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The principal land use over the Rosevale Coalfield is sheep and cattle raising, with small areas being under cultivation. With the exception of the most easterly of the coal deposits, Pipers Lagoons, which is largely covered with light forest, the land on and around the coalfield has been cleared and improved to varying degrees.

That portion of the EL between Perth and Conara Junction lies within eastern Tasmania's rainfall shadow zone, and experiences substantially less rainfall than the Westbury area, at about 500mm per annum. Consequently, this area is lightly vegetated with eucalypt forest remnants and open grassland used almost wholly for sheep grazing. Apart from the conspicuous Hummocky Hills dolerite remnant, standing some 300m above the surrounding plains, topography is subdued, comprising alluvial plains and low rolling hills underlain by dolerite and Tertiary sediments. Excellent access is provided by a network of roads and tracks linking townships on the Midland Highway with Longford, Cressy, and numerous farm settlements.