



Grants, Programs and Funding Opportunities

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Acknowledgment of Country

I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which I am speaking from today, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, and pay my respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.



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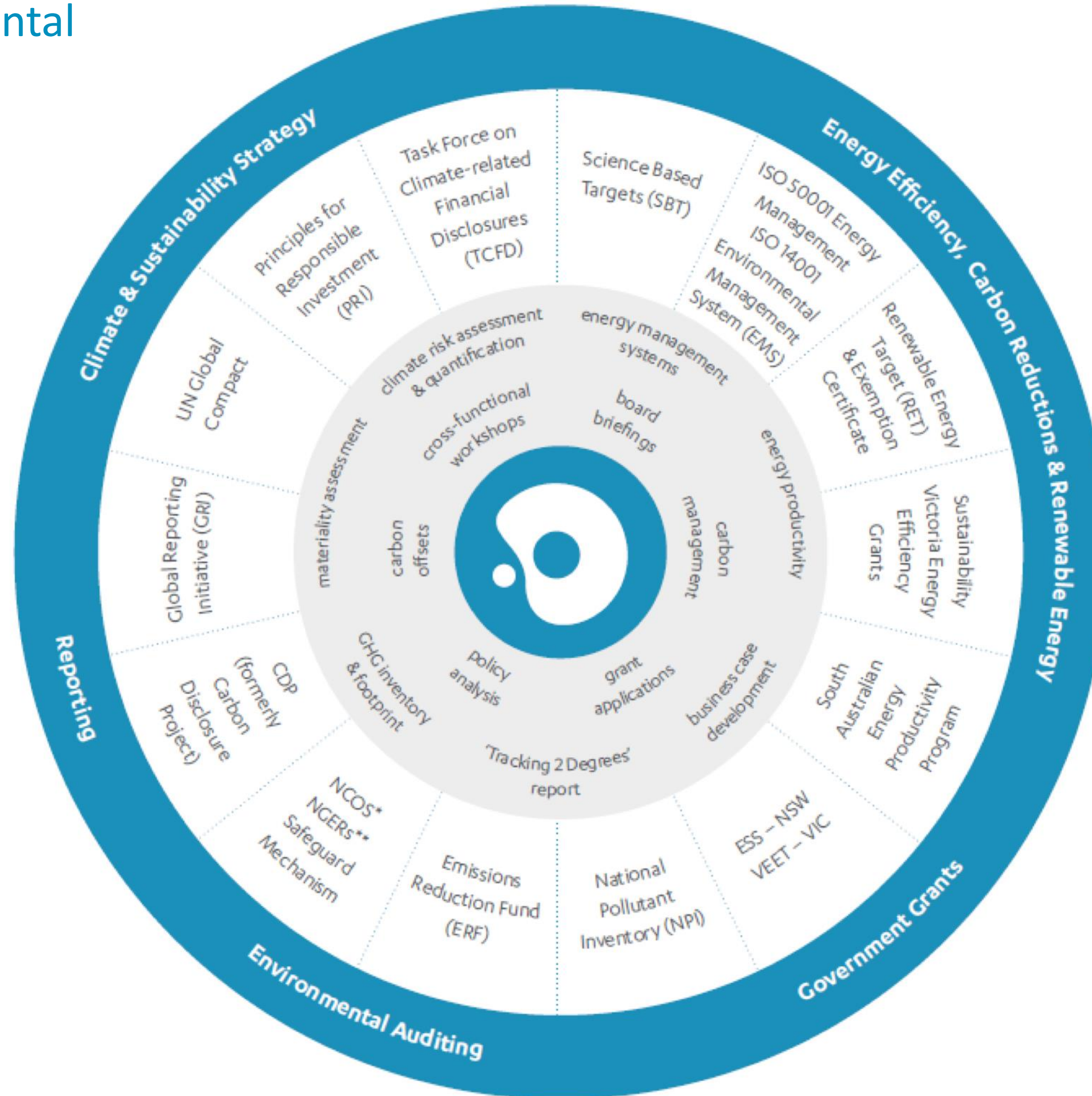
Ndevr Environmental

What We Do

We're a climate change and human rights advisory firm, focused on accelerating the economy's transition to a sustainable, net zero future.

For over 10 years, we've partnered with businesses and governments, to provide innovative solutions to meet emerging challenges, and relentlessly pursue the transformation of commitment into action – to create real and meaningful impact.

1,560+
Impact projects
2010 - JAN 2023



Thinking about Funding Opportunities

What's Out There? | Who is out There? | What's on Offer?

A bird's eye view of generally who is out there – which departments, agencies, and organisations provide funding on a state and federal level and what long-standing programs are out there.

Focus on:

- Climate change, emissions & energy
- Waste & circular economy



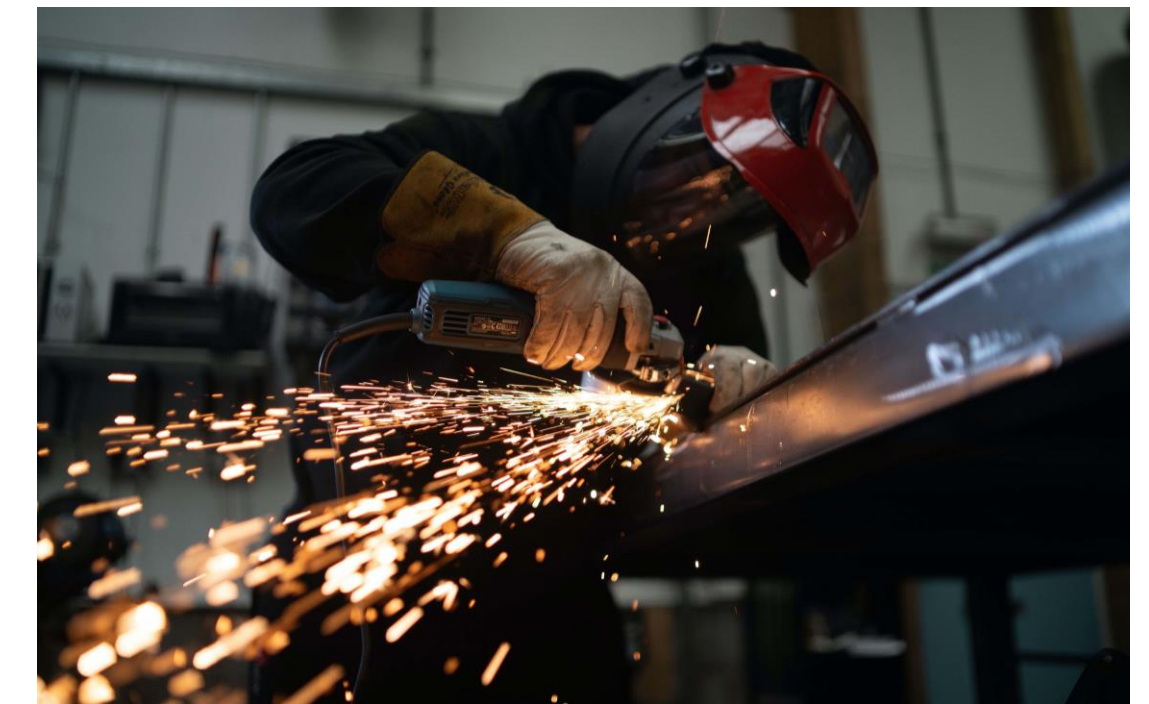
Programs

- Emissions Reduction Fund
- National Land Care Program
- Business.gov.au
- Australian Heritage Grants
- DEWLP
- DPIE



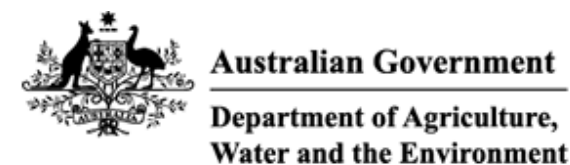
Organisations

- ARENA
- CEFC
- Regional Investment Corporation

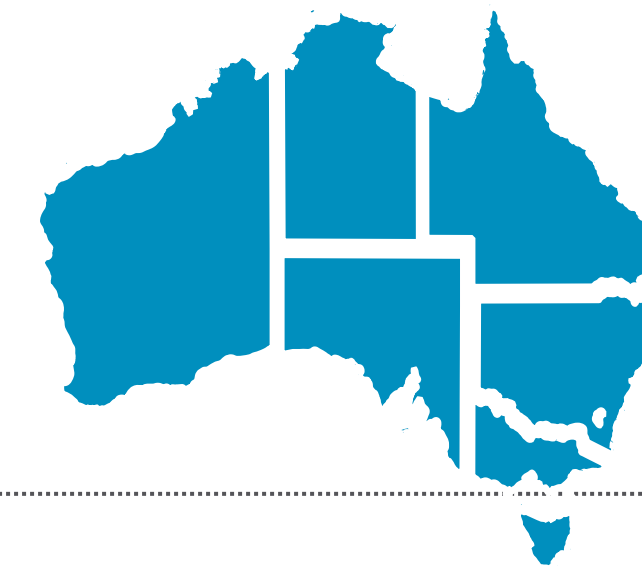


Other

- Recovery & Resilience Agency
- Tax Incentives (R&D)



Thinking about Funding Opportunities



Keep up to Date with What's Available

Federal / All

- Grants and programs finder

Ref:
<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs>

NSW

- NSW Grants and Funding
- NSW DPIE: Environmental Grants

Ref:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>
<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/nsw-environmental-trust/grants-available>

VIC

- Business Victoria: Grants and Programs
- Sustainability Victoria

Ref:
<https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs>
<https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants-funding-and-investment/grants-and-funding>

ACT

- Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development

Ref:
<https://www.environment.act.gov.au/act-nrm/grants-and-support-packages>

QLD

- Grants Finder

Ref:
<https://www.grants.services.qld.gov.au/#/>

TAS

- State Growth

Ref:
https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/grants_and_funding_opportunities

NT

- Grants Directory

Ref:
<https://nt.gov.au/community/grants-and-volunteers/grants/grants-directory>

WA

- Grants and subsidies

Ref:
<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/community-services/grants-and-subsidies>

SA

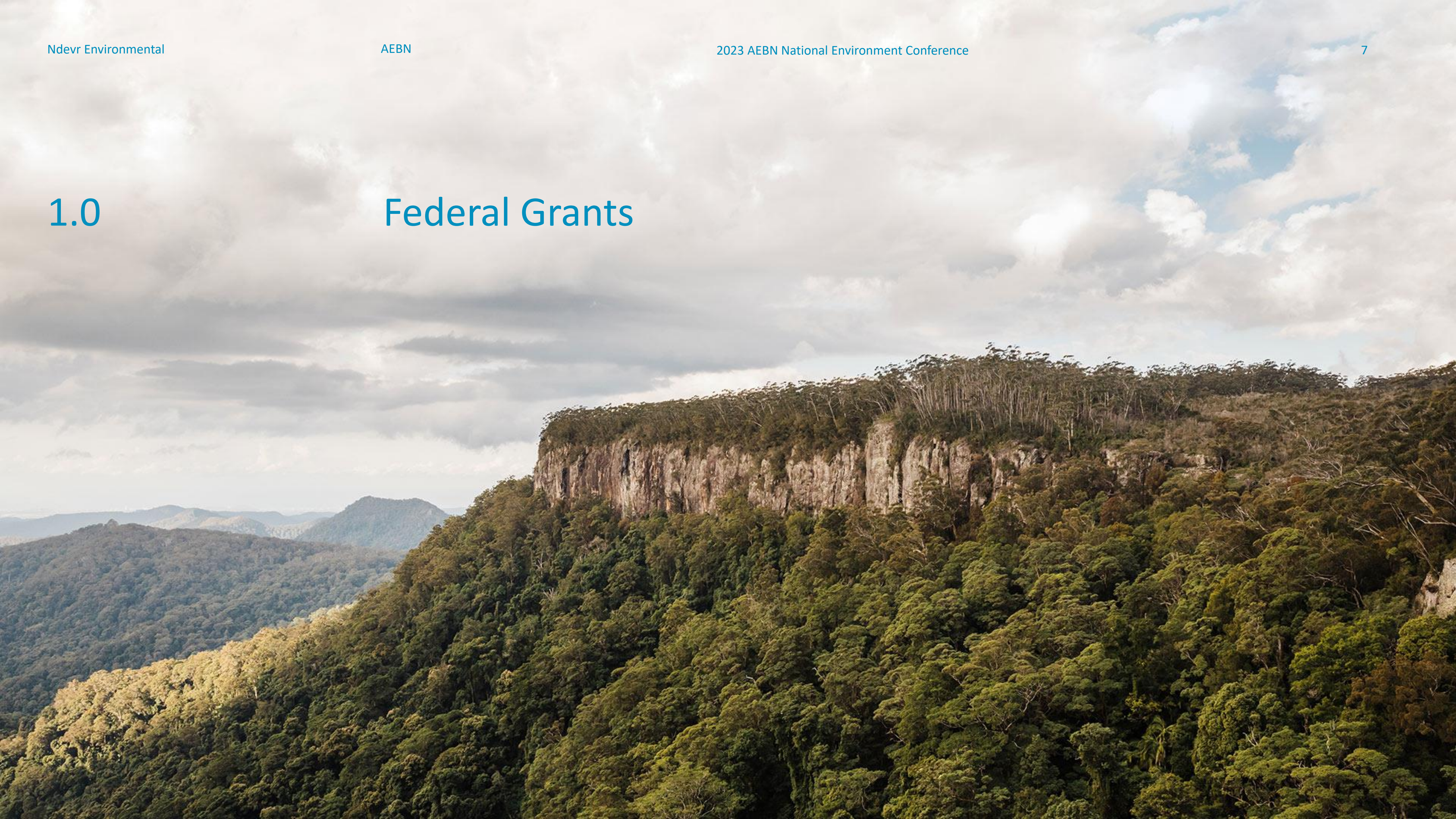
- Green Industries

Ref:
<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding>



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Federal Grants



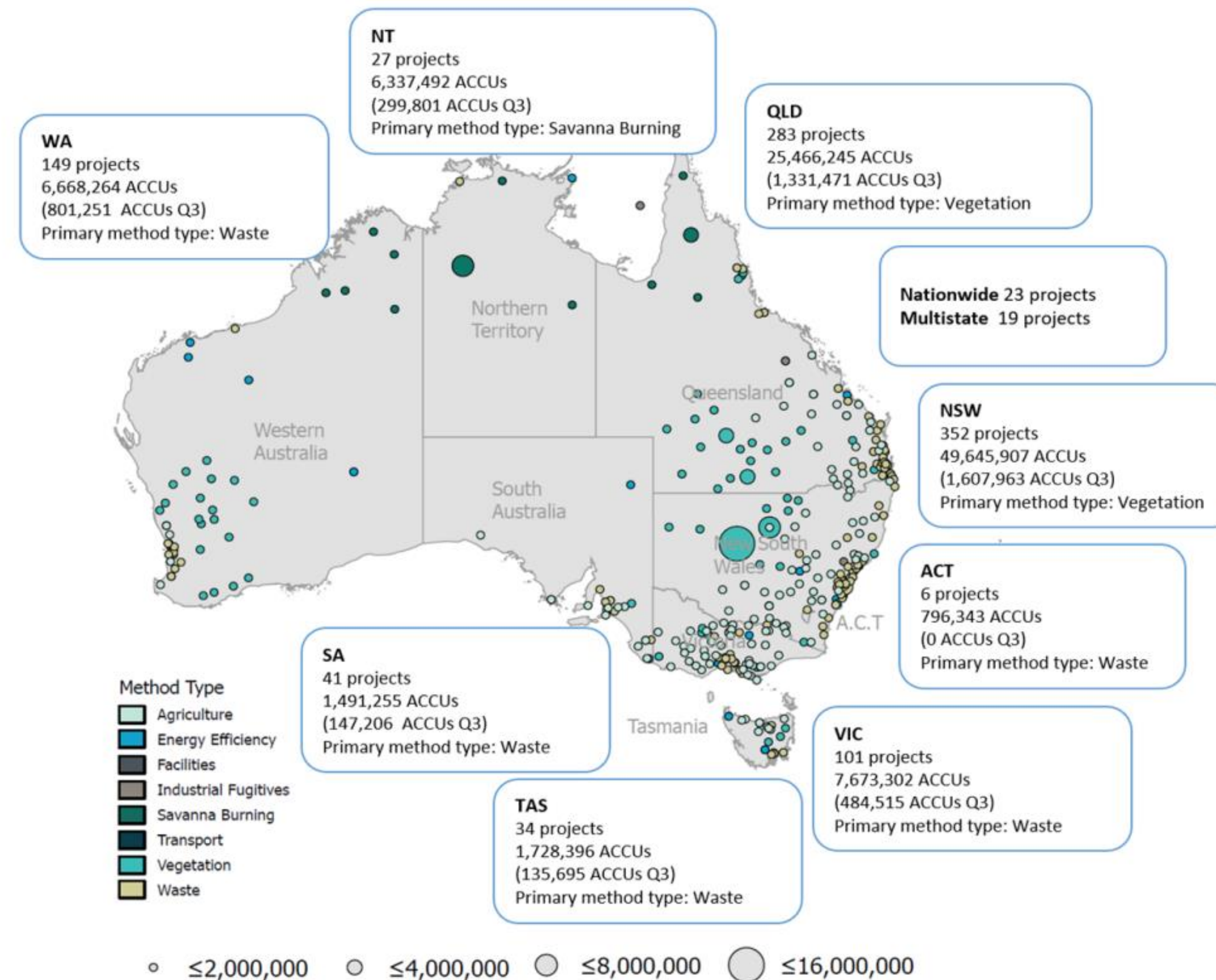
Climate Solutions Fund - Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF)



- Projects that reduce GHG emissions through activities that store carbon or avoid emissions
- Through projects involving new technology, upgrading equipment, changing business practices
 - Areas: vegetation management, soil carbon, agriculture, energy consumption, waste, transport, coal and gas
- Must be conducted in accordance with an approved methodology: land-based / industrial
- Create Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)
- 1 ACCU equals 1 tonne of CO₂ equivalent stored or avoided by a project, 14th auction averaged \$17.35 per ACCU but in early 2022 the spot price rose to an all time peak of \$57
- Contract with the Clean Energy Regulator
- Revenue stream for generating ACCUs
- ERF auctions regularly



Climate Solutions Fund - Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF)



Source: CER Carbon Markets Report Sep 21

<https://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/ERF/project-and-contracts-registers/interactive-map>

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Climate Solutions Fund – The Climate Solutions Package



- \$3.5 billion additional investment for The Climate Solutions Package to deliver existing climate change mitigation programs
- The Climate Solutions Package:
 - \$2 billion top up to Emissions Reduction Fund
 - Continued support for the transition to reliable renewables underway in the National Electricity Market
 - Development of a national strategy for electric vehicles
 - Helping households and businesses improve energy efficiency
 - Supporting local communities to achieve green and clean local environments.

Applications ongoing



Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)



Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)

- Funding across the economy for renewable energy, low emissions technologies or energy efficiency

Target Sectors

- Renewable energy: bio-energy, energy storage, wind, solar
- Built Environment: housing, infrastructure, manufacturing, property
- Sustainable economy: Agribusiness, asset finance, green vehicles
- Special investments program: innovation fund, hydrogen, recycling, cities, reef

Applications ongoing

Ref:

<http://www.cefc.com.au/>



ARENA



Advancing Renewables Program

- For businesses undertaking renewable energy projects
- Supports a range of development, demonstration and pre-commercial deployment projects. This includes opportunities to optimise the transition to renewable electricity, commercialise clean hydrogen and support the transition to low emissions metals.
- Activities must either involve a renewable energy technology or involve methods (including desktop studies and analysis) that can contribute to the program outcomes.
- Matched funding of between \$100,000 and \$50 million.

Applications open

Ref:
<https://arena.gov.au/funding/advancing-renewables-program/>



National Landcare Program



- Currently in Phase 2, \$1 billion investment from July 2018 to June 2023
- Creates opportunity for greater efficiencies across the natural resource management sector
- Funding opportunities through Phase 2 will continue to invest into currently approved projects until June 2023
- The next phase will focus on partnership within regional and local levels

Ref:

<http://www.nrm.gov.au/national-landcare-program>



Entrepreneurs' Programme - Department of Industry, Innovation & Science



Accelerating Commercialisation

- Covers commercialisation costs (up to \$1 million) for novel products, services, processes
- Provides businesses with expert guidance and matched funding
- Applications currently open for Expressions of Interest

Strengthening Business

- Provides access to experts that will support you to strengthen the systems of your business, rebuilding it after the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires in NSW, SA and VIC and the 2022 floods in NSW and QLD
- Provides businesses with expert guidance

Applications open until June 2023

Ref:

<https://www.business.gov.au/Assistance/Entrepreneurs-Programme/Accelerating-Commercialisation>

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/strengthening-business>



Modern Manufacturing Initiative



- Funding for Recycling and Clean Energy businesses who are developing new products and manufacturing processes
- Signature program of the Australian Government's Modern Manufacturing Strategy
- Matched funding of between \$1 million and \$50 million
- Applications closed, however two more round to be announced 2023-2024

Ref:

<https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/recycling-and-clean-energy-national-manufacturing-priority-road-map>



Business Energy Advice Program



- Delivers advice to help small businesses and their representatives get better energy deals and reduce their energy usage
- Targeted at small businesses that have:
 - 6 to 20 employees
 - 5 or fewer employees that have been adversely affected by drought
- Access free personalised energy consultation and access to a Small Business Energy Check tool

Applications ongoing

Ref:
<https://businessenergyadvice.com.au/>



Product Stewardship for Oil Program

- Financial benefits for businesses that recycle oil
- Aims to support and encourage the environmentally sustainable management of used oil. Levy used to provide benefits to recyclers of used oil and users of gazetted oils
- Benefit rates vary

Applications ongoing

Ref:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Fuel-schemes/Product-stewardship-for-oil-program/>



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Victoria



Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU)



- Incorporates previous Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET) scheme
- Energy-efficient products and services made available to homes and businesses at a discount by Accredited Providers
- Providers can generate Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates (VEECs) based on greenhouse gas savings associated with Prescribed Activities they undertake
- Previous EREP participants (Scheduled Activity Premises) can opt-in to generate certificates
- DELWP exploring the introduction of new activities to the program such as refrigerated cold rooms

Applications ongoing

Ref:

<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/energy-efficiency/victorian-energy-upgrades/about-the-program>



Regional Jobs Fund



- Facilitate job creation, retain existing jobs, attract and facilitate investment
- Focus on regional competitive advantage or high-growth potential businesses
- Diversify regional employment base
- Support for projects and infrastructure through 5 public grant streams: Investment Attraction; Innovation and Productivity; Employment Precincts; Market Access and Skills Development
- Applicants expected to make financial contribution or third-party funding
- Up to \$5 million funding

Applications ongoing

Ref:

<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-jobs-fund>



Community Climate Change and Energy Action Program

- Supports community groups to make their facilities more energy efficient
- Available to community groups and local governments
- Funding up to \$30,000

Applications open, close 24 March 2023

Ref:

[Community Climate Change and Energy Action Program – Round 3 | Sustainability Victoria](#)



Circular Economy Victoria Councils Fund Round 3



- Supports Victorian Councils in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill or increasing the volume of materials reused, repaired, repurposed or recycled.
- Available to local governments
- Funding from \$30,000 to \$500,000 available

Applications open, close 31 March 2023

Ref:

[Circular Economy Councils Fund – Round 3 | Sustainability Victoria](#)



Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Subsidy

- Delivered through car dealerships and will be applied at the point of sale
- Must be zero emissions car valued under \$68,740
- Subsidies of up to \$3000

Applications open

Ref:
<https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/zero-emissions-vehicle-subsidy>



Solar for Business



- Rebates for Victorian small businesses to install a rooftop solar system
- Help small businesses reduce their energy costs by accessing the benefits of renewable energy
- Eligible for businesses with less than 20 FTE
- Rebates up to 50% of net system cost to maximum value of \$3,500

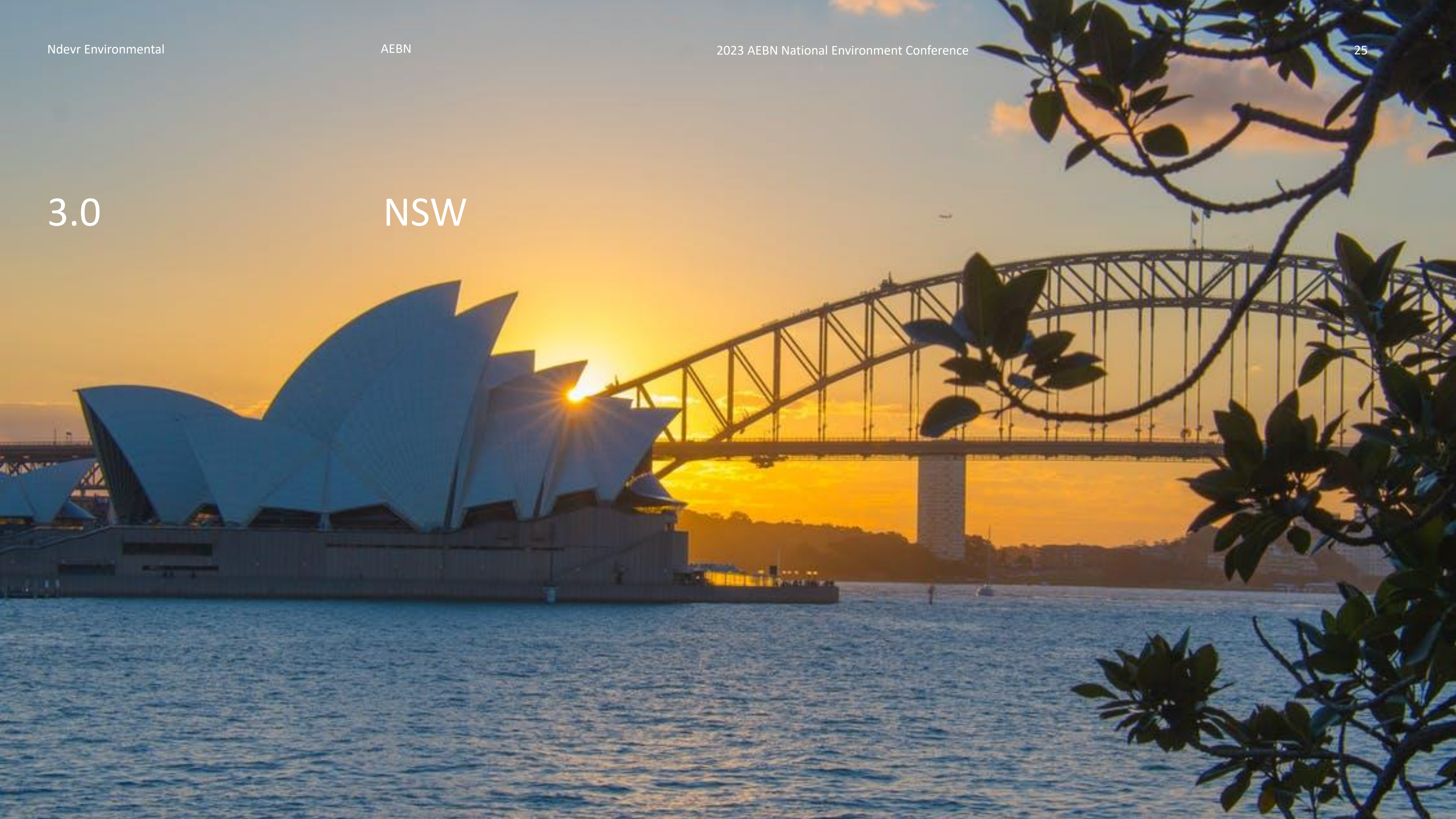
Applications open

Ref:
<https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/solar-business-program>

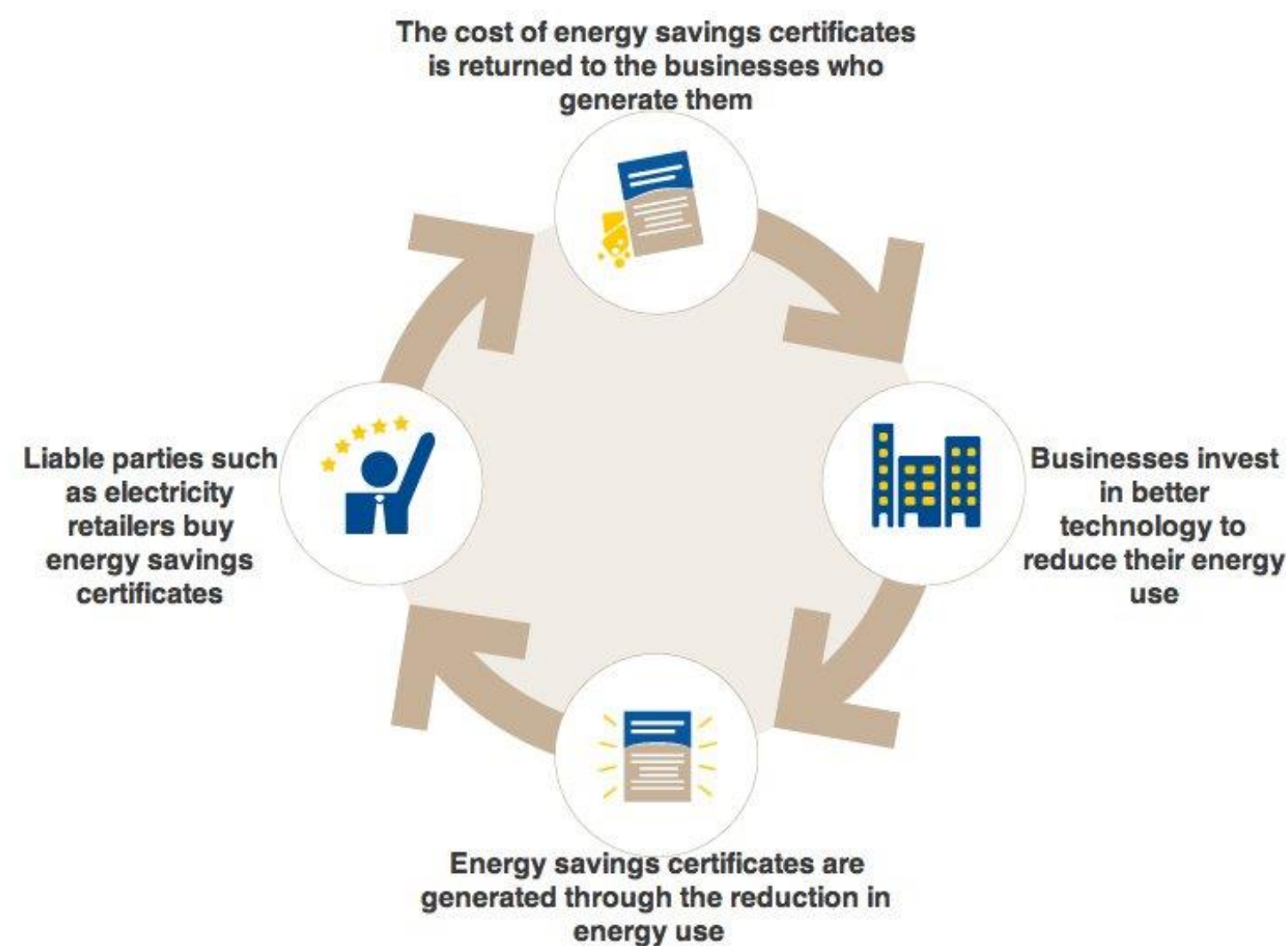


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Energy Savings Scheme



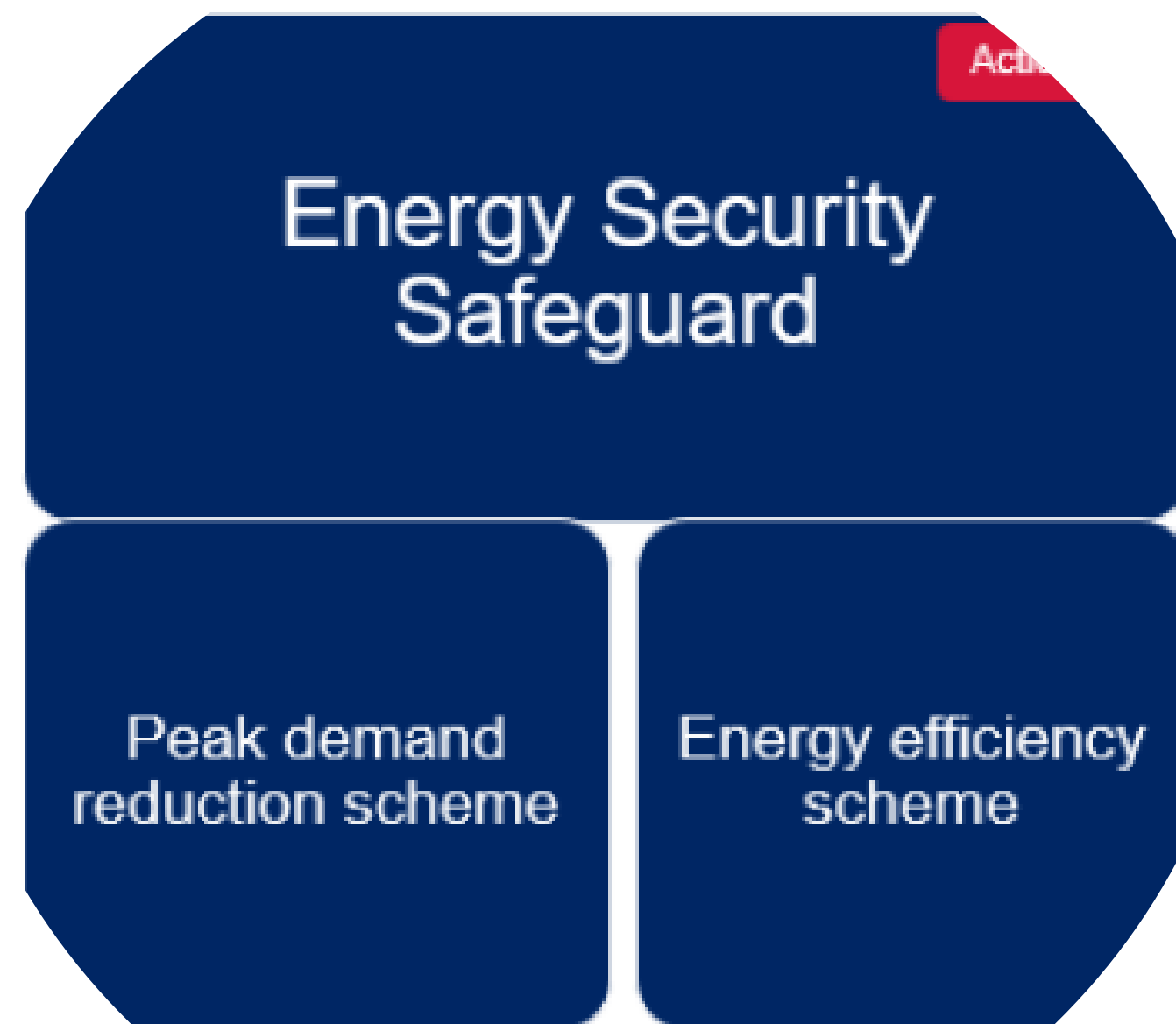
- Financial incentives for organisations to invest in projects to install, improve or replace energy savings equipment
- Partner with or become an Accredited Certificate Provider (ACP) to undertake energy savings activities and generate energy savings certificates (ESCs)
- ESCs are created for every MWh of energy saved in each project

Applications ongoing

Ref:
<https://www.ess.nsw.gov.au/>



Peak Demand Reduction Scheme



- Financial incentives for households and businesses to reduce peak energy use by buying or installing equipment that uses less energy during peak times
- Partner with or become an Accredited Certificate Provider (ACP) to undertake energy savings activities and generate peak reduction certificates (PRCs)
- Current PDRS Rule effective from 29 September 2022, with an amendment on 17 February 2023

Ref:

<https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/nsw-plans-and-progress/regulation-and-policy/energy-security-safeguard/peak-demand-reduction-scheme>



Sustainability Advantage NSW



- Offers expertise, training, business tools to identify and implement projects
- Focuses on projects that integrate environmental strategies with business planning
- Aims to accelerate the apportion of sustainable practices to securing a sustainable NSW

Membership applications open

Ref:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/sustainability/sustainability-advantage>



Bin Trim Rebate



- Reimbursements for SMEs to install small-scale recycling equipment and increase workplace recycling
 - Cardboard and plastic balers, expanded polystyrene compactors, shredders, source separation bins, etc.
- Eligibility: businesses with up to 400 FTE, and facility managers/small-scale recyclers handling waste from SMEs
- \$1,000 to \$50,000 (up to 50% capital cost)
- Free waste assessment to determine eligibility

On hold until 2023

Ref:

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/business-recycling/bin-trim-rebates-program>



Building Upgrade Finance



- Loans for environmental upgrades to commercial businesses in participating NSW local government areas
- For owners or managers of commercial buildings
- Applicants must own an existing non-residential building located within a participating council-external site area, or have the approval to upgrade the building (the building owner must sign the loan contract) and be upgrading a non-strata commercial building
- Eligible works under Building Upgrade Finance are those that improve the energy, water or environmental efficiency or sustainability of a building
- Loan amounts vary on a case-by-case basis

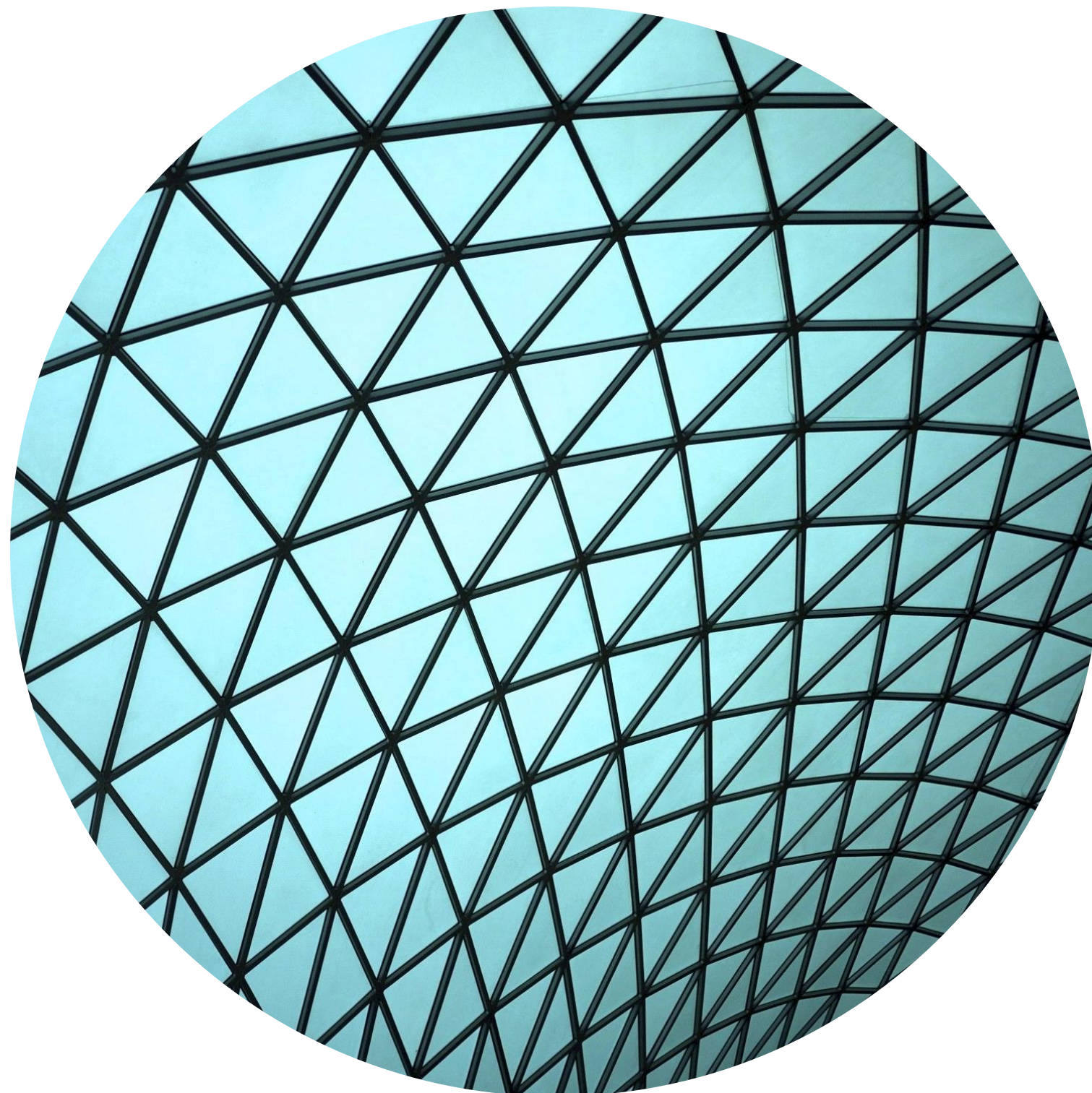
Applications ongoing

Ref:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/business/upgrade-agreements.htm>



Better Business Partnership



- Sustainability advice for businesses in Sydney's North Shore region, including the Ku-ring-gai, North Sydney and Willoughby City Council areas
- Access to advice and business resources to improve business sustainability
- Advice includes action plans that provides strategies on how you can reduce energy, water and waste; help to implement the action plan strategies; help in finding funding for the action plan strategies and a project officer assigned to your business to help you at every stage
- Businesses will gain recognition for joining the scheme and reducing their energy, water and waste

Applications ongoing

Ref:
<http://www.bbp.org.au/>



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Queensland



Ecobiz



- Businesses register for a free assessment on energy, water and waste
- Receive a report with recommendations on practical and tangible solutions to better manage energy, water and waste

Applications ongoing

Ref:
<https://ecobiz.cciq.com.au/join-now/>



Carbon Farming Advice Rebate Program Qld



- Closed due to reaching capacity, but mailing list available for future advice.
- Eligible for QLD landholders
- Assist landholders with the cost of obtaining advice about undertaking carbon farming projects.
- Eligible for primary producers, SMEs and non-profits
- Rebates of up to \$10,000 available

Ref:

<https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/carbon-farming-advice-rebate-program>



Sustainability Loan



- Loans for Queensland primary producer and fisher sustainability improvements
- Provide primary producers and commercial fishers in Queensland with finance to cover capital costs required to help them achieve a more productive and sustainable enterprise
- Loans of up to \$1.2 million
- Loan term is up to 20 years, and low interest rates are fixed for 1, 3 or 5 years

New round of funding available opens 1 July 2023

Ref:

<https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/sustainability-loan>



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Northern Territory



Home and Business Battery Scheme

- Eligible for homeowner, business and not-for-profit
- Buy and install batteries and inverters
- Grant of \$450 per kilowatt hour of useable battery system capacity to a maximum of \$6,000

Applications open

Ref:

<https://nt.gov.au/industry/business-grants-funding/home-and-business-battery-scheme>



Smarter Business Solutions



- Help to reduce day-to-day energy, water, waste and material costs
- Types of support include:
 - advice on current efficient technologies and practices
 - a walk-through site survey to identify potential savings opportunities
 - grants to encourage and support cost savings or initiatives:
 - i. up to 50% of the cost for efficiency improvements - maximum of \$20,000
 - ii. up to 20% for the installation of off-grid renewable energy systems - maximum of \$20,000
 - iii. up to 10% for the installation of on-grid renewable energy systems - maximum of \$10,000.*

Applications open

Ref:

<https://nt.gov.au/industry/business-grants-funding/smarter-business-solutions>



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Western Australia



Gnangara Horticulture Water Use Efficiency Grants



- Assist horticultural businesses in eligible areas with vouchers to engage professional irrigation consultants to help them improve water use efficiency on their farms
- Eligible for eligible commercial Western Australian horticultural businesses
- Up to \$30,000 per applicant available

Applications open

Ref:

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/horticulture/north-wanneroo-voucher-scheme>



Farm Water Supply Planning Scheme



- Rebates for WA broadacre farmers experiencing water shortages
- Receive a rebate to fund a comprehensive farm water audit process
- A farm water auditor will make a site inspection to help farmers develop a water supply plan which will identify ways to improve the sustainability of their on-farm water supplies
- Up to 50% of eligible costs up to \$1000

Applications ongoing

Ref:

<https://www.water.wa.gov.au/planning-for-the-future/rural-water-support/farm-water-supply-planning-scheme>



7.0

South Australia



Lead Educate Assist Promote (LEAP) Grants

Funding to drive a more resource efficient and circular economy

- Aimed at coordinated business groups, peak industry bodies or associations
- Focus on circular economy and sustainability principles such as waste avoidance and reduction; materials efficiency; circular supply chains; design for reuse, repair, or remanufacture; extended producer responsibility/product stewardship
- Funding of \$100,000 per applicant (max. \$50,000 per fiscal year)

Applications close on 19 May 2023

Ref:

<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding/leap-grants>



Assess Implement Monitor (AIM) Grant



- Subsidy for businesses and not-for-profit wanting to improve their sustainability
- Up to 50% of eligible costs to total \$15,000
 - Up to \$10,000 for assessment (co-contribution 2:1)
 - Up to \$5000 (co-contribution 1:1) to implement assessment recommendations
- Eligible expenditure: Materials efficiency assessments, resource efficiency assessments (energy, water, waste), lean production assessments, sustainable procurement review / assessments, research, design and business case development for implementation of circular economy principles and energy audits or assessment

Applications open until 20 March 2023

Ref:

<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding/aim-grants>



Incentives for Electric Vehicles SA



- Electric vehicle subsidy package for South Australian businesses and organisations
- For a vehicle to be eligible, it must be a new battery electric vehicle or hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle registered for the first time on or after 28 October 2021 and valued below a price cap of \$68,750
- Available for 7,000 new battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles
- \$3,000 subsidy and 3-year registration fee exemption

Applications open

Ref:

<https://www.treasury.sa.gov.au/Growing-South-Australia/incentives-for-electric-vehicles>



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Tasmania



AgriGrowth Loan Scheme



- Low interest loans to Tasmanian farm businesses and agri-food businesses
- Between \$100,000 to \$3 million to fund projects that could not have been otherwise financed
- Young Farmer Support Package (in conjunction with Loan Scheme)
 - Cost reductions
 - More flexible security and loan arrangements
 - Industry targeted dairy assistance

Applications open

Ref:

https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/grants_and_funding_opportunities/loans/agrigrowth



Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme



- Reduces cost of transporting eligible goods by sea between TAS and mainland Australia
- 3 categories: northbound, southbound and intrastate (King Island and the Furneaux Group)
- Expanded to include goods going to markets not previously covered by the Scheme and that are transhipped through a mainland port

Applications open

Ref:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/make-claim-for-tasmanian-freight-equalisation-scheme?context=23216>



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Australian Capital Territory



ActSmart Business

ActSmart Business Energy and Water Program

- Rebates of up to 50% (capped at \$5,000) for businesses wanting to upgrade to more water-efficient and energy-efficient technologies
- Lighting, appliances, heating or cooling, refrigeration, insulation, toilets and tapware

Applications ongoing

Ref:

[Business Energy and Water Program - Climate Choices \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/act-smart-business/energy-and-water-program)

ActSmart Business Recycling Program

- Free program assisting businesses in ACT to implement 10-step recycling program
- Accreditation as an Actsmart Business
- Free advice from recycling experts

Ref:

[Business Recycling Program - Climate Choices \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/act-smart-business/recycling-program)





We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and live and are committed to advancing reconciliation through our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan. We look optimistically towards a sustainable and inclusive future.

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