning Tea
11:00am	SESSION SPONSOR VIDEO: TILT RENEWABLES
11:02am	SESSION 2: RENEWABLES, RELIABILITY AND THE FUTURE 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
11:52am	SESSION 3: THE FUTURE OF COAL & THE SURAT BASIN 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
1:12pm	SESSION 4: OIL & GAS IN QUEENSLAND: DECADES DELIVERED, DECADES AHEAD 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



2:32pm	INDUSTRY EXPERT PRESENTATION
2:42pm	SESSION SPONSOR VIDEO: GHD
2:44pm	SESSION 5: REGIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: COMMUNITY BENEFITS & CONFIDENCE 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.
3:35pm	EVENT CLOSE
4pm - 7:30pm	NETWORKING EVENING
20 AUGUST 2026 - SITE TOUR - WAMBO WIND FARM	
9:30am	REGISTRATION
10am	DEPART DALBY
10:50am	ARRIVE WAMBO + SAFETY BRIEFING
11:05am	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
11:20am	WAMBO WIND FARM PROJECT OVERVIEW
11:30am	GUIDED SITE TOUR
12:30am	LUNCH AND NETWORKING
1pm	CLOSING REMARKS AND Q&A
1:10pm	DEPART SITE
2pm	ARRIVE DALBY

