

## March Newsletter | Issue No.46

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### INTRODUCTION

The first quarter of 2018 has seen lots of activity in the ESS, particularly in commercial lighting, appliances and Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits (**HEER**). The team has been very busy with new audits, application assessments and upcoming compliance deadlines. Please ensure that you allow enough time for audits to be completed, in light of upcoming deadlines. This is particularly the case for pre-registration audits of 2017 ESCs, as the registration deadline is **30 June 2018**.

We would like to introduce and welcome a returning staff member Philippa Fague, our new Director, Development and Applications.



### COMPLIANCE DEADLINE

Scheme Participants have until 30 April 2018 to lodge an Annual Energy Savings Statement (**AESS**) for the 2017 Compliance Year with the Scheme Regulator. The [Scheme Participant Compliance Guide](#) has been developed to assist this process.

IPART has sent Scheme Participants their Australian Energy Market Operator (**AEMO**) market purchases data (where applicable). Any questions or requests for corrections to that data should be addressed to AEMO.

Scheme Participants must have the AESS audited. An exception is if all liable acquisitions for the year are market purchases, and no exemptions are being claimed. There may be other circumstances where an audit may not be required. Refer to section 2.2 of the Scheme Participant Compliance Guide for further information.



### ESS RULE CHANGE

The *Energy Savings Scheme Rule of 2009* (**ESS Rule**) change 2017-18 public consultation closed on 26 January 2018. Currently, the Office of Environment and Heritage is working on the final drafting of rule amendments which will incorporate feedback provided by stakeholders. Gazettal of the amended ESS Rule is planned to occur in mid-April with ESS Rule changes coming into effect at the end of July 2018. At IPART, we will be working to update guidance material and relevant documentation to reflect the changes.



## ESC REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline to register 2017 vintage ESCs is 30 June 2018. 2017 ESCs cannot be registered after this date.

### Submit implementation data as soon as possible

Implementation data for 2017 vintage ESCs should be submitted via the ESS Portal well before the 30 June 2018 ESC registration deadline. Once you have submitted your implementation data you should login to the ESS Registry at <https://www.ggas-registry.nsw.gov.au> and apply to register your ESCs as soon as you can in advance of 30 June 2018. Please note that registration fees do not need to be paid by 30 June 2018.

### Audit the 2017 vintage ESCs now

Audits of 2017 vintage ESCs should commence as soon as possible, particularly if you are relying on the completion of pre-registration audits prior to 30 June 2018 in order to register 2017 vintage ESCs. The timeframe of audits can vary considerably. In particular, audits that identify non-compliance or unusual circumstances may take a number of months to complete.

If you are intending to use voluntary pre-registration audits to manage your ESC creation in the lead up to 30 June 2018, or if you have a pre-registration audit regime, remember that you will need to complete your audit before you can apply to register ESCs (ie, the audit must be completed, not just in progress, prior to 30 June 2018).



## SIGNIFICANT COMPLIANCE ACTION TAKEN BY IPART

IPART has recently taken action against an ACP for improperly creating ESCs, including issuing a \$20,000 penalty notice and reducing the ACP's volumetric audit limit. Read more in ESS Notice 01/2018 [here](#).



## AUDIT PANEL

ACPs and Scheme Participants are required to select from the list of appointed [Audit Panel members](#) to conduct their audits. We accept [applications](#) to the Audit Services Panel (Audit Panel) at anytime.



## HEER METHOD

The HEER method can be used to calculate energy savings from a range of energy efficient activities in residential and small business buildings. We are seeing increased activity under the HEER method. We remind ACPs of the requirements that they must meet, which include:

- ▼ When implementing only the low cost activities under Schedule E of the ESS Rule, each implementation must be sufficient to **create at least four ESCs**.
- ▼ The original energy saver **must pay a net amount of at least \$30 (excluding GST)** towards the cost of implementing products, the site assessment and other associated works carried out at the site (minimum co-payment) which cannot be reimbursed or made by in-kind payment.
- ▼ You must be **nominated by the original energy saver on or before the implementation date**. To ensure that you have been properly nominated, we suggest that you obtain the signed nomination form as early as possible (ie, well before the implementation date).
- ▼ **Identifying, monitoring and managing risks to the ESS**. Make sure that your risk policy and risk register are current and kept up to date.

Compliance with these requirements will be checked at audit. For further information about these and other requirements under the HEER method, refer to the [HEER Method Guide](#) on our website.



## WORKSHOPS

We recommend that applicants and key stakeholders participate in our online workshops. Join an upcoming session.

- ▼ 19 Apr 18, [Module 4: The Project Impact Assessment with Measurement & Verification Method](#)
- ▼ 17 May 18, [Module 5: The Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits and Power Factor Correction Methods](#)
- ▼ 31 May 18, [Module 6: The Emerging Lighting Technology Process](#)



## ESS REGISTRY AND ACCREDITATION STATISTICS

**Table 1: ESS Registry and accreditation statistics**

Total ESCs created under the ESS since 2009 <sup>a</sup>	2017 estimated target	ESCs available for surrender <sup>a</sup>	ESCs created in 2018 <sup>a</sup>	Total current accreditations <sup>a</sup> <sub>b</sub>	New accreditations this quarter <sup>c</sup>
22,350,980	4,100,000	6,963,253	420,468	176	5

**Notes:**

- a) Data as at 28 February 2018
- b) Multiple project accreditations count as single accreditations.
- During the period 1 December 2017 to 28 February 2018

**Table 2: Recent accreditations under the Energy Savings Scheme**

Company name	Accreditation name	Project type	Sector
BCW Group Pty Ltd	BCW High Efficiency Appliances for Business	New Appliances	Commercial/Industrial
Blue Green Engineering Pty Ltd	True blue, green business via efficient equipment upgrades	Multiple activities	Commercial/Industrial
EC Focus Pty Ltd	EC Efficient Appliances for Business	New Appliances	Commercial/Industrial
Energy Makeovers Pty Ltd	Removal of Old Appliances Service	Refrigerator & freezer removal	Residential/Small Business
Wattly Pty Ltd	High Efficiency Appliances for Business (HEAB Deemed Method)	New Appliances	Commercial/Industrial

**Note:** During the period 1 December 2017 to 28 February 2018



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