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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the latest edition of the ESS Newsletter. This newsletter has a new section providing tips to stakeholders, with the first set of tips aimed at applicants for accreditation. We hope to continue including this section in future newsletters, addressing different aspects of the ESS.

Since our last newsletter, Ms Liz Livingstone has been appointed as IPART's new CEO. Ms Livingstone is highly regarded across NSW government agencies, and comes to IPART from the former NSW Department of Industry where she was Deputy Secretary, Lands and Water. We welcome Liz and look forward to further enhancing ESS operations under her leadership.

In recent months we have observed an increasing volume of new applications for accreditation, audits and amendments. The ESS team is continually working on ways to streamline our processes and procedures to enhance efficiency and we look forward to many more new projects being submitted.

And finally, the ESS has passed another milestone! On 1 August 2019, almost 10 years to the day after registration of the first ESC, the 30 millionth energy saving certificate (**ESC**) was registered.



WE ARE HOLDING A STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

We are inviting all of our Accredited Certificate Providers (**ACPs**), Scheme Participants, auditors, and other interested parties to attend an upcoming [Stakeholder Update](#) on **11 November 2019** in the Sydney CBD.

We have split the Stakeholder Update into two broad sessions. In the first session, you will be introduced to the ESS Committee and hear from its Chair, Mr Ed Willett on our job of building a compliance culture. We will also provide stakeholders an update on administrative improvements to the scheme, recent compliance issues and evidentiary requirements.

After breaking for morning tea, there will be a focused Project Impact Assessment with Measurement and Verification (**PIAM&V**) consultation workshop, where we plan to consult on new PIAM&V guidance material.

We look forward to seeing you on the day. You can register to attend through the [Stakeholder Update](#) page on our website.



TOP-UP OF ENERGY SAVINGS UNDER PIAM&V

Guidance for top-up of energy savings under PIAM&V was issued by the Scheme Administrator on 1 August 2019. The Notice provides guidance on an acceptable approach to top-up ESCs creation under clause 7A.14 of the Energy Savings Scheme Rule of 2009 (**ESS Rule**) using the PIAM&V method.

For further details on this important compliance matter, see [ESS Notice 02/2019 – Information for PIAM&V](#) on our website.



\$20,000 FINE ISSUED TO ACCREDITED CERTIFICATE PROVIDER

IPART has taken action in relation to an ACP for the improper creation of ESCs under the ESS. On 11 September 2019, an IPART enforcement officer issued a penalty notice to an ACP, imposing a fine of \$20,000 for the improper creation of ESCs resulting from a failure to satisfy the requirements of clause 6.2 of the ESS Rule.

IPART has a range of powers available to it in dealing with non-compliance, including prosecution for certain offences. Importantly, IPART may prosecute directors of ACPs, or persons concerned in the management of ACPs, in certain circumstances.

We remind ACPs, and their directors and managers, that they ensure that all activities conducted under the ESS are fully compliant with the *Electricity Supply Act 1995*, the *Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2014*, the ESS Rule and the ACP's accreditation notice.

IPART will maintain its focus on monitoring compliance within the ESS, and will continue to act, where necessary, to ensure its ongoing integrity.

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ESS TIPS: SPEEDING UP APPLICATIONS FOR NEW ACCREDITATION

It is a busy time in the ESS team with a large number of applications for new accreditation currently being assessed. The following trends and handy hints may assist you to help speed up assessment of your application.

Trend	A large number of applications are currently from existing ACPs applying for accreditation under another method. We are finding that application documentation often only addresses requirements related to the method the ACP is <u>currently</u> accredited for, and not for the method that is the subject of the application.
Handy Hint	Make sure your application and supporting documentation are carefully updated and tailored to meet the requirements of the method you are applying for.
Trend	Many applications now include the use of a mobile APP to assist with record keeping processes of evidence capture and collection.
Handy Hint	Your application should include details of how your mobile APP will function to meet the requirements of the Record Keeping Guide. This may be done through including screenshots of the APP and detailed explanation and/or an actual demonstration of the APP to us.

Don't forget to visit the [Accredited Certificate Providers](#) page on our website for further information and guidance documents on the application process.



APPLY TO JOIN OUR AUDIT SERVICES PANEL

We accept applications to the Audit Services Panel at any time. ACPs and Scheme Participants are required to select appointed Audit Panel members to conduct their audits. There is a steady stream of audits and we are keen to see new applicants to the Audit Services Panel. Please visit the [Audit Panel application](#) section of our website.



UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

We encourage applicants, new staff and key stakeholders participate in our online workshops. Please check out our 2019 Events Calendar. We have already held several sessions throughout the year that have helped stakeholders prepare applications and better understand ESS requirements. Join us to learn more about how the ESS operates.

Register through the links below for an upcoming session:

Date	Type	Description
3 Oct 2019	Online Workshop	Module 9: The Audit Process
12 Dec 2019	Online Workshop	Module 1: Introduction to the Energy Savings Scheme



ESS REGISTRY AND ACCREDITATION STATISTICS

Table 1 certificate statistics

Total ESCs created under the ESS since 2009 ^a	ESCs available for surrender ^a	Compliance Year	Estimated target	ESCs created ^a
30,205,230	6,422,045	2018	4,300,000	5,146,926
		2019	4,600,000	1,277,831

Table 2 Current and recent accreditations

Total current accreditations^{ab}	171
New accreditations this quarter^c	5

^a Data as at 31 August 2019

^b Multiple project accreditations count as single accreditations

^c During the period 1 June 2019 to 31 August 2019

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Table 3 Recent accreditations under the Energy Savings Scheme

Company name	Accreditation name	Project type	Sector
AREA3 Pty Ltd	AREA3 Innovation Lighting	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
Beyond Carbon Solutions Pty Ltd	BCS Residential and Small Business Energy Upgrades	Lighting	Residential/Small Business
Beyond Carbon Solutions Pty Ltd	Beyond Carbon Commercial Lighting	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
BSS LED Australia Pty Ltd	BSS LED Energy Services	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
The Green Guys Group Pty Ltd	Green Guys Energy Saver Upgrades	Multiple activities	Residential/Small Business



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