

Energy Savings Scheme Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION

This year we achieved a major milestone with the creation of more than 20 million Energy Savings Certificates (**ESCs**) and the surrender of more than 15 million ESCs since the ESS commenced in 2009. We thank our stakeholders for their ongoing participation and contribution to maintaining the integrity of the ESS.

In general, we are increasingly busy assessing applications; in particular several applications for the Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits (**HEER**) method and amendments to other accreditations to include gas saving activities.

ANNUAL AUDITOR WORKSHOP



We held our annual Auditor Workshop on 30 August 2017 to discuss the latest updates and issues that affect audits. It was a successful event, and we greatly appreciate the detailed and quality feedback we received.

These events help to streamline our operations and improve communications. We discussed the purchaser notice for commercial lighting and potential changes to sampling and auditor rotation requirements. More information will be available shortly, giving stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Minister for Energy and Utilities recently tabled our [2016 Annual Report](#) in the NSW Parliament. The report outlines ESS performance, key activities and energy savings achieved. It also outlines compliance by Scheme Participants and Accredited Certificate Providers (**ACPs**), administration activities and new developments.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

We have upgraded our website and the ELT Portal with security enhancements, and implemented a new dedicated URL for the ELT Portal. The URLs are:

- ▼ ESS website: www.ess.nsw.gov.au, and
- ▼ ELT Portal: <http://elt.ess.nsw.gov.au/>.

We have also made two improvements to the ELT Portal:

- ▼ a new, self-service password reset function, and
- ▼ an increase in file upload size for laboratory reports from 1 MB to 5 MB to minimise the need for applicants to split or zip reports for upload.

The next ESS Portal release will implement some improvements to the external ACP and Auditors dashboards. We are seeking volunteers to help us test these new features. Please send an email confirming your interest to ess_development@ipart.nsw.gov.au.

COMMERCIAL LIGHTING & ELTS

We recently released a [Notice](#) advising our new process to validate laboratory reports that applicants submit with applications for Emerging Lighting Technologies (ELTs). We will contact laboratories and applicants to validate reports for products accepted from 1 August 2017. We may withdraw acceptance for products if we are unable to validate the authenticity of a laboratory report. To minimise the likelihood of this occurring, we recommend that ELT applicants only use reputable laboratories and conduct their own checks before submitting reports.

PIAM&V METHOD

Following the annual Auditor Workshop, we also held a session with our Project Impact Assessment with Measurement and Verification (PIAM&V) auditors. We discussed the poor quality of the M&V Professional Reports we have assessed to date and explained our assessment methodology. We will provide more information to other stakeholders on this issue shortly. More information about M&V Professionals is available on our [website](#).

We will also soon be publishing an updated version of the PIAM&V Method Guide that includes these updates:

- ▼ sampling requirements
- ▼ revised application pathways, and
- ▼ document requirements.

AUDIT PANEL

ACPs and Scheme Participants are required to select approved [Audit Panel members](#) to conduct their audits.

We accept [applications](#) to the Audit Services Panel (**Audit Panel**) at anytime.

IPART CONFERENCE

This year marks 25 years of IPART providing independent regulatory decisions and advice to the NSW citizens. The IPART conference will be held on 27 October 2017 at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney CBD. [Register here!](#)

Early bird registration is available until 16 September. This landmark conference will discuss competition and regulation in the transport, water and energy sectors.

WORKSHOPS

We recommend that applicants and key stakeholders participate in our online workshops. Join one of our upcoming sessions:

- ▼ 14 September 2017: [Module 6: The Emerging Lighting Technology Process](#)
- ▼ 19 September 2017: [Module 8: Accredited Certificate Providers](#)
- ▼ 10 October 2017: [Module 9: The Audit Process](#)
- ▼ 16 November 2017: [Module 3: Commercial Lighting Energy Savings Formula](#)



You can also register your interest for sessions by using the [on-demand registration](#) feature on our website. Further details are available in the [events and registration page](#) of our website.

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 **ESS REGISTRY AND ACCREDITATION STATISTICS**

Table 1: ESS Registry and accreditation statistics

Total ESCs created under the ESS since 2009 ^a	2017 estimated target	ESCs available for surrender ^a	ESCs created in 2017 ^a	Total current accreditations ^{a b}	New accreditations this quarter ^c
20,714,790	4,100,000	5,327,330	3,430,241	170	7

Notes:

- a) Data as at 31 August 2017
- b) Multiple project accreditations count as single accreditations
- c) During the period 1 June to 31 August 2017

Table 2: Recent accreditations under the Energy Savings Scheme

Company name	Accreditation name	Project type	Sector
Accredited Power Saver Company Pty Ltd	NSW home and small business LED upgrade	Lighting	Residential/Small Business
B & G Green Trading Pty Ltd (trading as Aussie Greenmarks)	Commercial Lighting Upgrade	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
Cyanergy Pty Ltd	Lighting Upgrades for Organisations	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
EC Focus Pty Ltd	EC Fluid and Solid Transfer Projects	Multiple activities	Commercial/Industrial
Optimum Energy Solutions Pty Ltd	Subsidised LED upgrades for commercial businesses in NSW	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
Sunled Energy Pty Ltd	Commercial LED Lighting Upgrade	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial
Volt Energy Services Pty Ltd	VES - Commercial Lighting Upgrades	Lighting	Commercial/Industrial

Note: During the period 1 June 2017 to 31 August 2017