

# How to make your business more energy efficient and switch to renewable energy

## A guide to energy efficiency funding

Investing in making your business more energy efficient not only helps reduce pollution but saves energy and can reduce expenses. Energy efficient actions include changing your lights, installing solar PV or purchasing green power, installing batteries, purchasing electric vehicles and upgrading or replacing equipment to make your business more energy efficient.

**Your business doesn't need to front these purchasing and upgrade costs alone. There are a number of federal and state government schemes and programs that provide public funding to help your business make this transition. Our guide provides information on the schemes and programs that are currently available in your business' state.**

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# Victoria

<b><a href="#">Victorian Energy Upgrades</a></b>		
<b>Benefits</b>	The Victorian Energy Upgrades program provides your business with discounts on a wide range of energy saving products and services that have been approved by the Essential Services Commission. The discount or rebate amount your business will receive varies depending on the product, service and provider.	
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Any Victorian businesses who buys and installs approved energy-saving products and services from an accredited provider.	
<b>Product &amp; Service Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>Energy Reduction Areas</b>	<b>Energy Saving Products &amp; Accredited Providers</b>
	Lighting	<a href="#">General lighting</a> ; <a href="#">Commercial &amp; industrial lighting</a> ; <a href="#">Outdoor lighting</a> ; <a href="#">Street lighting</a>
	Heating and cooling	<a href="#">Hot water systems</a> ; <a href="#">Heating and cooling</a> ; <a href="#">Refrigerated display cabinets</a> ; <a href="#">Refrigeration and ventilation fans</a> ; <a href="#">Fridge and freezer</a> ; <a href="#">Fridge and freezer disposal</a> ; <a href="#">Gas efficiency</a>
	Cleaning	<a href="#">Shower heads</a> ; <a href="#">Water efficient pre-rinse spray valve</a> ; <a href="#">Pool pumps</a>
	Other	<a href="#">High efficiency television</a> ; <a href="#">High efficiency clothes dryers</a> ; <a href="#">High efficiency MEPS listed motors</a> ; <a href="#">Glazing</a> ; <a href="#">Measurement and verification method for custom upgrades</a> ; <a href="#">Benchmark rating for custom upgrades</a>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Purchases may be made at any time.	
<b>How to Apply</b>	Purchase and install one of the energy efficient products listed above from an accredited provider to receive a discount or rebate.	

<b>Environmental Upgrade Finance for Business</b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	<p>The Environmental Upgrade Finance program provides finance for your business to upgrade the environmental performance of the buildings it owns. Under an Environmental Upgrade Finance agreement, your business can borrow money from an approved financier and make repayments through your local council rates systems as Environmental Upgrade Charges, rather than directly to the financier.</p> <p>Benefits for your business receives include claiming equipment depreciation back for tax, no upfront capital or security required, security is provided by council resulting in smaller repayments than to a financier, costs can be shared with tenants with consent, financing can be transferred between owners if the property is subsequently sold.</p>
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Businesses who own their building premises or who have long term tenancy of their site and are located in the <b>following local areas</b>: Baw Baw Shire Council, Brimbank City Council, Campaspe Shire Council, Cardinia Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire, City of Greater Bendigo Council, City of Greater Geelong Council, City of Kingston, City of Melbourne, City of Monash Council, City of Port Phillip, Darebin City Council, Greater Dandenong Council, Greater Shepparton Council, Hepburn Shire Council, Hobsons Bay City Council, Horsham Rural City Council, Hume City Council, Indigo Shire, Knox City Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Maribyrnong City Council, Maroondah City Council, Mildura Rural City Council, Mitchell Shire Council, Moira Shire Council, Moonee Valley Council, Moreland City Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mount Alexander Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire Council, Wangaratta Rural City, Warrnambool City Council, Wellington Shire Council, Wyndham City Shire Council, Yarra Range Council.</p> <p>Businesses who are tenants can ask their landlords to enter this arrangement.</p>
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>The project must improve the environmental performance of a building through renewable energy generation (including solar PV installations), energy or water efficiency, waste reduction or climate change adaptation. The project must cost more than \$15,000.</p>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	<p>Applications can be made at any time.</p>
<b>How to Apply</b>	<p>Contact your local council first and then apply for Environmental Upgrade Finance through an <b>approved financier</b>. As of March 2020, these included <b>Australian Environmental Lending</b> and <b>Sustainable Australia Fund</b>. Applications can be made online.</p>

<b>Emissions Reduction Fund</b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	The Emissions Reduction Fund provides financial incentives for businesses to reduce carbon emissions and improve their energy efficiency. For every tonne of carbon dioxide a business reduces or stores, they can earn Australian carbon credit units ( <b>ACCUs</b> ), which can then be sold to generate an income.
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Australian sole traders, companies and trusts.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	The project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new - it must be registered with the Clean Energy Regulator before the project starts;</li> <li>• additional to regulations - it must not be required to be carried out by or under Australian law;</li> <li>• additional to government programs - it must not be carried out under another government programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Applications can be made at any time.
<b>How to Apply</b>	<b>Apply and register</b> your business and project with the <b>Clean Energy Regulator</b> before you start your project. You will then need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bid to <b>secure a contract</b> to sell ACCUs to the Clean Energy Regulator;</li> <li>• <b>report</b> your registered projects and emissions reductions through the client portal;</li> <li>• <b>deliver</b> ACCUs according to the schedule in your contract through the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units (<b>ANREU</b>). Once the ACCUs have been delivered from the ANREU to the Clean Energy Regulator, your business will be paid within 20 business days.</li> </ul>

<b>CitySwitch</b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	<p>CitySwitch is a free program available across Australia providing support and strategies for commercial office tenants to enhance energy efficiency and reduce costs, manage energy price increases and mitigate business risks, work towards a carbon positive future, reduce waste and improve the health and productivity of employees.</p> <p>Signatories to CitySwitch have saved \$22.9 million collectively in 2018. Benefits include a structured approach to environmental assessments, one-on-one support, free online resources, financial assistance, regular training, annual awards, and access to a network of active environmental leaders.</p>
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Businesses that operate from a commercial space in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide or Perth. Your business can be a tenant or owner/occupier but you must be able to share energy data annually.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>A commitment must be made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● implement initiatives that move your business towards carbon positive</li> <li>● work towards a 5 star NABERS energy rating (without Greenpower)</li> <li>● commit to switching to 100% renewable energy for your electricity by 2021</li> <li>● complete an annual online survey</li> </ul>
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<b>How to Apply</b>	Apply <a href="#">online</a> .

## New South Wales

<b><u>Energy Savings Scheme</u></b>		
<b>Benefits</b>	<p>The NSW government provides discounts or rebates for your business to upgrade to energy efficient facilities and equipment purchased from an approved supplier. The scheme will help your business reduce energy, lower electricity bills, improve system reliability and reduce its carbon footprint.</p> <p>Approved suppliers calculate the MWh of energy saved by your business' proposed upgrades. These savings are converted into Energy Saving Certificates and subsequently sold to energy retailers. A percentage of the money from the sale of the Energy Saving Certificates will be provided to your business as an upfront discount or as a rebate.</p>	
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Any NSW business that purchases energy efficient replacement equipment or modifications for an existing system from an approved supplier.	
<b>Product &amp; Service Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>Energy reduction options &amp; approved suppliers</b>	<b>Modification examples</b>
	<b><u>Compressed air systems</u></b>	Repairing air leaks; Lowering the intake air temperature; Lowering the deliver pressure; Installing variable speed drives; Setting up or adjusting controls to match air compressor demand and to minimise hours of operation and wastage; Installing heat recovery systems to utilise the low-grade waste heat in other applications
	<b><u>Furnaces</u></b>	Insulating furnace walls; Installing a pressure control system; Installing temperature sensors; Installing oxygen enrichment equipment
	<b><u>HVAC Systems</u></b>	Optimising supervisory control systems; Optimising air flows and ventilation systems; Modifying HVAC systems to use a variable speed control
	<b><u>Hot water and steam systems</u></b>	Adjusting the controls on your system so your boiler runs only when needed; Optimising boiler blowdown rate and control; Installing heat recovery systems to utilise the low-grade waste heat in other

		applications; Eliminating steam leaks and steam trap losses; Minimising boiler/steam generator heat loss through better insulation
	<b><u>Lighting</u></b>	Small energy users who use under 8,350 kWh of electricity per month or 25,000 kWh per quarter must spend more than \$30 worth of upgrades. Businesses that don't fit this criteria are classed as medium or large energy users. The minimum amount they are required to spend is based on the site conditions and products installed.
	<b><u>Motors, pumps and fans</u></b>	Properly matching the pump or fan system to demand; Installing a variable speed drives to motors; Introducing or adjusting controls to limit operating times
	<b><u>NABERS rating improvements</u></b>	For office buildings only, NABERS energy rating must be at least 0.5 star higher than the average office building stock or at least 1 star higher than the building's historical NABERS energy rating.
	<b><u>Power Systems</u></b>	Voltage optimisation; Power factor correction; Uninterruptible power supply; BMS (electric power control)
	<b><u>Process Control and Change System</u></b>	Energy efficient modifications to industry specific equipment such as reactors, filtering processes, screening processes, refining processes, crushing processes, grinding processes.
	<b><u>Refrigeration</u></b>	Insulating pipe work and cooled spaces; Installing variable or adjustable speed drives on pumps and motors; Installing automatic controls for sequencing compressors
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Purchases may be made at any time.	
<b>How to Apply</b>	Get in contact with an approved supplier in your area who will assess your needs, explain the process, and get you the discount or rebate.	



<b><u>Commercial Refrigerator Rebates</u></b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	The NSW Government provides rebates to your business after purchasing new energy-saving, plug-in fridges and freezers. Depending on the type of refrigerator purchased, your business can receive a rebate of up to \$1490 per fridge. Additionally, your business will save on energy bills. Up to five rebates can be claimed under this program.
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Small businesses that have an ABN and are registered to collect GST; produce goods or provide services in NSW; are actively trading and employ 50 or fewer full time employees and/or has less than \$10 million annually in turnover; is not insolvent; and is not an investment trust, managed fund, strata title scheme, subsidiary or holding company of a larger business.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	An eligible commercial refrigerator must be purchased or leased through a commercial fridge dealer or manufacturer. Search for eligible products <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Purchases must be made between 9 September 2019 to 30 September 2021.
<b>How to Apply</b>	Apply <a href="#">online</a> by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an invoice for the commercial refrigerator and, if it's leased, the lease agreement;</li> <li>• a photo of the serial number of the refrigerator</li> <li>• your NSW business address where the refrigerator will operate.</li> </ul>

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<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Businesses who own their building premises and are located in the <b><u>following local areas</u></b>: Blacktown City Council; Kyogle Council; Lake Macquarie City Council; Lane Cove Council; North Sydney Council; City of Parramatta Council; City of Sydney Council.</p> <p>Businesses who are tenants can ask their landlords to enter this arrangement.</p>
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>The project must improve the environmental performance of an existing, non-residential building through renewable energy generation and emissions reductions (including solar PV installations), energy or water efficiency, or minimisation of waste. The building does not have to be located on rateable land to be eligible.</p>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	<p>Applications can be made at any time.</p>
<b>How to Apply</b>	<p>Identify upgrade opportunities for your building and seek quotes from service providers. Then contact your local council and your finance provider to find a quote. Financiers who are known to offer Building Upgrade Finance include <b><u>Australian Environmental Lending</u></b> and <b><u>Sustainable Australia Fund</u></b>.</p>

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## South Australia

<b>Resource Efficiency and Productivity Grants (REAP Grants)</b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	<p>Green Industries SA provides 50% subsidies to businesses to undertake a resource efficiency and productivity assessment (up to \$10,000) and an additional \$10,000 on successful completion to implement the assessment's recommendations.</p> <p>By using their funding to start implementing the REAP assessment's recommendations, Green Industries SA recommends your business will save \$30,000 per year on average.</p>
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Businesses operating in South Australia.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>The resource efficiency and productivity assessment must consider options to deliver practical circular economy benefits by addressing one or more of the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● energy efficiency and productivity - prioritising strategies for reduction and efficiency</li> <li>● waste management improvements - prioritising waste avoidance, reduction, reuse and recycling</li> <li>● water and trade waste management - prioritising strategies for reduction and efficiency</li> <li>● process or materials efficiency and productivity (lean production)</li> </ul> <p>It must be delivered by a suitably qualified, independent service provider.</p> <p>Funding is <b>not</b> eligible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● lighting replacements</li> <li>● in-kind costs, wages and salaries incurred by your business</li> <li>● activities that offer no greater benefit than meeting regulatory compliance</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Applications are open.
<b>How to Apply</b>	To discuss your project and request an application form, contact Aubrey Thomas, program manager, at <a href="mailto:aubrey.thomas@sa.gov.au">aubrey.thomas@sa.gov.au</a> or on 0423 782 647, or Oliver Lovat, senior adviser, at <a href="mailto:oliver.lovat@sa.gov.au">oliver.lovat@sa.gov.au</a> or on 0437 641 138. Alternatively, you can complete the <a href="#">online contact form</a> .

<b>Lead-Educate-Assist-Promote Grants (LEAP Grants)</b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	Green Industries SA provides industry & business groups with up to \$50,000 per applicant to leap their sector towards building a circular economy.
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Peak industry bodies or associations, and coordinated business groups that represent South Australian businesses' interests (either within a specific industry or defined geographical area). Your organisation must have clear management structures, membership portfolio and terms of reference.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>The project must allow your organisation to lead, educate, assist and promote sustainable business practices to constituents to help them transition to a circular economy. The project must address one or more of the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• resource efficiency (energy, waste, materials)</li> <li>• lean production principles and practices</li> <li>• sustainable supply chain management and product stewardship initiatives</li> <li>• waste avoidance initiatives, such as product redesign, service reconfiguration, industrial symbiosis</li> <li>• improved waste management - prioritising action in accordance with waste hierarchy principles of avoidance, reduction, reuse, and recycling</li> </ul> <p>Projects must be delivered by a suitably qualified, independent service provider.</p> <p>Funding is <b>not</b> eligible for projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are part of an already established program of delivery</li> <li>• offer the same or similar services that already exist and are available to your constituents</li> <li>• allow your organisation to make a project or benefit a single organisation</li> <li>• present generic advice, targets an undefined group of businesses, and/or targets a non-business related group</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Applications are open.
<b>How to Apply</b>	To discuss your project and request an application form, contact Aubrey Thomas, program manager, at <a href="mailto:aubrey.thomas@sa.gov.au">aubrey.thomas@sa.gov.au</a> or on 0423 782 647. Alternatively, you can complete the <a href="#">online contact form</a> .

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<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Businesses who own their building premises and are located in the <b>following local areas</b>: City of Adelaide, Town of Gawler, City of Marion, City of Onkaparinga, City of Salisbury.</p> <p>Businesses who are tenants can ask their landlords to enter this arrangement.</p>
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>The project must improve the energy efficiency or environmental sustainability of an existing, non-residential building. The building must have been built two years before entering a Building Upgrade Agreement but does not have to be located on rateable land to be eligible.</p>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	<p>Applications can be made at any time.</p>
<b>How to Apply</b>	<p>Contact Lara Daddow, the <b>Central Facilitator</b>, at <a href="mailto:sa@buildingupgradefinance.net.au">sa@buildingupgradefinance.net.au</a> or on (08) 8203 7884 to discuss eligibility. You will then need to speak to service providers to scope and cost the upgrade work. Once you have established an initial scope and cost for the upgrade, and received a finance quote, submit a <b>Building Upgrade Agreement application form</b> to your local council.</p> <p>If your building is on Crown land, you must first receive consent from the appropriate Minister. Additionally, if your building is subject to strata or community scheme, you may be eligible but will have to enquire first through the <b>Building Upgrade Finance website</b>.</p>

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# Northern Territory

<b>Smarter Business Solutions</b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	The Smarter Business Solutions provides Northern Territory business, Aboriginal enterprises, and not-for-profit organisations with support to reduce day to day energy use and costs. Support includes advice on current efficient technologies and practices, a walk through site survey to identify potential savings opportunities, and grants to support energy cost savings or initiatives.
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Northern Territory businesses, Aboriginal enterprise or not-for profit organisations that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is physically located and has been actively trading for the past 12 months with an ABN and remitting GST</li> <li>• has an annual turnover between \$75,000 and \$20 million</li> <li>• if connected to an electricity grid, is not on a domestic tariff</li> <li>• has less than 200 employees</li> <li>• has not received equivalent funding from a similar support program previously</li> <li>• agrees to participate in a follow up evaluation survey including a savings assessment</li> <li>• accepts the terms of the Buy Local Plan as identified in the agreement section of the application.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	Grants are available for cost saving projects or initiatives as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to 50% of the cost for efficiency improvements (to a maximum of \$20,000)</li> <li>• up to 20% for the installation of off-grid renewable energy systems (to a maximum of \$20,000)</li> <li>• up to 10% for the installation of on-grid renewable energy systems (to a maximum of \$10,000). On-grid means systems connected to or which have the availability of an electricity network.</li> </ul> <p>The maximum funding is only available to projects that show a simple financial payback of three to five years.</p>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Applications can be made at any time.
<b>How to Apply</b>	Apply online through the <a href="#">Smarter Business Solutions Program Application</a> . Applications can take up to 30 days to be processed and notifications will be delivered by email.

<b>Emissions Reduction Fund</b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	The Emissions Reduction Fund provides financial incentives for businesses to reduce carbon emissions and improve their energy efficiency. For every tonne of carbon dioxide a business reduces or stores, they can earn Australian carbon credit units ( <b>ACCUs</b> ), which can then be sold to generate an income.
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Australian sole traders, companies and trusts.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	The project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new - it must be registered with the Clean Energy Regulator before the project starts;</li> <li>• additional to regulations - it must not be required to be carried out by or under Australian law;</li> <li>• additional to government programs - it must not be carried out under another government programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Applications can be made at any time.
<b>How to Apply</b>	<b>Apply and register</b> your business and project with the <b>Clean Energy Regulator</b> before you start your project. You will then need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bid to <b>secure a contract</b> to sell ACCUs to the Clean Energy Regulator;</li> <li>• <b>report</b> your registered projects and emissions reductions through the client portal;</li> <li>• <b>deliver</b> ACCUs according to the schedule in your contract through the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units (<b>ANREU</b>). Once the ACCUs have been delivered from the ANREU to the Clean Energy Regulator, your business will be paid within 20 business days.</li> </ul>

## Western Australia

<b><u>Emissions Reduction Fund</u></b>	
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<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Australian sole traders, companies and trusts.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	The project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new - it must be registered with the Clean Energy Regulator before the project starts;</li> <li>• additional to regulations - it must not be required to be carried out by or under Australian law;</li> <li>• additional to government programs - it must not be carried out under another government programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Applications can be made at any time.
<b>How to Apply</b>	<b><u>Apply and register</u></b> your business and project with the <b><u>Clean Energy Regulator</u></b> before you start your project. You will then need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bid to <b><u>secure a contract</u></b> to sell ACCUs to the Clean Energy Regulator;</li> <li>• <b><u>report</u></b> your registered projects and emissions reductions through the client portal;</li> <li>• <b><u>deliver</u></b> ACCUs according to the schedule in your contract through the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units (<b>ANREU</b>). Once the ACCUs have been delivered from the ANREU to the Clean Energy Regulator, your business will be paid within 20 business days.</li> </ul>

<b>CitySwitch</b>	
<b>Benefits</b>	<p>CitySwitch is a free program available across Australia providing support and strategies for commercial office tenants to enhance energy efficiency and reduce costs, manage energy price increases and mitigate business risks, work towards a carbon positive future, reduce waste and improve the health and productivity of employees.</p> <p>Signatories to CitySwitch have saved \$22.9 million collectively in 2018. Benefits include a structured approach to environmental assessments, one-on-one support, free online resources, financial assistance, regular training, annual awards, and access to a network of active environmental leaders.</p>
<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Businesses that operate from a commercial space in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide or Perth. Your business can be a tenant or owner/occupier but you must be able to share energy data annually.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>A commitment must be made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● implement initiatives that move your business towards carbon positive</li> <li>● work towards a 5 star NABERS energy rating (without Greenpower)</li> <li>● commit to switching to 100% renewable energy for your electricity by 2021</li> <li>● complete an annual online survey</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Applications can be made at any time.
<b>How to Apply</b>	Apply <a href="#">online</a> .

# Tasmania

<b><u>Emissions Reduction Fund</u></b>	
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<b>Business Eligibility Criteria</b>	Australian sole traders, companies and trusts.
<b>Project Eligibility Criteria</b>	The project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new - it must be registered with the Clean Energy Regulator before the project starts;</li> <li>• additional to regulations - it must not be required to be carried out by or under Australian law;</li> <li>• additional to government programs - it must not be carried out under another government programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Dates</b>	Applications can be made at any time.
<b>How to Apply</b>	<b><u>Apply and register</u></b> your business and project with the <b><u>Clean Energy Regulator</u></b> before you start your project. You will then need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bid to <b><u>secure a contract</u></b> to sell ACCUs to the Clean Energy Regulator;</li> <li>• <b><u>report</u></b> your registered projects and emissions reductions through the client portal;</li> <li>• <b><u>deliver</u></b> ACCUs according to the schedule in your contract through the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units (<b>ANREU</b>). Once the ACCUs have been delivered from the ANREU to the Clean Energy Regulator, your business will be paid within 20 business days.</li> </ul>