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NEW LAWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FUNDING FOR BUSINESS IN 2025

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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WEBINAR GUIDANCE AND WELCOME

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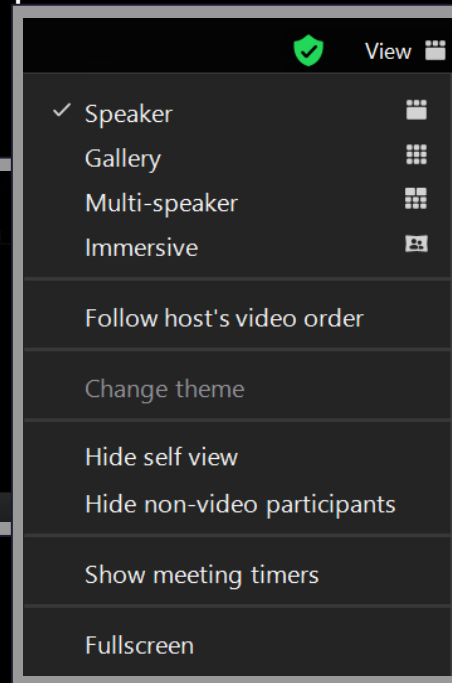
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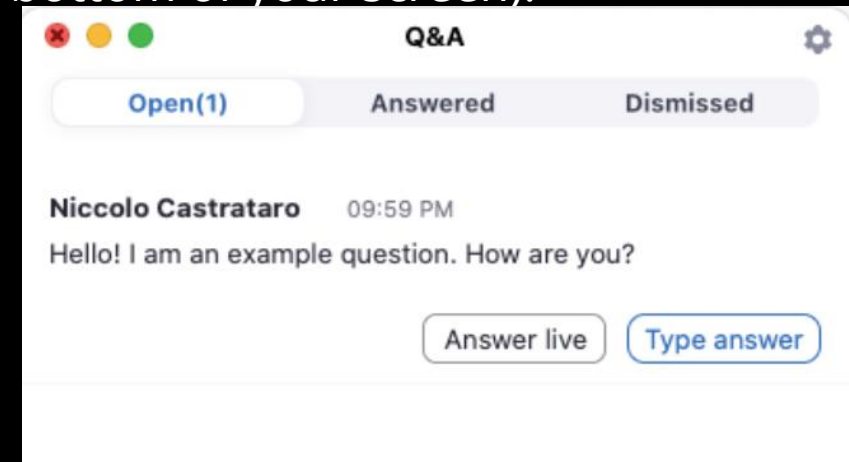


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NEW MANDATORY CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LAWS | UPDATE ON ESG REGULATIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND ABROAD | TURNING YOUR CLIMATE AND NET ZERO STRATEGY INTO TRANSITION PLAN

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***ISSUES ARISING IN 2025:* SAFEGUARD MECHANISM UPDATES AND DEADLINES | MARKET INTERACTIONS/ACCU SCHEME | EMERGING MARKETS | THE NEW GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN LEGISLATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BUSINESSES**

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Australian Government
Clean Energy Regulator

Climate policies in 2025

Jane Wardlaw
General Manager
Scheme Operations Division

March 2025

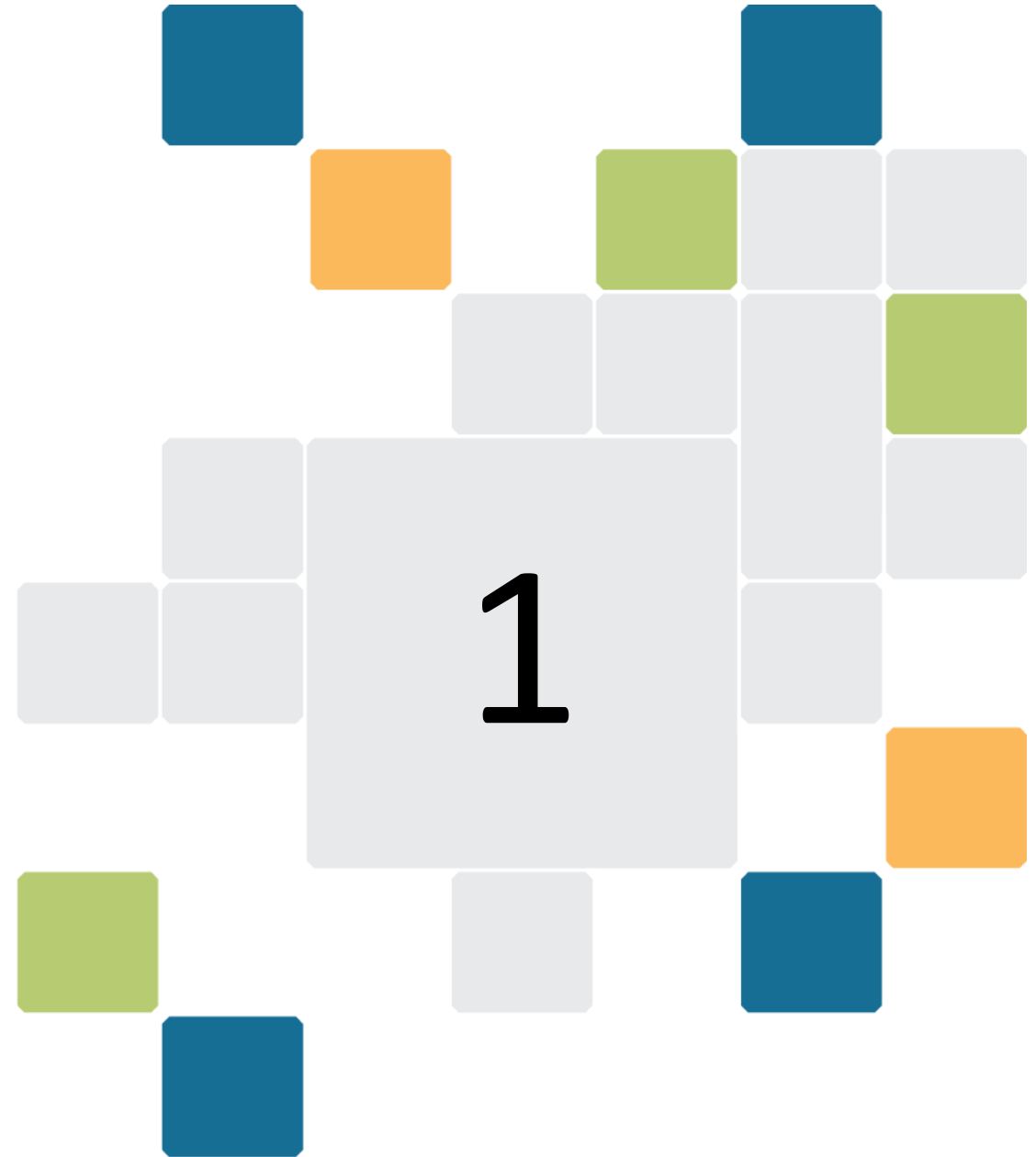


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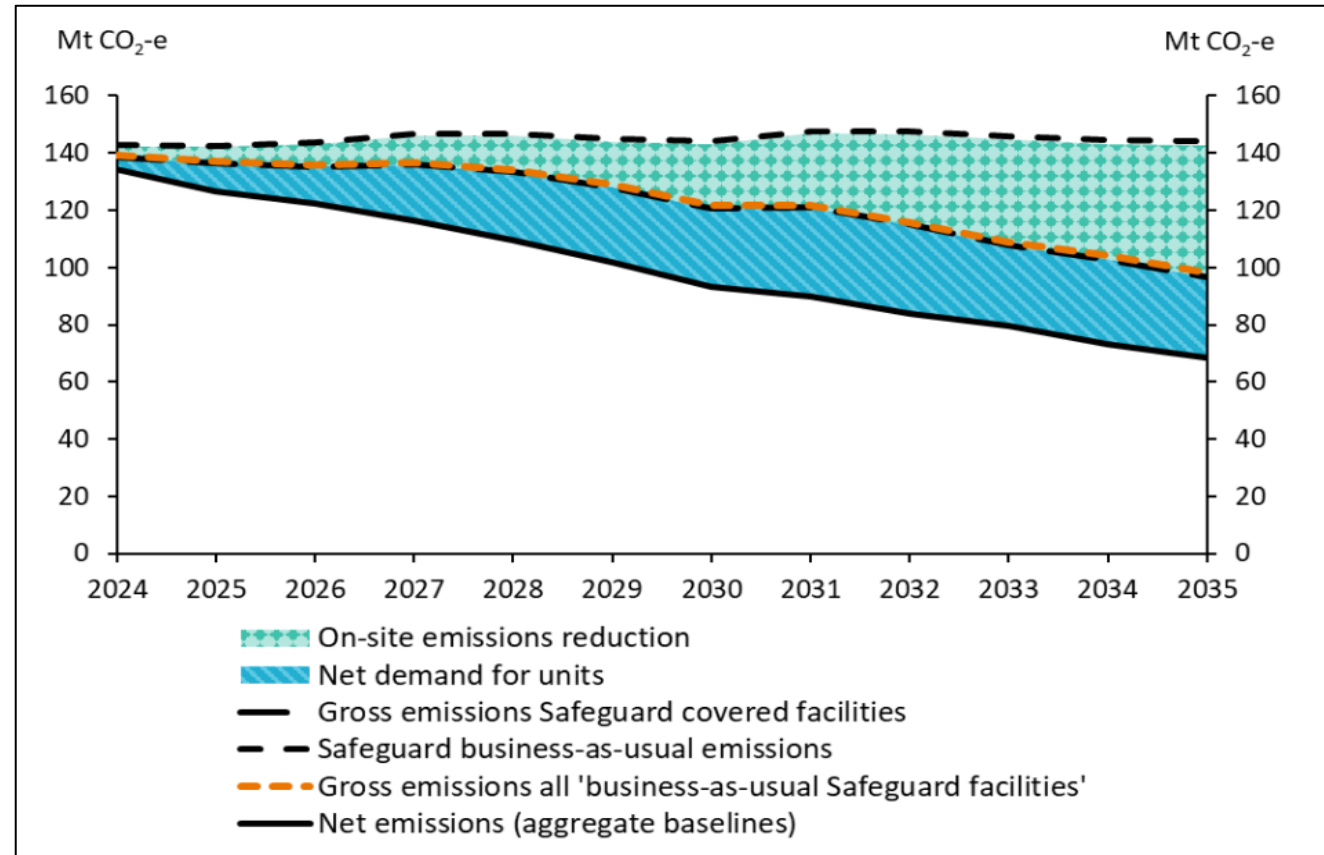
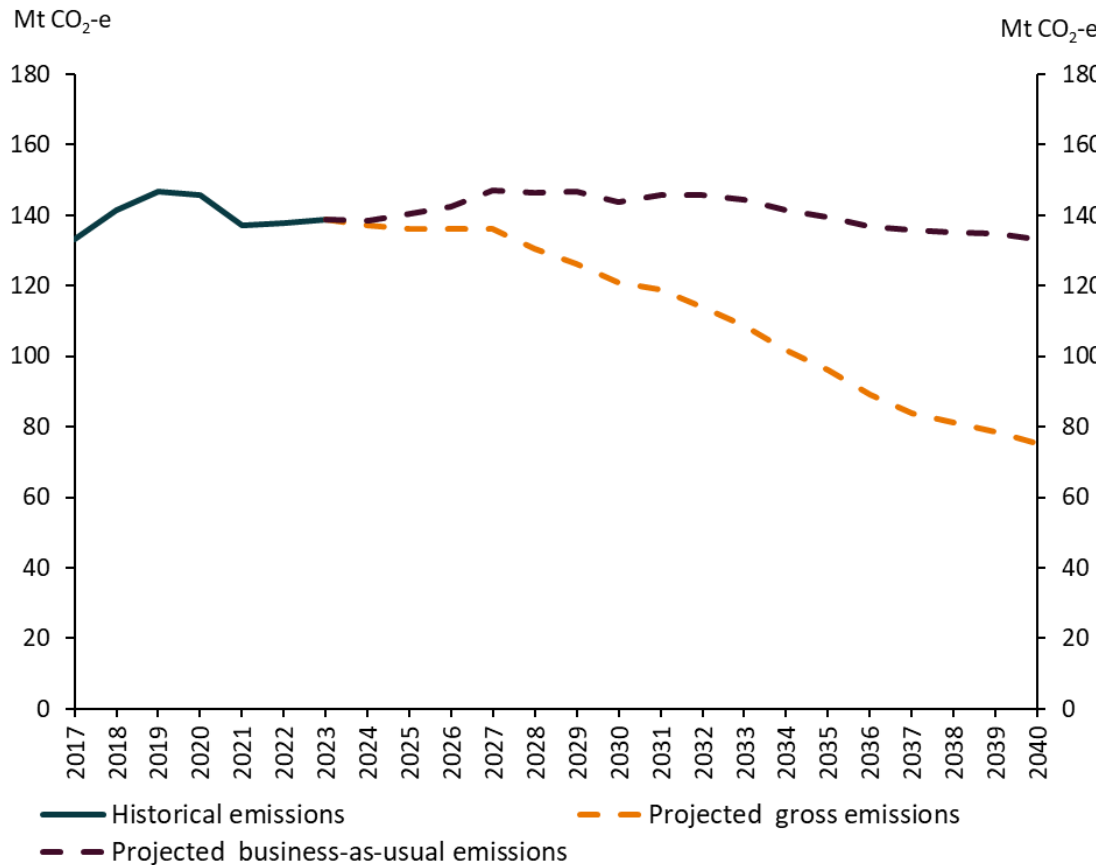
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- 2 Market interactions/ACCU Scheme
- 3 Emerging markets
- 4 Questions



Safeguard Mechanism update



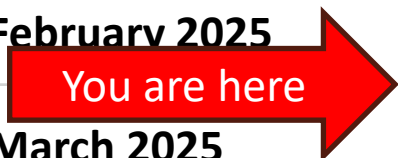
Australia's commitment to the 2030 43% emissions reduction is a legislated international commitment



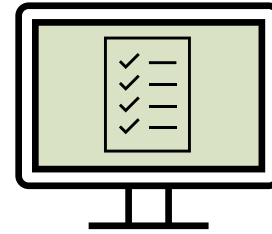
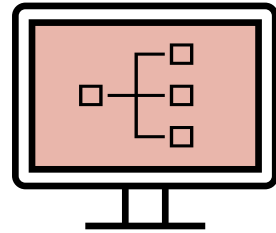
Sources: DCCEEW

Key dates under the reformed Safeguard Mechanism

Complete by	Activity
31 October 2024	Deadline to submit 2023-24 National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) reports , including 2023-24 Safeguard production data . Deadline to submit 2023-24 Trade-exposed baseline assessment (TEBA) applications . Deadline to submit 2023-24 exemption applications .
15 November 2024	Deadline to submit 2023-24 multi-year monitoring period (MYMP) applications .
30 January 2025	Latest date for Safeguard Mechanism credit (SMC) applications , to be issued SMCs as close to 31 January 2025 as is reasonably practicable.
28 February 2025	Deadline to submit 2023-24 borrowing applications .
31 March 2025	Deadline to surrender ACCUs or SMCs to avoid excess emissions by 1 April 2025 .
15 April 2025	Deadline for the CER to publish 2023-24 Safeguard data.



Surrender ACCUs and SMCs



**Responsible emitter
submits form in
Online Services**

**CER initiates
transactions in ANREU**

**Authorised
representatives
complete surrender**

**Position statement
updated in Online
Services**

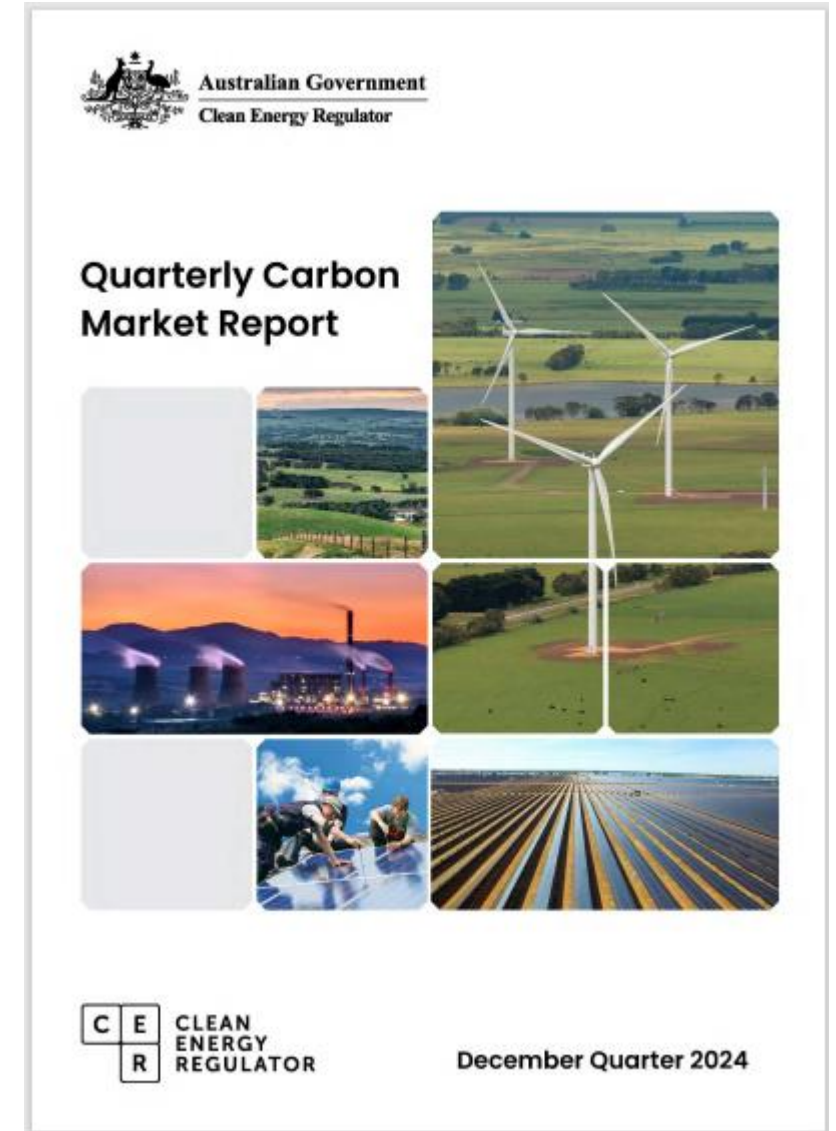
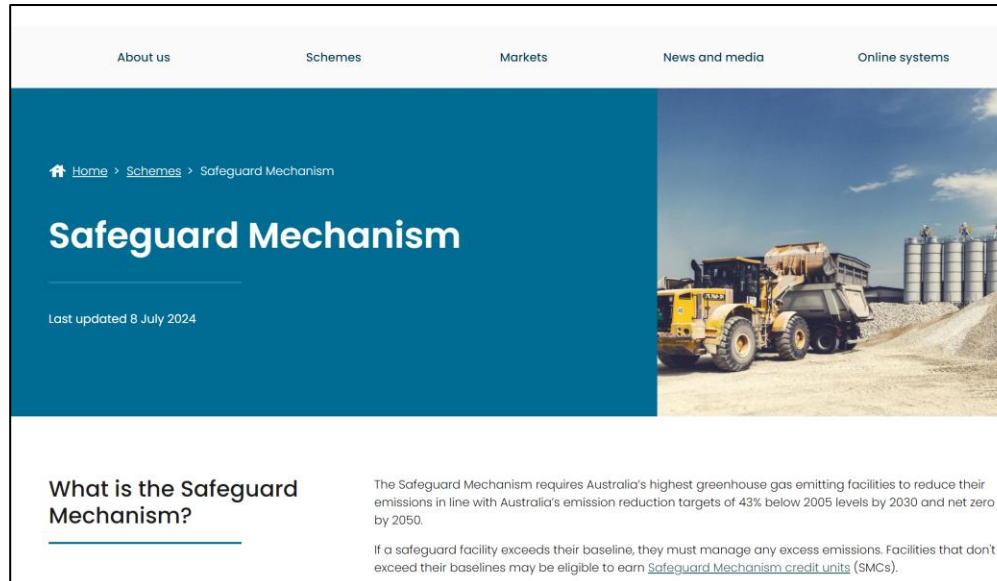
Communication, engagement and transparency are key aspects of implementation

Transparency is key

- Annual publication of Safeguard data:
 - facility-level compliance outcomes
 - aggregate scheme performance

Compliance and enforcement priority

- focus on accuracy of data and management of excess emissions

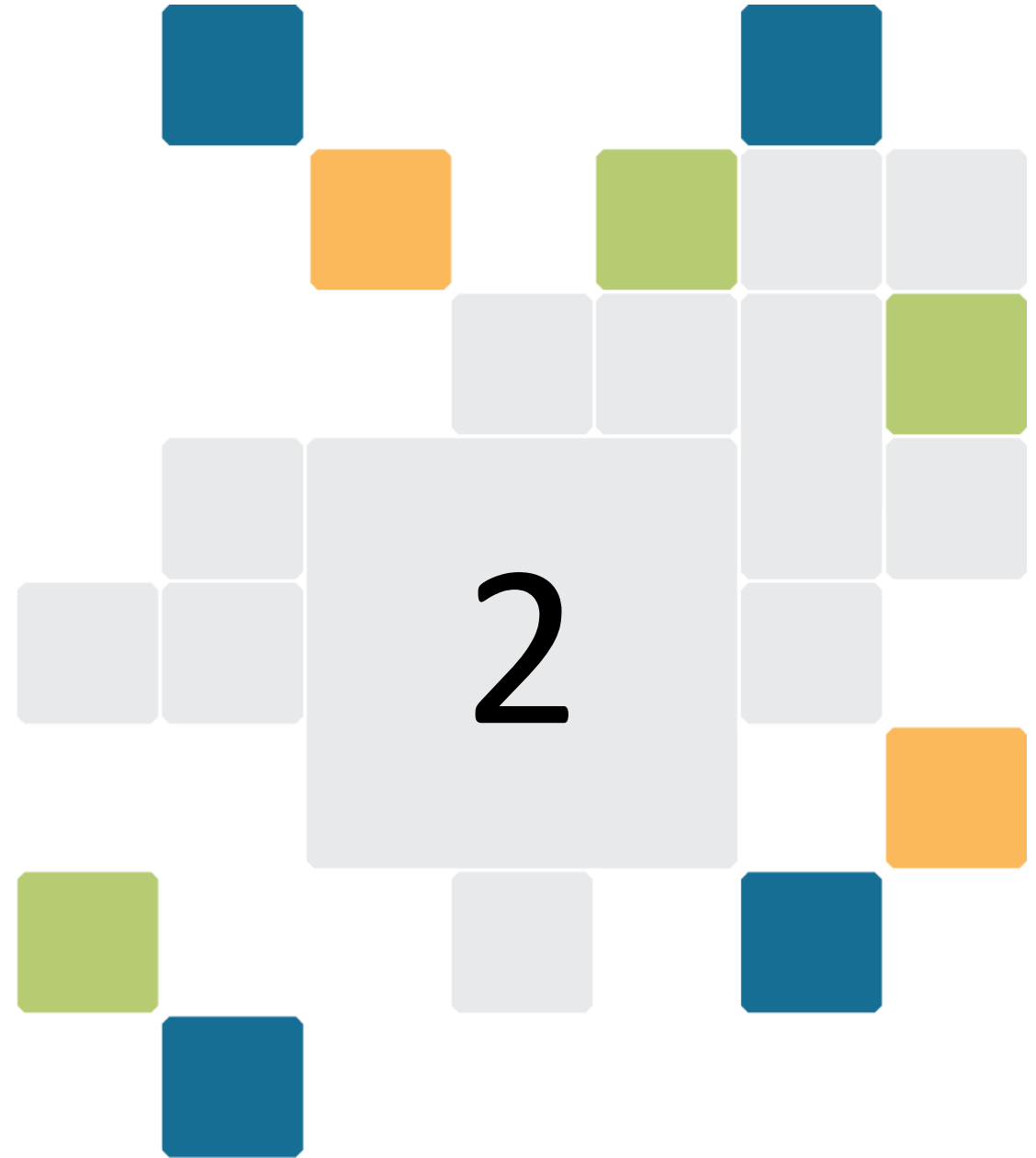


Emissions reduction will be key to meeting Safeguard obligations

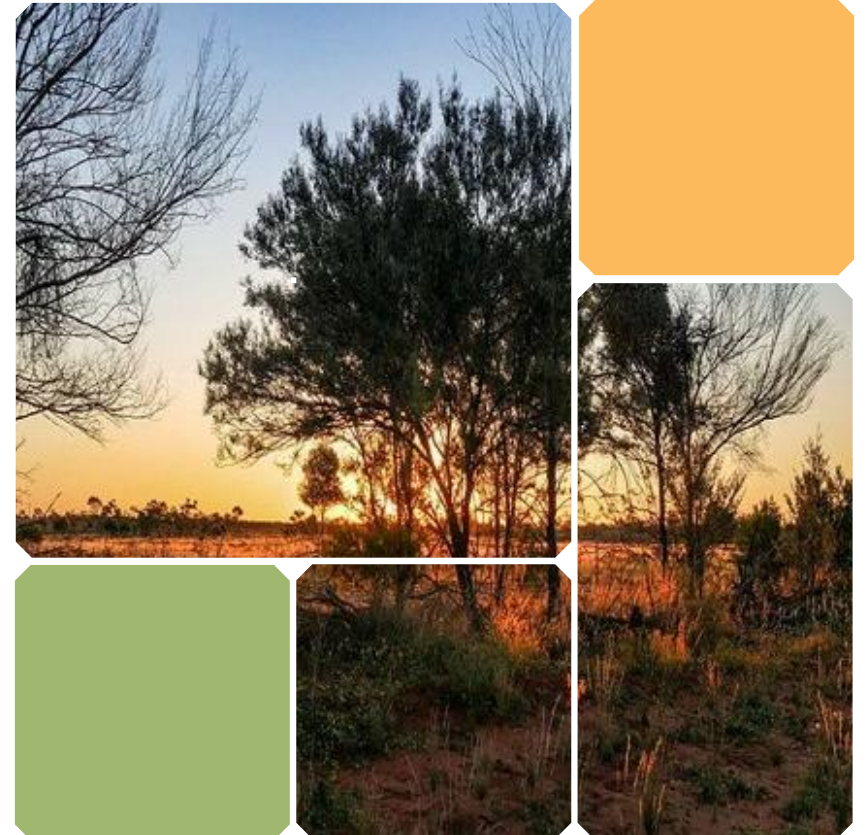
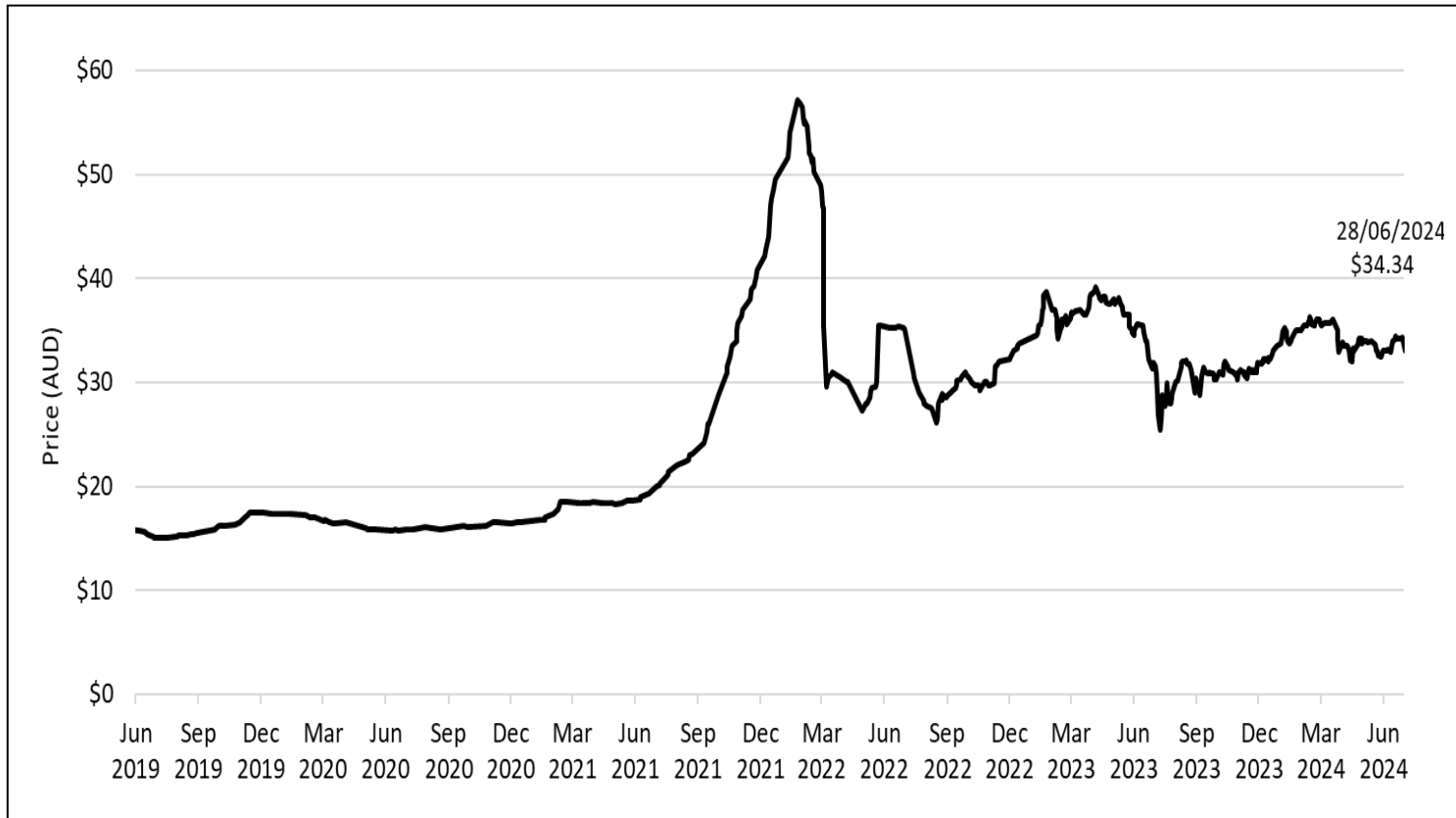
- Emissions reduction is a key strategic issue.
- Business improvements and efficiencies are a critical starting point but will not be enough in the longer term.
- Early action on transformational emissions reductions strategies is equally important.



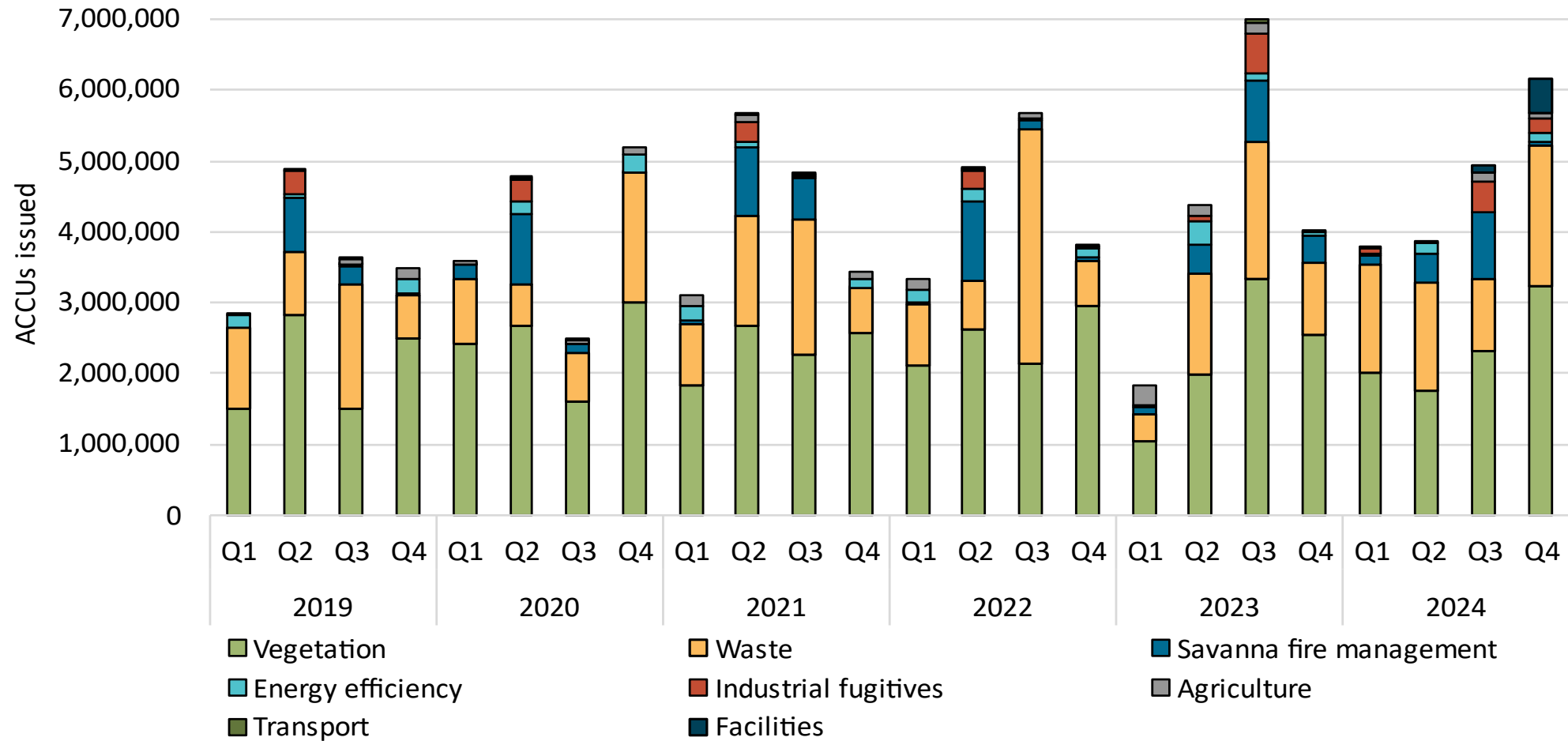
Market Interactions/ACCU Scheme



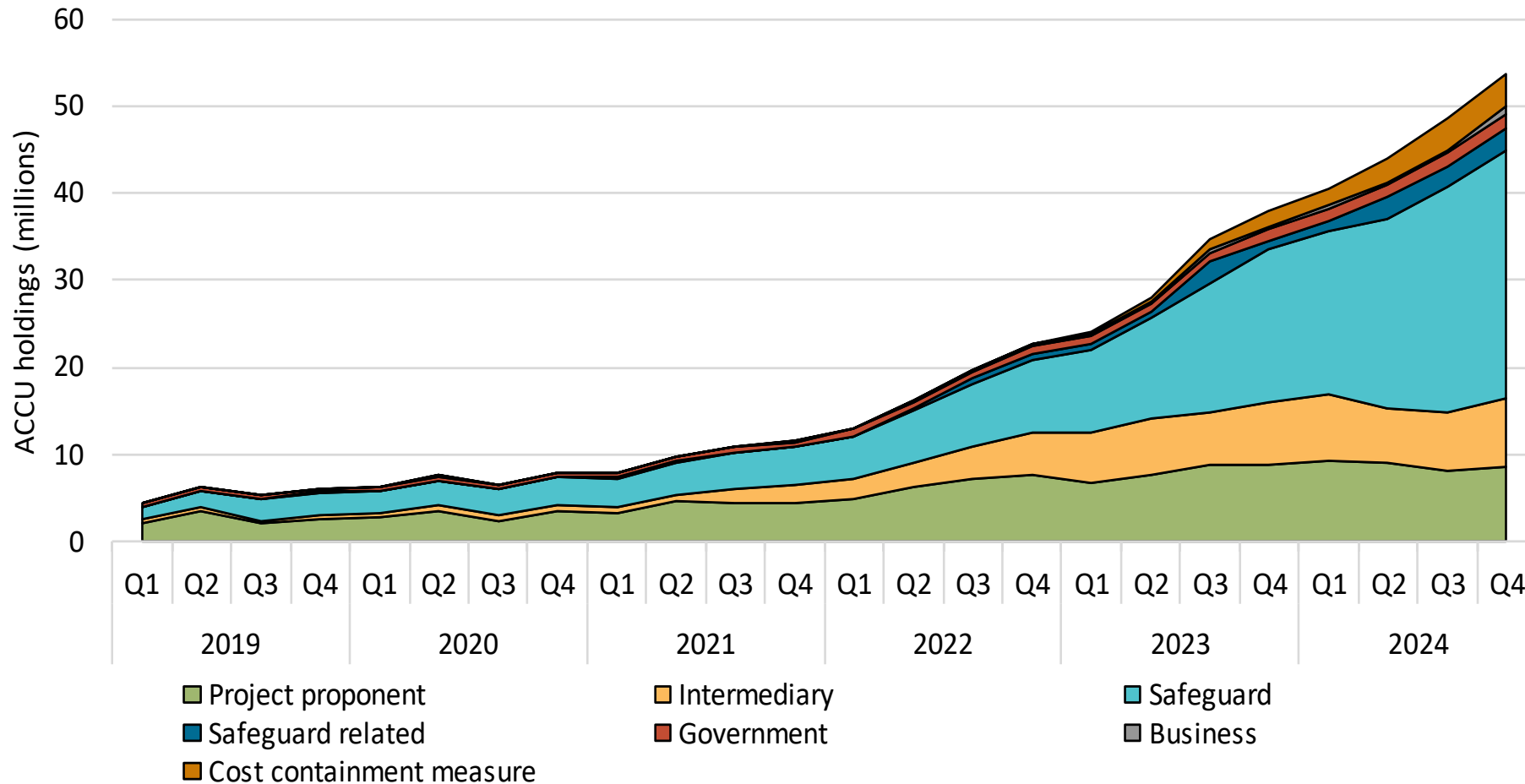
Safeguard facilities will play a pivotal role in the integrity of the ACCU Scheme



Record ACCU issuance in 2024



ACCU holdings increased to 49.9 million at the end of Q4 2024



You can have confidence in the integrity of ACCUs

ACCU Review (Dec '22)

ACCU Scheme arrangements are sound.

Climate Change Authority's Review (Dec '23)

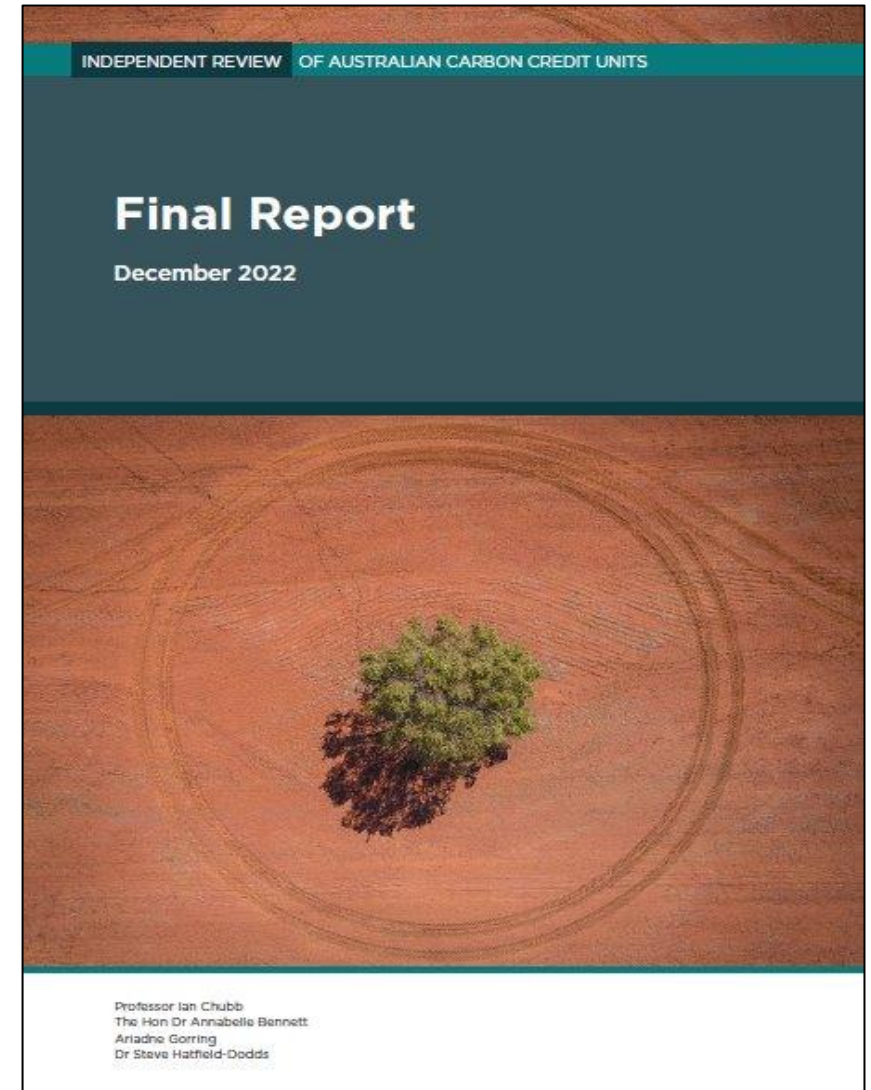
ACCU Scheme is fundamentally well designed.

ANAO Performance Audit Report (April '24)

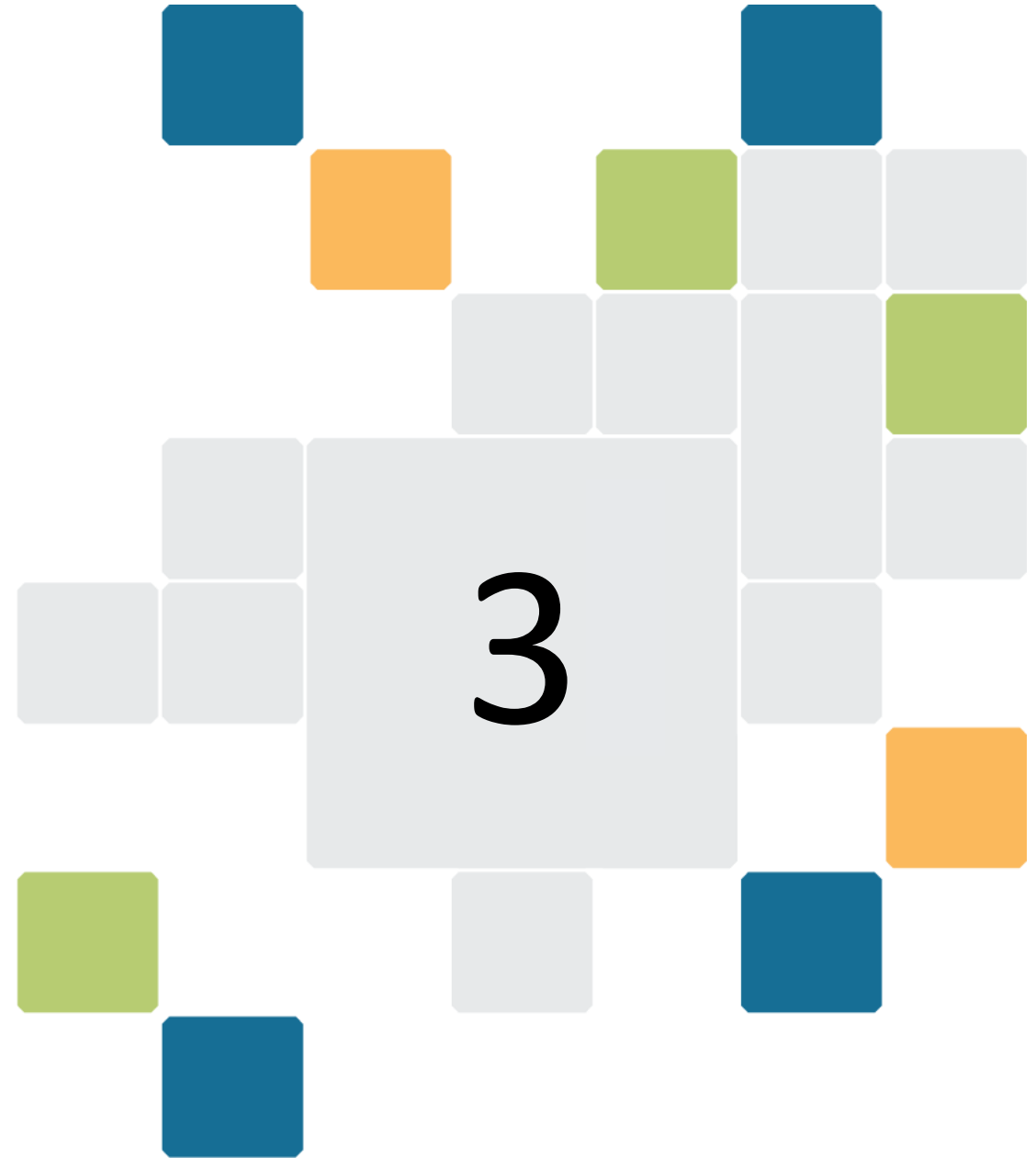
The CER's administration of the ACCU Scheme is effective and ANAO made no recommendations to CER.

Method-specific papers on risk management (Feb '25)

Human-induced regeneration method – managing project risk to deliver carbon abatement for Australia



Emerging markets



Nature Repair Market

- Legislated, national, voluntary biodiversity market
- Incentivises actions to restore and protect the environment
- Encourages practices that deliver improved biodiversity outcomes
- Establishes marketplace to undertake projects to generate tradable certificates



Guarantee of Origin

Establishes a national certification mechanism to track and verify emissions and renewable-electricity generation

Australian businesses will be able to create:

- Product GO (PGO) certificates and
- Renewable Electricity GO (REGO) certificates

Supports development of markets and international trade

Consultation on Exposure Draft of GO Rules open now:

<https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/tranche-1-exposure-draft-guarantee-of-origin-rules>





Thank you

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***RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR CORPORATES: NAVIGATING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION:
THE CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES FOR CORPORATES***

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COMMONWEALTH, QLD, WA, NT, TAS –

A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE CHANGES IN 2025 INCLUDING RECENT TRENDS IN PROSECUTIONS

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VICTORIA –

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CHANGES IN 2025 | INITIATIVES FOR BUSINESSES WITH OPERATIONS IN VICTORIA AND EPA VICTORIA'S EXPECTATIONS OF VICTORIAN BUSINESSES

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A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS IN VICTORIA | TRENDS IN ENFORCEMENT IN VICTORIA...

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NEW SOUTH WALES –

NSW CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2023-26 | PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION | CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION PLANS AND BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA –

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMPLIANCE CHANGES FOR 2025 – WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW

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FUNDING AND GRANTS FROM ACROSS AUSTRALIA FOR BUSINESSES

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