



Federal, State and Territory Energy Efficiency Initiatives

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Federal	Solar Hot Water Rebate	Rebate Part of Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme	Homeowners, landlords, tenants (TBC) Not means tested. Must be to replace an electric storage system	Solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 RECs	New scheme replaced the Solar Hot Water Rebate Program. Commenced 20 th February 2010	\$1000 for solar water heaters \$600 for heat pumps	Rebate to be obtained directly through Medicare system – TBC Transitional arrangements in place – refer to website. Hotline: 1800 808 571	Click here
	Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters - now ceased	Rebate was Part of \$3.9b Energy Efficient Homes Package	Landlords, tenants	Ceiling insulation	Program ceased 19 February 2010	N/A	Hotline: 1800 808 571	Click here
	Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)	Market price paid for REC as part of renewable energy target.	1 REC equal to 1MWh of renewable energy generated or deemed to have been generated	Solar hot water and heat pump system	Commenced 2001	N/A	Expanded renewable energy target (RET) commenced 1 January 2010.	Click here
	Early Action Energy Efficiency Strategy for Businesses	Part of \$1.97b Climate Change Action Fund.	Eligible businesses – businesses that meet a set energy cost threshold or businesses that are large energy users that trip NGRS threshold but not eligible for EITE or ESAS assistance. Community service organisations.	Energy Audit, energy efficiency measures	Was due to commence July 2009 for 7 years if CPRS legislated. Introduction - TBA	Funding for energy efficiency measures.	Introduced as part of CPRS. Businesses that participate in the Energy Efficiency Opportunities measure not able to use funding to cover cost of energy audit.	Click here

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	Small Business Capital Allowance	Part of \$1.97b Climate Change Action Fund.	Small business	Energy efficiency equipment that meets criteria including -energy efficient hot water systems, insulation, efficient lighting, motors and drives, combined heat and power equipment, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration.	Was due to commence July 2009 for 7 years if CPRS legislated Introduction - TBA	Partial reimbursement for capital and installation costs of energy efficient equipment.		Click here
	Community Organisation Capital Allowance	Part of \$1.97b Climate Change Action Fund.	Community service organisations.	Energy efficiency equipment that meets criteria including -energy efficient hot water systems, insulation, efficient lighting, motors and drives, combined heat and power equipment, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration.	Was due to commence July 2009 for 7 years if CPRS legislated Introduction - TBA	Partial reimbursement for capital and installation costs of energy efficient equipment.		Click here
	Innovation in Climate Change Fund.	Competitive grant Part of \$1.97b Climate Change Action Fund.	Priority to businesses not eligible for other forms of Scheme assistance or eligible for lower rate of assistance under the EITE policy.	Innovative low emission technologies, production methods, supply-chain improvements or products and energy savings projects with long pay back periods	Was due to commence July 2009 for 7 years if CPRS legislated Introduction - TBA	Variable grants		Click here

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	Australian Carbon Trust	Energy Efficiency Savings Pledge Fund (\$25.8m initiative)	Households and small business	Website to calculate energy use and dollar savings of installing energy efficiency measures. The resulting savings or any amount can be pledged to buy and retire CPRS permits.	Duration is for 5 years. Commencement date - TBA	Contributions are voluntary and tax deductible.	Introduced as part of CPRS complementary measure	Click here
	Your Home Technical Manual Your Home Renovators Guide Your Development - sustainable urban residential developments	Energy Efficiency Trust (\$50m in seed funding)	Small and medium manufacturing businesses , private and community residential care facilities	Investment in energy efficiency measures in commercial buildings , other business operations including efficient lighting, ventilation, heat and air conditioning, efficient computer systems and other office machines and transport logistics	Duration is for 5 years. Commencement date - TBA	Trust covers upfront capital costs. Business repays the capital costs at a commercial rate.	Priority given to investments demonstrating savings with the largest potential flow-on effects.	Click here
		Home building and Renovating Guidelines	Builders, developers, renovators, buyers of homes	Information on design of homes including energy efficiency.	N/A	N/A		Click here
	Energy Efficiency Opportunities (EEO) Program	Mandatory reporting scheme	Businesses using >0.5 PJ of energy pa. Approx 210 corporations registered under EEO Program	Activities to improve energy efficiency	Introduced 1 July 2006. Program operates on 5 year cycle	N/A	Corporations must report on results of energy efficiency assessments and opportunities. To be extended to small users as part of National Strategy on Energy	Click here

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	Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS)	Standard	Mandatory minimum energy performance standards for products manufactured in or imported into Australia	Refrigeration freezers, televisions, lighting, Electric storage water heaters, electric motors, air conditioners, distribution transformers	Introduction varied	N/A	Parties must comply with requirements or will be penalised	Click here
	Energy Efficiency Labels	Mandatory labelling of appliances	Manufacturers must ensure their electrical products offered for sale in Australia carry an approved energy label	Refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers & dryers, dishwashers, air conditioners, televisions	First introduced in 1986 in some states. Now mandatory in all states and territories.	N/A	Energy Rating Label has star rating and estimate of annual energy consumption	Click here
	Minimum Regulatory Standards Part of National Strategy on Energy Efficiency	Building Code of Australia	National standard approach to minimum performance requirements for residential and commercial buildings.	Minimum energy efficiency requirements for buildings e.g. thermal shell, orientation of house, insulation, window size, location, ventilation, shading	1 May 2010	N/A		Click here Click here
	Mandatory Disclosure of Building Energy Efficiency	Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS)	Australian homes	Assessment of a building's thermal performance at design stage		N/A	Uses computer simulations to assess the potential thermal comfort of homes on a scale of zero to 10 stars.	Click here

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	Part of National Strategy on Energy Efficiency	Mandatory Disclosure of Commercial Building Energy Efficiency	Commercial buildings	Energy Efficiency performance	TBC	N/A	Proposed	Click here
		Disclosure of Energy Performance of residential buildings	Residential buildings					
	Phase-out of greenhouse intensive hot water systems	Phase-out of electric hot water systems. For new homes as part of Building Code of Australia all class 1 buildings will have to install low emissions water heaters	Electric hot water systems no longer to be able to be installed in new homes or existing homes that have access to piped gas.	Electric Hot water systems	New class 1 homes will have to install low emissions water heater from 2010 as part of Building Code of Australia. Staged approach for existing Class 1 homes - small group of dwellings to come under the changes in 2010, with the remainder in 2012.		Phase-out to be implemented in stages. Tasmania is exempt from this phase- out. Class 2 buildings exempt at this stage - to be reviewed in future.	Click here
Federal and states and	Phase-out of inefficient incandescent light bulbs	Import restriction of incandescent light bulbs	MEPS introduced for lighting products.	Incandescent light bulbs	Commenced 1 Feb 2009	N/A		Click here
	Sustainable Schools Initiative	Energy Audit	Schools	Energy efficiency measures				Click here

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	ACTSmart Monergy Program	\$19.1m rebates & advice program.	Households, businesses, schools, community groups	Measures to reduce energy use	Launched March 2010	Variable	One stop shop for grants and advice	Click here
Australian Capital Territory	ACT Energy Wise Home Energy Audit Program	Subsidised home energy audits for improving energy efficiency	Houses and semi- detached houses built before 1996 are eligible for an audit.	Insulation, double glazing, block out curtains, window pelmetts, external awnings, fluorescent lighting, heat pumps, solar water heaters, gas or solar space heating.	Commenced 15 December 2004	Spend at least \$2000 on energy efficiency improvements to receive \$500 rebate	Contact HEAT on 02 6260 6165 or email: info@heat.net.au to arrange for an audit.	Click here Click here
	Home Energy Kit	Energy Audit kit	Allows residents to perform an audit of their home and develop your own Home Energy Action Plan	Energy efficiency measures	Launched February 2009	N/A	Kits can be borrowed from ACT public libraries.	Click here
	Community Energy Grants Program	Grants	ACT based, not for profit incorporated community groups	Renewable energy technologies, SWH	Annual grants program	Up to \$20,000		Click here
	Hot Water system rebate	Part of \$100m Home Saver Rebates Program	Residential properties Must be to replace an electric storage system. Hot water systems installed to comply with BASIX not eligible	Gas hot water system with a 5-star or higher energy rating. Solar or heat pump hot water system eligible for at least 20 RECs	15 January 2010 until 30 June 2011	\$300	Application form available on website	Click here
New South Wales	NSW washing machine rebate	Part of \$100m Home Saver Rebate Program	Residential properties Machine must be for personal use	Purchase of washing machine with at least a 4.5 star water efficiency rating	15 January 2010 until 30 June 2010	\$150	Application form available on website	Click here

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	Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program	Rebate & subsidised energy audit Part of the NSW Government's \$150 million Energy Efficiency Strategy (refer here)	Businesses that use up to \$20,000 in electricity pa or have up to 10 employees.	Subsidised energy assessment and action plan Energy efficiency improvements including lighting, skylights, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, insulation, electric motors, air compressors, commercial refrigeration, boilers, insulation.		50% rebate of costs to reduce power use up to \$5,000 for businesses that use \$5,000-\$20,000 pa in electricity, \$2,000 for businesses using greater than \$5,000 pa.	Registration form available on website	Click here
	NSW Green Business Program	Grants Part of \$340m NSW Climate Change Fund	Projects that will save water and energy in business operations in NSW.	Activities which increase energy efficiency. Projects which reduce demand for electricity - e.g. cogeneration, fuel switching.	Established 1 July 2007	Variable grant amounts totalling \$30 million over 5 yrs for scheme.	Next round of grants TBA	Click here
	Public Facilities Program	Grants Part of \$340m NSW Climate Change Fund	Water and Energy savings projects in not for profit organisations, public and educational facilities, government agencies	Lighting, hot water system upgrades, insulation, heating, cooling efficiency	Established 1 July 2007	Community Savers Stream – up to \$40,000 Demonstration Stream- no set limit	Grants will be provided in rounds. Application form available on website	Click here
	School Energy Efficiency Program	Grants Part of \$340m NSW Climate Change Fund	Public High Schools	Lighting, student savings fund, energy efficiency projects, monitoring equipment	Established 1 July 2007	Variable grant amounts	Further information available via website	Click here

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	Fridge buyback Scheme	Rebate Part of NSW Climate Change Fund	Sydney areas, Wollongong, Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Shellharbour	Second fridge must be >10yrs old & 250 litres in size.		Free collection and \$35	Expanded outside Sydney metro in Sep 2009. Further information available via website	Click here
	QLD Solar Hot Water Program	Rebate	Queensland households	Solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 RECs	Commenced 13 April 2010	SWH/heat pump system - \$1000 pensioners/low income, \$600 others	Hotline: 13 438 76527	Click here
Queensland	ClimateSmart Home Service	Subsidised energy audit	Separately metered homes	Energy Audit by licensed electrician, wireless energy monitor, energy efficient light bulbs, Energy Efficiency Plan, showerhead, online information on energy efficiency	Commenced 1 July 2009	Subsidised energy audit for \$50. Also includes wireless energy monitor and up to 15 compact fluorescent light bulbs.	Can book online via website	Click here
	ClimateSmart Business Clusters	Grants Part of ClimateSmart	QLD small and medium enterprises. Cluster includes up to 20 businesses	Energy saving measures	Round 1 closed. Currently calling for Expressions of interest by 30 April 2010.	Up to \$10,000 for clusters	Application pack / further information: Email: Business.Clusters@ derm.qld.gov.au Phone: 1300 130 372	Click here

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	ClimateSmart Business Service	Advice to business	Businesses	Advice on energy efficiency measures and links to government and industry programs	1 July 2010	N/A		Click here
	Regulations	Mandatory 6 star energy equivalent rating by 2011	New houses, townhouses, major residential renovations.	Minimum energy efficiency requirements for buildings e.g. thermal shell, orientation of house, insulation, window size, location, ventilation, shading. Energy efficient lighting to 80% of internal lights Newly installed air conditioners must have 4 star energy rating	1 May 2010 1 September 2009	N/A	Amendments made to QLD Development Code and Building Code of Australia	Click here
	Smart Energy Savings Program	Legislation Part of Clean Energy Act 2008	Businesses who use over 100 TJ required to perform an audit and develop Energy Savings Plan	Energy Audit, Energy Efficiency measures	1 July 2009	N/A	Information available via website	Click here
	Smart Energy Savings Fund	Grants and loans \$50m fund for commercial energy savings projects	Businesses	Energy efficiency measures in buildings, appliances, industrial processes.	March 2008	Variable grants and loans		Click here
	Eco Biz	Rebates	Businesses	Innovative Energy	July 2004	up to \$150,000 limited to	ecoBiz toolbox is available at:	Click here

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				Efficiency projects		maximum of 30% of capital equipment costs.	website or ph. 1300 369388	
	Low Carbon Diet	Grants available for rollout of program Part of Climate Smart 2050 Policy	Education for households	30 day program to reduce carbon footprint	Funding now closed	\$2,000- \$10,000 grants to tertiary institutions, councils, not for profit organisations	Funding now closed	Click here
	Solar & Energy Efficiency Program in QLD State Schools	Part of Climate Smart 2050 Policy	Schools	Solar & Energy Efficiency measures eg. lighting upgrade, smart meters	July 2008	Variable	In conjunction with National Solar Schools Program	Click here
	Solar Hot Water System	REC Buyback Scheme through Power and Water Corporation	Residents	Solar hot water systems		Cost of RECs	Application form available on website or ph.1800 245 092	Click here
Northern Territory	Solar Hot Water Retrofit Rebate	Rebate	Residential homes built prior to or in the year 2000 replacing an electric hot water system	Solar or heat pump hot water system, that is eligible for at least 20 RECs	Commenced 28 June 2009 until 30 June 2010	Up to \$1000 depending on modifications required to the roof	Application form available on website or from Power and Water Customer Service Centre.	Click here
	Energy Smart Rebate Scheme	Rebate	Householders	Power boards, lighting, fridge & freezer seals,	2009	50 per cent rebate up to \$200	List of eligible items available on website	Click here
	Energy Smart Building Policy	Government department energy efficiency targets – 10% by 2011 overall target for	Government department buildings	Energy Audits, energy efficient measures, energy use reporting	Introduced 2005	N/A		Click here

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	Solar Hot Water Rebate Scheme	Rebate	Home owners to serve their principal place of residence and hold Government concession card.	Solar or heat pump hot water system, that is eligible for at least 18 RECs	Commenced 1 July 2008	\$500	Application form available on website	Click here
South Australia	Sustainable Building Innovation Fund	Grants	Commercial buildings	Energy Efficiency measures e.g. high efficiency facades, passive thermal designs, renewable energy systems.	Round 2 opened 25 January 2010 - 12 March 2010.	Variable Grants	Application form available on website or ring 8463 7995	Click here
	Regulations	Mandatory 5 star energy performance rating	New housing and commercial buildings	Minimum energy efficiency requirements for buildings e.g. thermal shell, orientation of house, insulation, window size, location, ventilation, shading	Energy Rating requirements for housing implemented in 2003. Energy efficiency standards for commercial buildings being developed	N/A	Developed by Australian Building Energy Council (ABEC) and Building Code of Australia	Click here
	Solar Water and Heat Pump Rebate - Hobart	Rebate	Rate payers who are ineligible for Hobart City's planning and building fee rebate and are replacing an electric storage hot water system.	Solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 RECs	1 November 2008 until 31 December 2011	\$500	Application form available on website	Click here
Tasmania	Hobart City Council Energy Efficient Design Guidelines	Guidelines	For home builders and developers	Energy efficient design, through to building orientation and layout, ventilation/cooling, insulation and landscaping.	Introduced April 2001	N/A	Printed guidelines available from Hobart City Council	Click here
	Energy Efficient	Rebate	Hobart ratepayers	Building and plumbing		100% rebate on Council's basic	Application form available on	Click here

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	Development Rebate - Hobart			administration fees where energy efficient features utilised in new houses and additions to existing houses.		planning fee	website	
	Energy Saving Guide	Guidebook produced by Dept of Education	Government Schools	Energy efficient measures		N/A	Guidebook available for downloading online.	Click here
	Insulation Rebate Scheme	Rebate	Landlords of uninsulated or poorly insulated rental properties in Hobart built prior to 1991	Ceiling Insulation	3 February 2009 until 3 February 2010. Review pending on continuation of scheme	Up to \$300	Applications can still be made pending review. Application form available on website	Click here
	Solar Hot Water Rebate Scheme	Point of sale discount Metropolitan and Regional Schemes	Existing home occupied by owner or tenant replacing electric or gas hot water systems.	Solar or heat pump hot water system.	Commenced 1 July 2008 until 31 Dec 2010	Metro Melbourne: \$300- \$1500. Regional Vic: \$800-\$2350	Eligible for Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates	Click here
Victoria	Whitegoods appliance rebate	No Interest Loan Scheme Progress Loans program Good Shepherd Buying Service	Low income earners	High efficiency whitegoods including washing machines, fridges,		Interest free loans \$800- \$1200 Loans \$500- \$3000		Click here
	Energy Saver Incentive Part of Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET)	Discounts and offers available from participating businesses	Anyone can receive discounts & offers. Large retailers obliged to contribute to energy efficiency measures by acquiring and surrendering Victorian energy efficiency	High Efficiency products - refrigerators, hot water systems, lighting, insulation, double glazing, heating, shower heads	Commenced 1 January 2009	Variable discounts	List of participating businesses available on website or phone Customer Call Centre on 136 186.	Click here

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			certificates (VEECs)					
	Carbon Compass website	Information & advice on reducing carbon footprint	Small to medium size businesses	Carbon reduction measures	Launched March 2010	N/A	Further information available on website	Click here
	Environmental & Resource Efficiency Plan Program	Regulatory program	Businesses using more than 100TJ of energy required to perform an audit and develop Energy Efficiency Plan	Energy Audit, Energy Efficiency measures	Introduced 2008	N/A	Information available via website	Click here
	Solar Water Heater Subsidy	Rebate	Private residential. New and existing homes.	Solar or heat pump hot water system.	Commenced 1 June 2005 until June 2013	\$500 for natural gas boosted solar \$700 for LP gas boosted solar	Application form available on website	Click here
Western Australia	Regional Energy Efficiency Program	Incentives including give- aways, rebates, to reduced energy use- administered by SEDO	Households, businesses, other organisations in off- grid areas in specific shires	Energy efficient products eg. compact fluorescent light bulbs, fridges, freezers, insulation, air conditioners, controllers, energy audits	Commenced December 2006 until 30 June 2010.	Giveaways (light bulbs); fridges, freezers, air conditioners - \$100-\$150; insulation – up to \$400; controllers- up to \$50	Information available from specific shires (refer to website) or Energy Smart Line on 1300 658 158.	Click here
	Energy Smart Homes Energy Smart Businesses Energy Smart Government	Improved energy practice and use	Households Businesses Government Departments	Reduce energy use. Energy management plans for business and government departments, energy smart directory		N/A. Grants can be utilised through other programs		Click here

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