



# Organisations/Businesses Checklist

## Energy

- Conduct an energy audit or engage an efficiency consultant [Learn more →](#)
- Understand the emissions created by your supply chain and discuss with suppliers
- Turn off appliances and power points when not in use
- Install awnings / close blinds during the day when hot to limit the need to use aircon
- Set thermostats to no more than 20c in winter (heating) and no less than 25c in summer (aircon)
- Set hot water to 60c and no more
- Switch to energy-saving, LED lightbulbs
- Join the NSW Energy Savings Scheme [Learn more →](#)
- Choose an environmental electricity supplier [Learn more →](#)
- Insulate roof cavities and underfloor spaces [Learn more →](#)
- Install solar panels and storage battery [Learn more →](#)
- When choosing new premises, consider the need to heat and cool sustainably

## Transport

- Replace face to face meetings with a virtual meeting [Learn more →](#)
- Limit unavoidable business flights to essential staff only and purchase carbon offsets when you must fly
- Pack as light as possible when you travel. (More weight = more energy/emissions.)
- Look at where the things you buy are manufactured and buy local when you can to reduce transport emissions
- Provide secure bike parking and changing facilities for staff
- Convert your vehicle fleet to hybrid / electric [Learn more →](#)

## Water

- Be aware of water restrictions & follow all Sydney Water guidance [Learn more →](#)
- Fix water leaks as soon as they appear
- Install a smart drip irrigation system if appropriate
- Install a gray water system if appropriate [Learn more →](#)

## Waste

- Avoid disposable plates, cutlery and straws when catering and in operations
- Ask your caterers to keep packaging, especially single-use packaging, to a minimum
- Install a water fountain to encourage your staff to use re-useable water bottles
- Switch from disposable batteries to re-chargeable
- If you have a staff café, ensure they're buying coffee from a sustainable source and ask them to set up a loan cup system instead of using disposable cups
- Avoid buying products with unnecessary or excessive packaging
- Go "paperless"
- Conduct a Bin Trim review [Learn more →](#)

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## Food

- Provide a staff refrigerator to encourage staff to use re-useable lunch containers
- If you have a staff canteen, trial a “Meat-free” Monday and encourage them to source their ingredients from local sources where possible [Learn more →](#)

## Finance

- Switch your banking business, including loans, to one who does not invest in or lend to fossil fuel industries [Learn more →](#)
- Switch your default super provider to one who does not invest in or lend to fossil fuel industries [Learn more →](#)
- Choose to spend your money with suppliers that already deliver or are committed to net zero emissions
- Consider becoming a member of the B-Corp movement [Learn more →](#)

## Other

- Donate to carbon sequestration programmes like tree-planting to offset the emissions you can't avoid.
- Give polite and constructive feedback to business partners who need to improve their sustainability



The government missed an opportunity to stimulate the move to a low carbon future with its October 2020 Budget. But businesses can supercharge a green recovery using the government's own measures.

The biggest single measure in the budget, worth an estimated \$26.7 billion, is focused on encouraging businesses to invest freely through full asset write-offs. This is an opportunity for businesses to supercharge Australia's transition to net zero emissions.

The tax incentives include:

- the temporary full expensing measure
- instant asset write-offs, and
- the extension of the research and development tax incentives

These incentives total an investment opportunity of nearly \$30 billion.

For more information go to [Green Recovery - Zali Steggall](#)