

Funding and Grants Opportunities Across Australia 2025

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Grant Opportunities



What's out there

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:

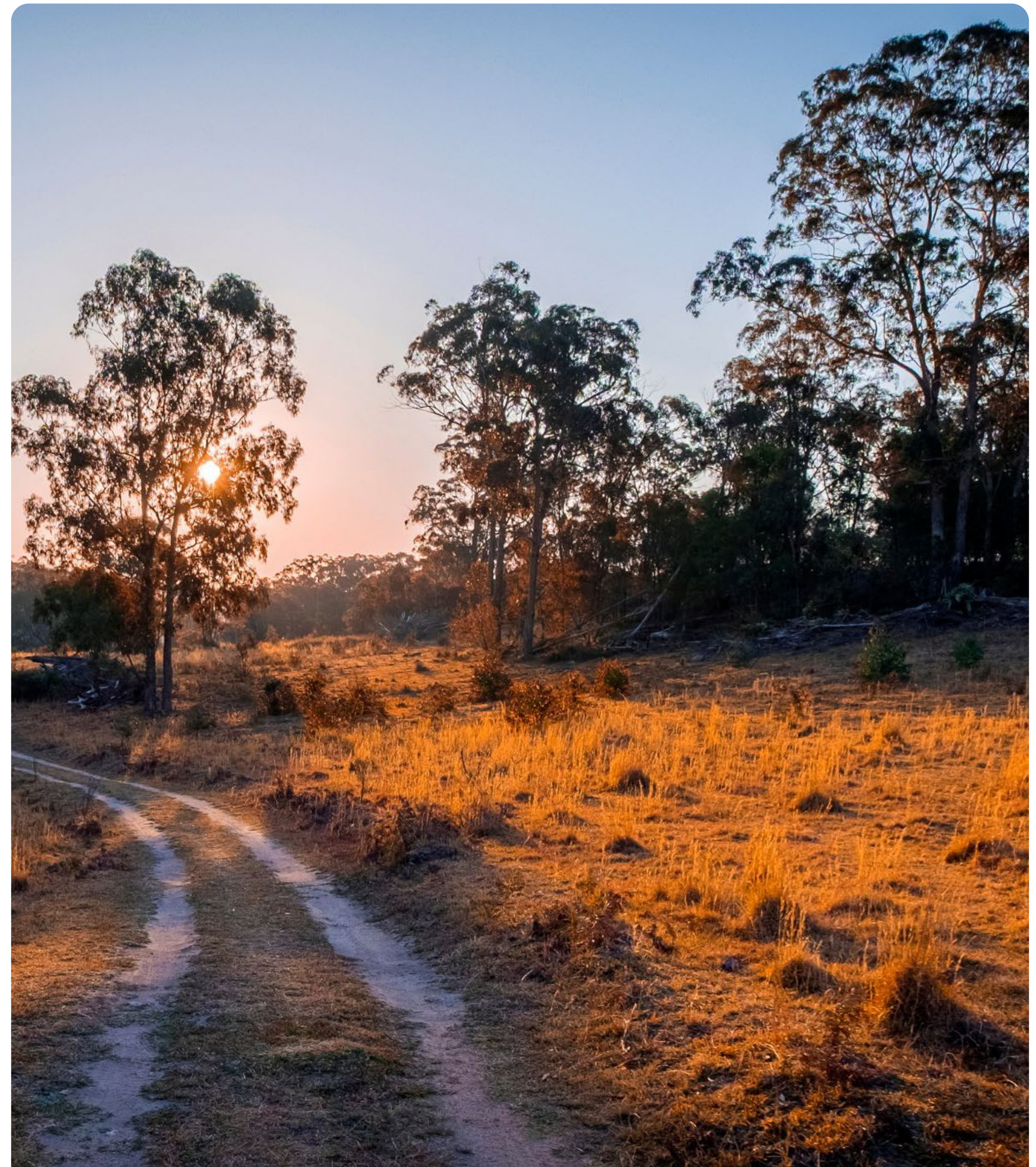
- Climate change, emissions & energy
- Waste & circular economy

Programs

- ACCU Scheme (previously Emissions Reduction Fund)
- Future Made in Australia
- Business.gov.au
- Australian Heritage Grant
- State programs

Organisations

- ARENA
- CEFC
- Regional Investment Corporation



Major Federal Funding Schemes



Future Made in Australia

[Future Made in Australia](#)

This plan aims to support Australia's transition to a net zero economy by laying the groundwork for a brighter future through strategic investments.

The Key Objectives of 'Future Made in Australia' are,

- Position Australia as a leader in renewable energy.
- Enhance the value of natural resources.
- Strengthen economic security.
- Foster local production and competitive new industries.
- Create jobs and opportunities nationwide.

The Government's \$22.7b package will be invested in the following key areas,

- Renewable energy
- Support investment in Australia
- Skill and train to build Australia's future workforce
- Industrial innovation and technology



Major Federal Funding Schemes

[Clean Energy Finance Corporation \(CEFC\)](#)

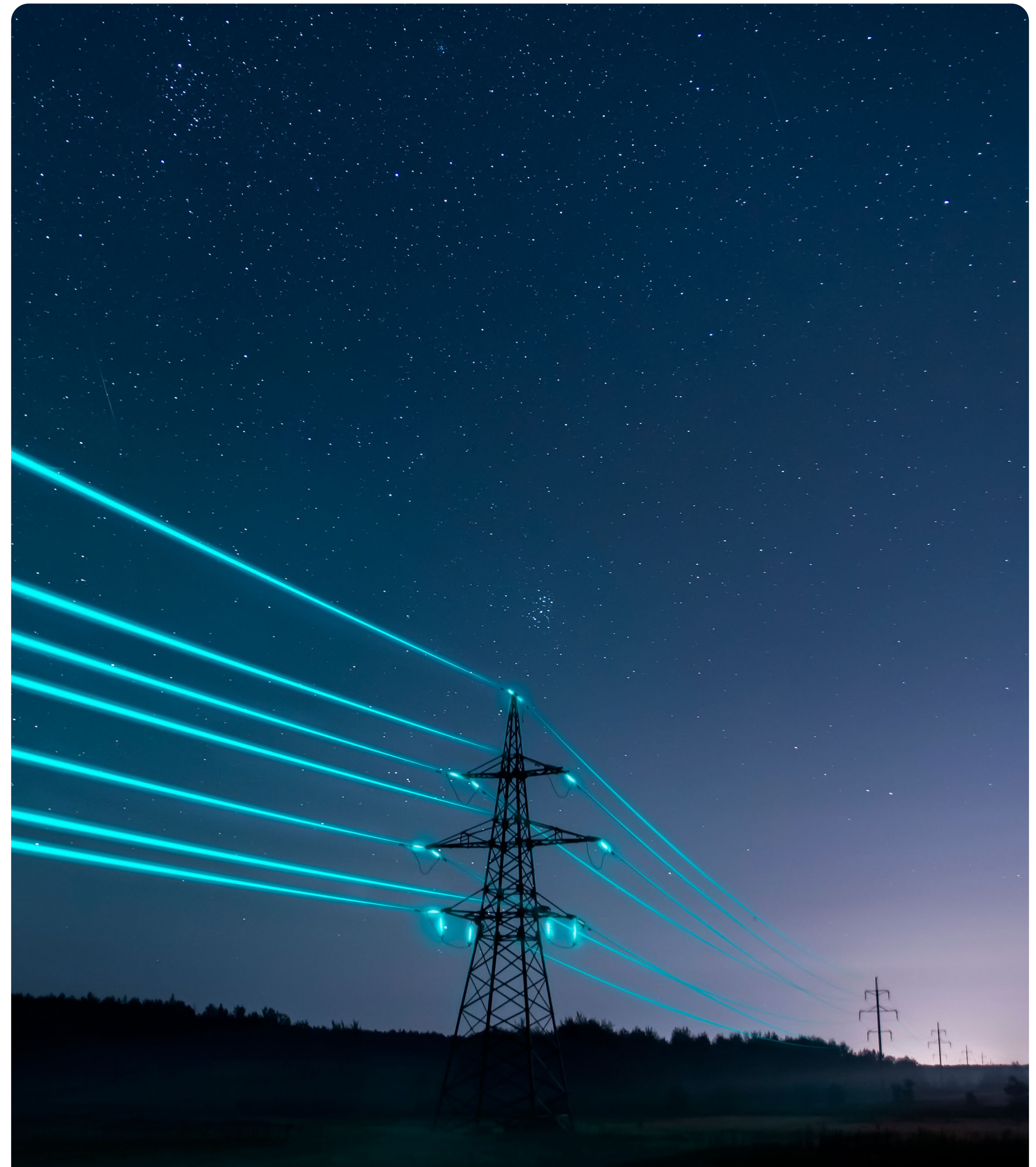
- \$19b Rewiring the Nation Fund (high voltage transmission, long duration grid storage, electricity distribution)
- \$1b Rewiring the National Special Account
- \$1b Household Energy Upgrades Fund
- \$500m Powering Aus Tech Fund

[Community Energy Upgrades Fund Program \(CEUF\) – R2](#)

- The \$100 million Community Energy Upgrades Fund (CEUF) is a targeted, competitive grant program that provides co-funding for energy upgrades at existing local government facilities. The program aims to help local governments make their facilities more energy efficient, cut their emissions and reduce their energy bills.
- Open from 4th of March and offer grants between \$25,000 and \$2.5m

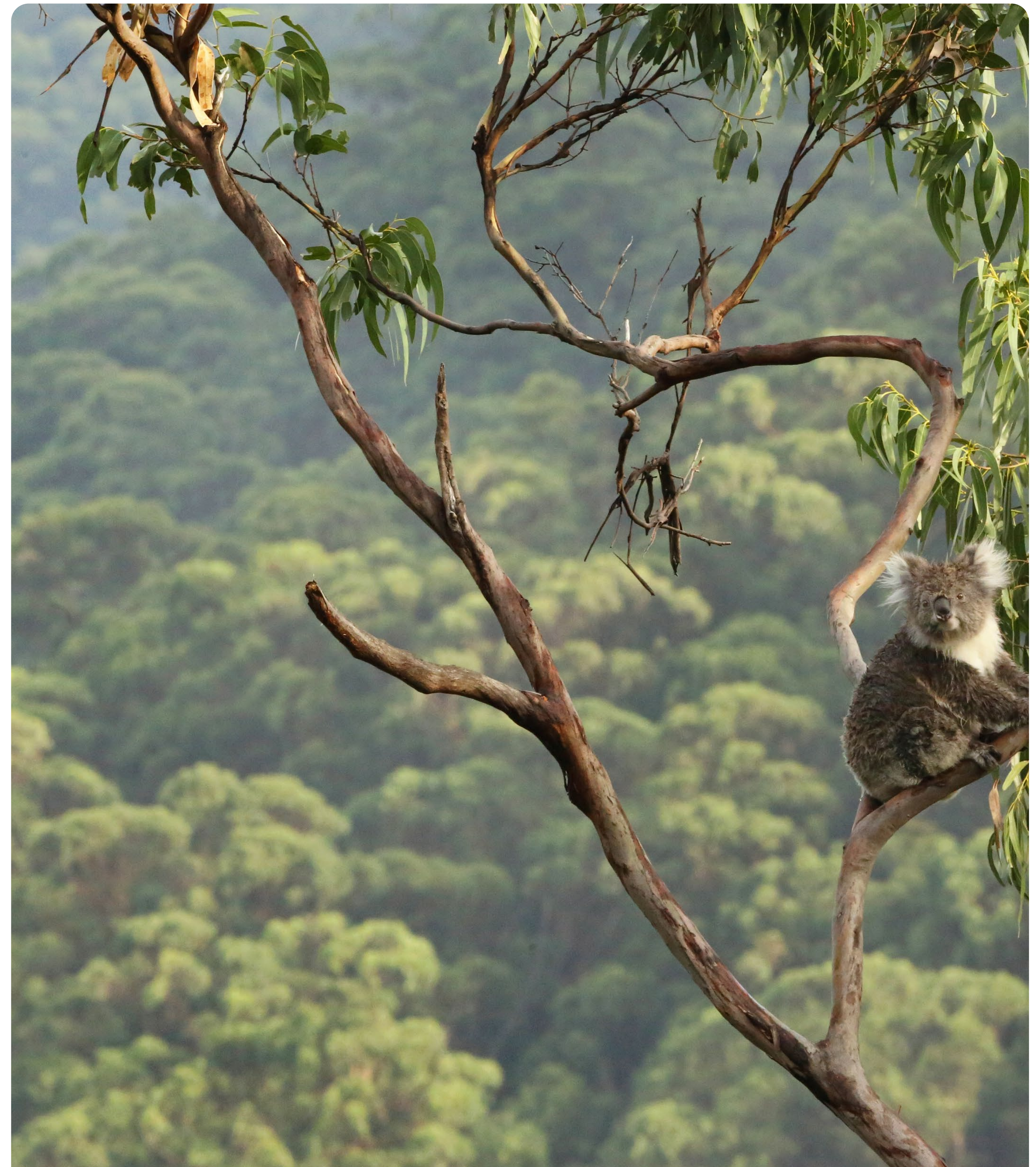
[Global Science & Technology Diplomacy Fund \(GSTDP\)](#)

- Grants from \$100,000 to \$1m available for Australian organisations collaborating on key areas of science and technology with priority partners.



ACCU Scheme

- Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme (ACCU) – formally ERF.
- Register and run a project to earn ACCUs for emissions avoidance or storage in vegetation and soil.
- 1 ACCU = 1 tonne of tCO₂-e GHG emissions stored or avoided.
- Sell ACCUs to purchasers incl. businesses and state governments through:
 - fixed commercial agreement or;
 - on the spot market at market price
- Linked to the Safeguard Mechanism, which requires Australia's largest GHG emitters to keep their net emissions below a baseline with a gradual yearly reduction to help Australia achieve net zero emissions by 2050.
- New methods available for 2025.



Major State Funding Schemes



Major State Funding Schemes Victoria

[Victorian Energy Upgrades \(VEU\)](#)

- 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 GHG savings associated with Prescribed Activities they undertake.

[Sustainability Fund](#)

- Current programs cover a range of portfolios e.g., renewable energy, protecting Vic's environment and biodiversity, recycling infrastructure and supporting new sectors with legislation and new policies.

[Environmental Upgrade Finance](#)

- Building owner borrows money for environmental building upgrades from a financier, makes repayments through the local council rates system.
- For businesses that A) own a building and require longer term financing with low monthly payments, B) don't own the property and have a long-term tenancy of their site.



Major State Funding Schemes

New South Wales

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).

Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (PDRS)

- Households and businesses receive discount on activities that reduce peak electricity demand through Accredited Certificate Provider (ACP).

Sustainability Advantage NSW

- Membership for access to expertise, training, business tools to identify and implement projects.
- Focus on projects integrating environmental strategies.



Major State Funding Schemes

New South Wales – *Continued*

[Bin Trim Rebate](#)

- Rebates of up to \$50,000 covering up to 50% of the capital cost of small-scale, on-site recycling equipment or technology.
- Eligible for businesses that have commercial and industrial (C&I) waste service at a site in NSW. Free waste assessment to determine eligibility.

[Building Upgrade Finance](#)

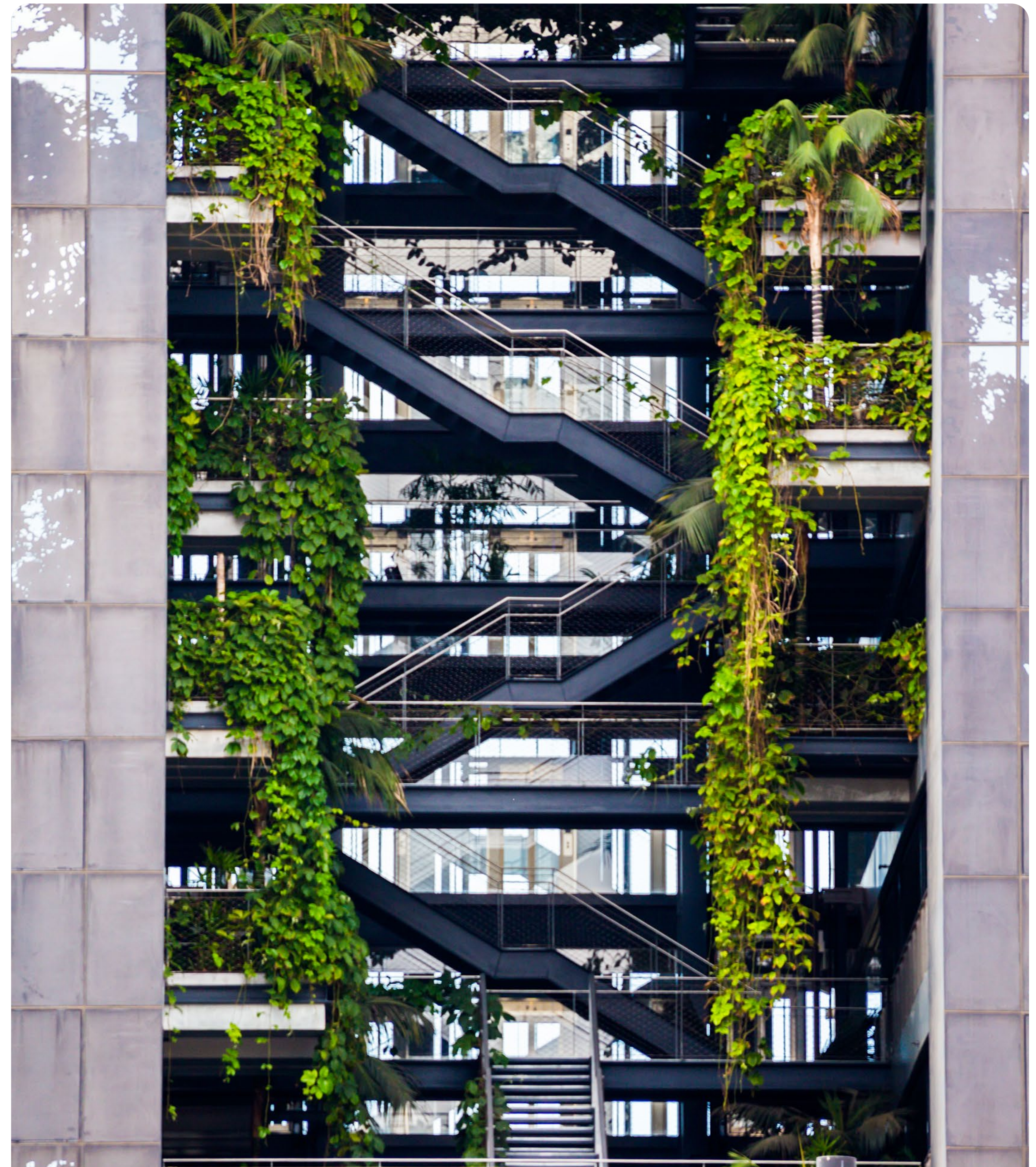
- Unique finance product designed to assist building owners with environmental upgrades to non-residential buildings (e.g. improve energy, water or sustainability).
- Building must be an existing, non-residential building, located in a participating council area.

[Net Zero Planning Grant](#)

- The NSW Government has committed \$22m to assist businesses in their decarbonisation transition.

[High-emitting industries funding](#)

- \$305m grant funding to help these sectors significantly reduce their emissions and strengthen their resilience into the future.
- Support to develop and deploy decarbonisation projects, from feasibility studies through to commissioning for manufacturing or mining facilities emitting more than 0.09 MtCO₂e per year.



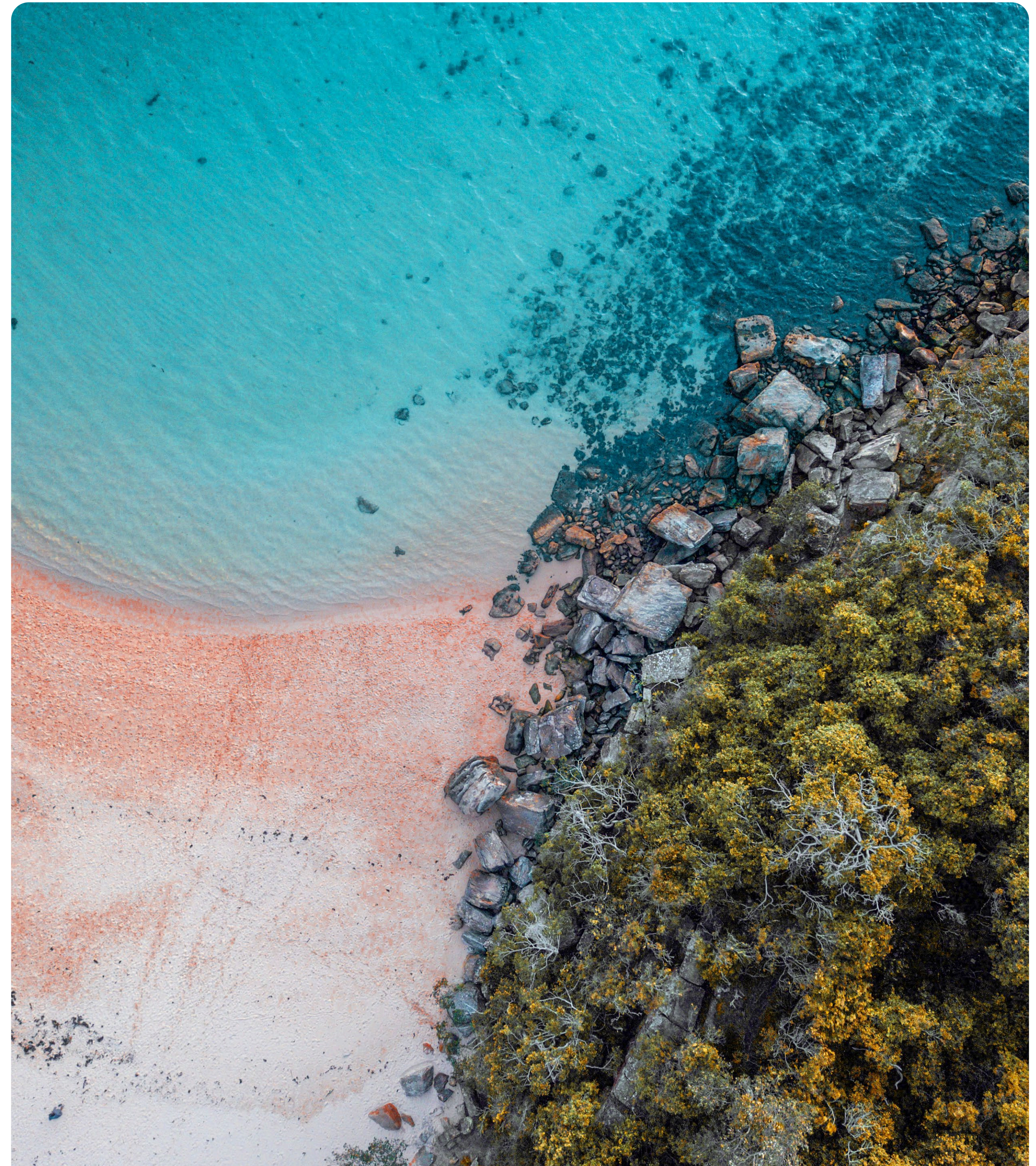
Major State Funding Schemes Queensland

[Ecobiz](#)

- Businesses register for a free assessment on energy, water and waste.
- One-on-one coaching session for personalised recommendations on practical and tangible solutions to better manage energy, water and waste.

[Sustainability Loan](#)

- Support to invest in latest infrastructure for farming businesses including activities to improve farming system sustainability, natural resource sustainability and financial sustainability.
- New round of funding available opens 1 July 25.



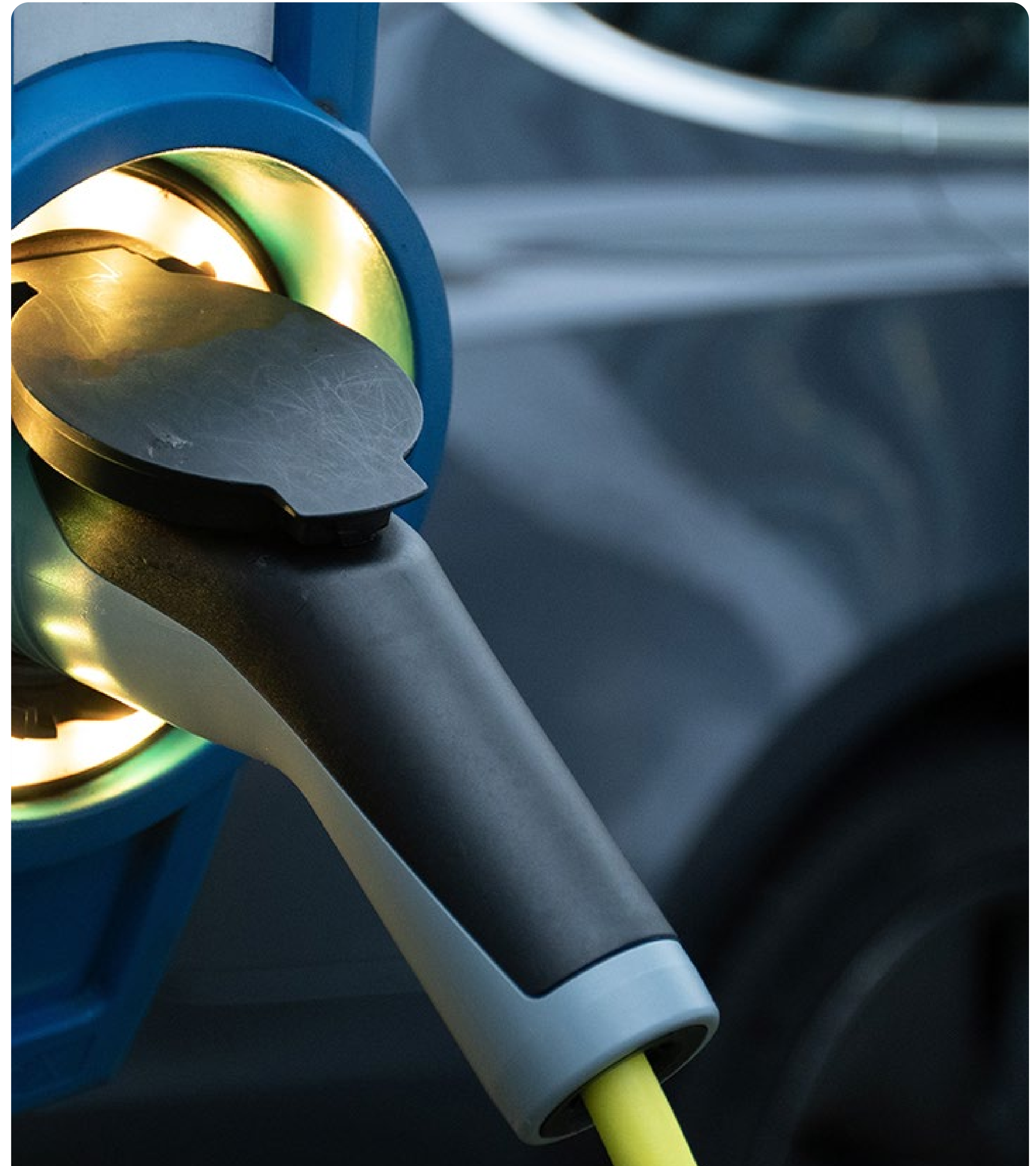
Major State Funding Schemes Western Australia

[Zero Emission Vehicle \(ZEV\) Rebate Scheme](#)

- Provides a \$3,500 rebate for purchase of zero emission vehicles.
- Available for 10,000 eligible vehicles, or for 3 years (Saturday 10 May 2025), whichever comes first.

[Carbon Innovation Grants Program](#)

- Supporting WA heavy industries to transition to net zero carbon emissions.
- The purpose of the program is to build the capacity of heavy industry sectors to transition to net zero emissions by 2050, in line with government targets.
- Grant Round 2 will close at 5pm (Australian Western Standard Time) on Wednesday **12 March 2025**.



Major State Funding Schemes South Australia

Building Upgrade Finance

- Unique finance product designed to assist building owners with environmental upgrades to non-residential buildings (e.g. improve energy, water or sustainability).
- Building must be an existing, non-residential building, located in a participating council area.

Incentives for Electric Vehicles SA

- 3-year registration fee exemption for new battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

Assess-Implement-Monitor (AIM) Grants

- Up to \$10,000 for experts to assess/report on practice and sustainability improvement opportunities.
- Funds offered as co-contribution of 2:1 (GISA:Applicant), or 1:1 for energy-only assessments.
 - \$5000 available on 1:1 basis to implement recommendations.



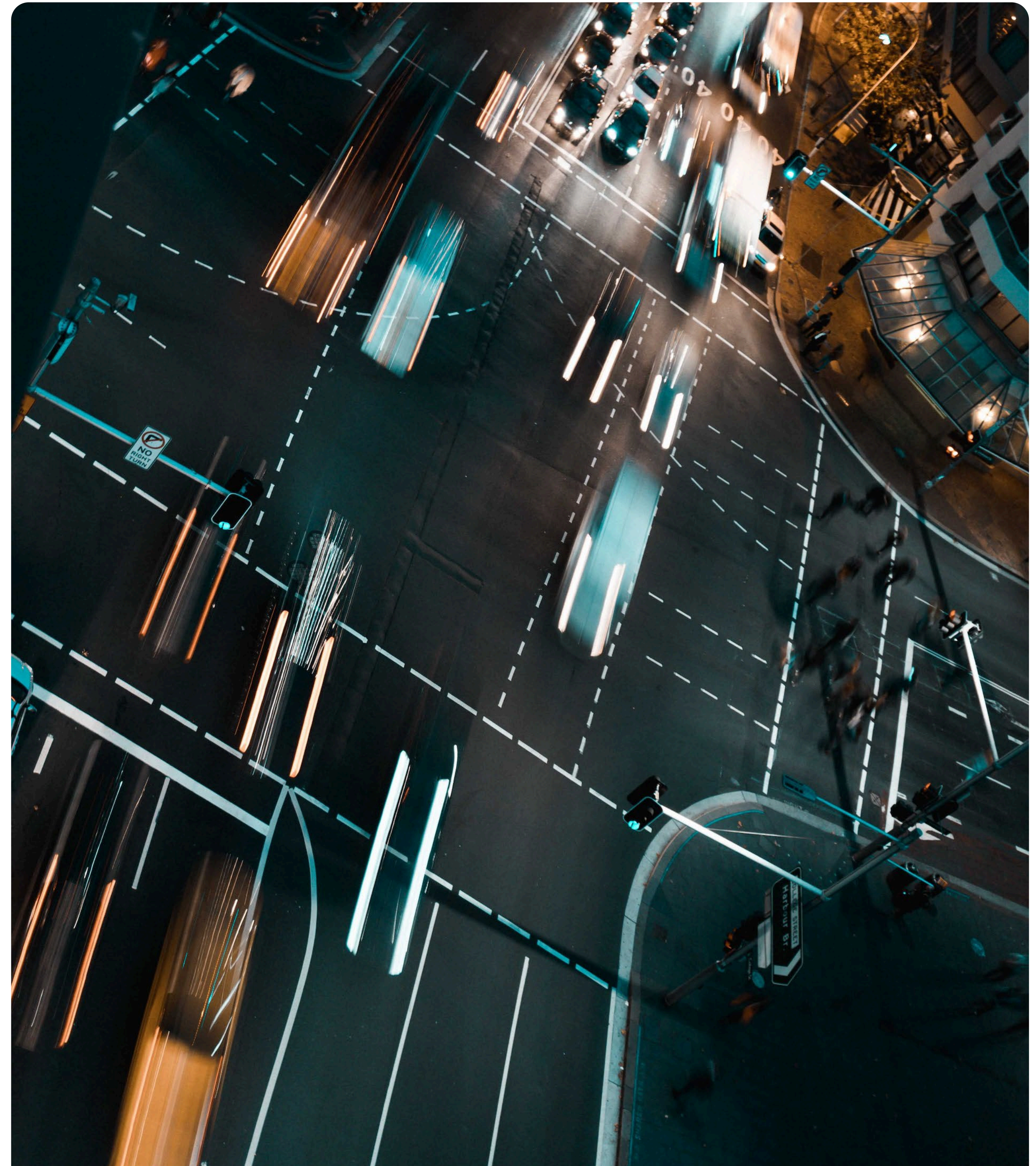
Major State Funding Schemes ACT

[Sustainable Business Program ACT](#)

- The Sustainable Business Program provides support across four action areas; energy, transport, waste and water.
 - **Energy** - max energy efficiency upgrade rebates \$10,000
 - **Water** – max energy and water efficiency upgrades \$10,000
 - **Transport** - admin and procurement advice, EV purchasing solutions (up to \$3,000) for an EV Charger

[Energy Innovation Fund](#)

- Formally “Renewable Energy Innovation Fund”.
- Additional \$19 million was committed to the Fund to develop innovative, emerging energy technologies and solutions to support the net-zero transformation.
- Includes Technology Demonstration & Innovation Ecosystem Grants.
- This year’s assessment deadline is **30 April 2025**.



Major State Funding Schemes Northern Territory

[Home and Business Battery Scheme](#)

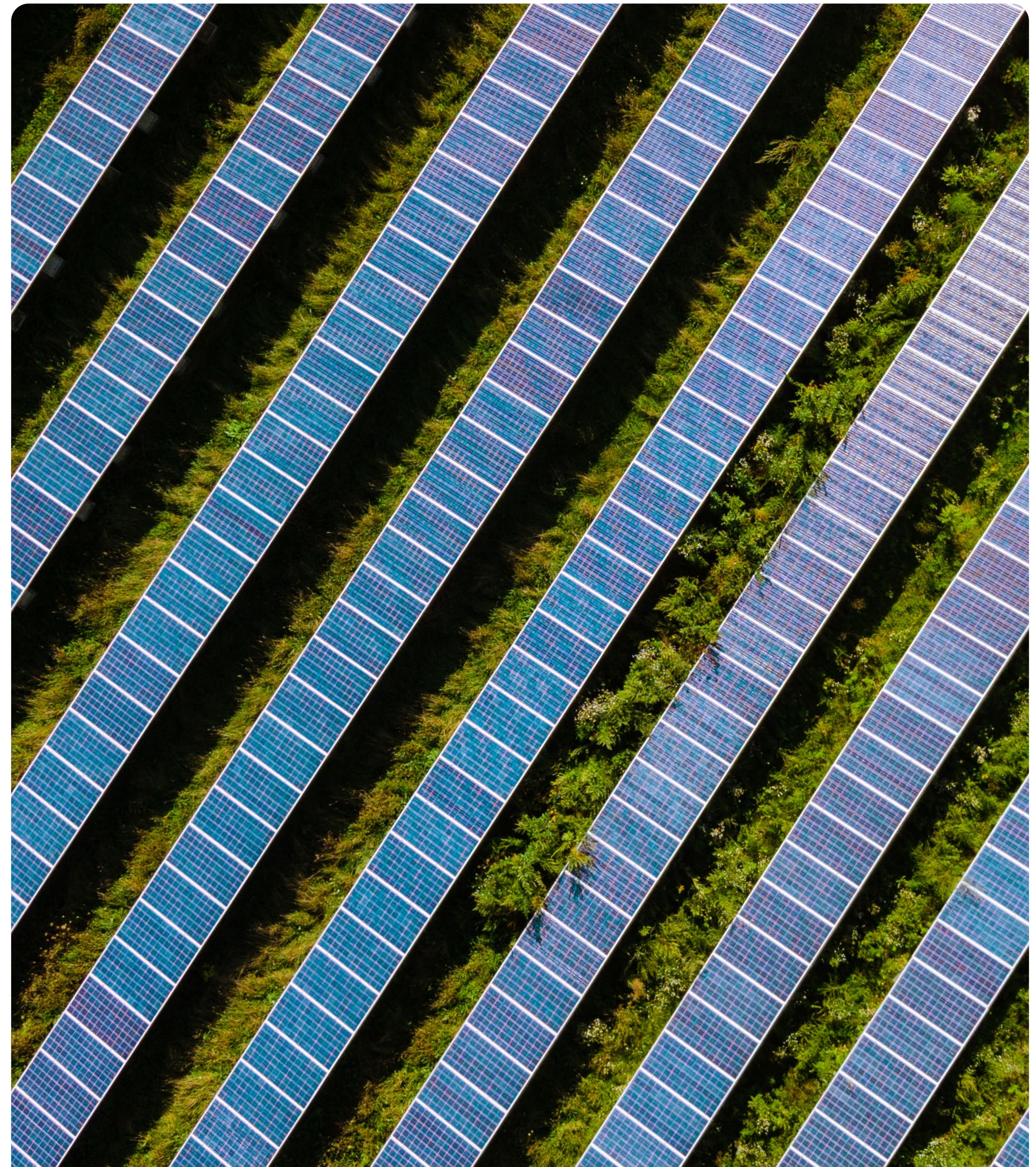
- Homeowner, business or a not-for-profit orgs, grant to buy and install batteries and inverters.
- Grant of \$400 per kilowatt hour of useable battery system capacity, up to a maximum grant of \$12,000.

[Solar for Multi Dwellings Grant Scheme](#)

- Funded by the Australian Government through its Community Solar Banks Program
- Grants up to \$7,500 to cover up to 50% of installation costs of,
 - Shared solar PV system, Solar sharing technology, Battery storage systems, Smart meters

[Sustainable Business Solutions Grant Program \(SuBS\)](#)

- Fund NT businesses to buy and invest in technologies that reduce waste.
- Grants can range between \$1,000 to \$20,000.
- Applications close on 30 June 2025 or sooner if funding is exhausted.



Major State Funding Schemes

Tasmania

[AgriGrowth Loan Scheme](#)

- Provide loans from \$100,000 to \$3m for projects otherwise unable to be financed under normal banking arrangements.
- Tasmanian Farm Business (agriculture, horticulture, pastoral, apiculture, or aquaculture) or an Agri-food Business (transform, package or otherwise value-add to primary products).

[Business Energy Efficiency Scheme \(BEES\)](#)

Supports electricity customers with annual consumption of more than 150MWh to invest in energy efficiency, and electrification opportunities.

- Support for up to \$50 million in value of loans and will operate for up to three years, dependent on uptake of the scheme.
- Eligible applicants will take out a commercial loan with a lender of their choice to undertake an approved energy efficiency investment.
- Program Closes 6 April 2026

[Advanced Manufacturing Productivity Grant Program 2024-25](#)

- Funding of \$450,000 is available to Tasmanian-based advanced manufacturing enterprises to undertake a variety of productivity enhancing activities such as obtaining accreditations expert advice and developing staff and business skills.



Questions?



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