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INTRODUCTION

We are excited to announce our new General Manager, Philippa Fague. Many of you would be familiar with her previous work and already know the value she adds to the team. Philippa is well-respected in our industry and will make a great contribution leading the ESS.

The team has been very busy with the lead up to the end of financial year. Stakeholders should note that the period prior to 30 June is typically our busiest time of year. We have a heavy workload and are experiencing a high volume of audits. We aim to respond to enquiries as quickly as we can, but wanted our stakeholders to be aware of the matters affecting our workload.

We also want to announce that registration is now open for our upcoming [Stakeholder Forum](#). The event will be held 26 September, 9:30am-12:30pm in the Sydney CBD. We look forward to seeing you all there!



ESC REGISTRATION DEADLINE

As advised in a broadcast email sent on 16 April 2018 and also in our last newsletter, the deadline to register 2017 vintage ESCs is **30 June 2018**. 2017 ESCs cannot be registered after this date. In order to create 2017 vintage ESCs, some ACPs may require audits to be completed, or amendments to be made to their conditions of accreditation.

If you have not yet commissioned an audit or requested an amendment to allow 2017 ESC creation, you have not allowed sufficient time. New audits and new amendments that relate to 2017 ESCs will not be processed prior to 30 June.

You should note that pre-registration audits must be completed **BEFORE** you can apply to register ESCs.

If you do not require a new audit or amendment to meet the deadline for 2017 ESCs, we recommend that you:

- Review accreditation conditions and calculation method requirements relating to ESC registration
- Submit implementation data via the ESS Portal
- Register the ESCs in the ESS Registry, and
- Pay the registration fees within 30 days of registration.

ACPs and auditors should prioritise any matters related to 2017 ESC registration, as the Scheme Administrator has no discretion to permit registration after 30 June 2018.



SIGNIFICANT COMPLIANCE ACTION TAKEN BY IPART

IPART has cancelled the accreditation of Maxee Innovations Pty Ltd (Maxee) as an accredited certificate provider under the ESS. This decision was based on two grounds: that Maxee committed an offence under the *Electricity Supply Act 1995*, and that a controller or administrator has been appointed to Maxee.

Maxee is now in liquidation but investigations are continuing. Read more in [ESS Notice 03/2018](#) and [ESS Notice 04/2018](#).



ESS RULE CHANGE

Amendments to the ESS Rule were gazetted on 20 April 2018. The changes have, or will, take effect on either:

- 20 April 2018 for changes related primarily to the Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits Method and Removal of Old Appliances Method,
- 31 July 2018 for most of the other changes, or
- 1 November 2018 for changes related to the Commercial Lighting Energy Savings Formula.

We are updating all relevant documents on the ESS website, including the Method Guides and Application Forms, to reflect the commencement of these changes to the Rule.

You should ensure that you use current versions of these documents, and that your processes, calculations and record keeping arrangements meet the current requirements. All guidance material is available on our website on the relevant [method page](#).

Please refer to the [Legal Framework and Rules](#) for:

- the [ESS Rule in effect between 20 April 2018 and 30 July 2018](#), which incorporates changes that commenced on 20 April 2018, and
- a link to the version of the [ESS Rule that will take effect on 31 July 2018](#), which incorporates the changes that will commence on either 31 July 2018 or 1 November 2018.

For more detailed information about the amendments to the ESS Rule, please refer to the fact sheet on the [ESS website](#).



PIAM&V UPDATE

We recently published Notice 05/2018 – [How IPART assesses M&V Professional Reports](#) on the ESS website.

The Notice is intended for ACPs and Measurement and Verification (M&V) Professionals involved in the delivery of the Project Impact Assessment with Measurement and Verification (PIAM&V) method. It provides guidance about how we review M&V Professional Reports against the requirements of the ESS Rule, and provides examples of reports that would not meet the requirements. It has been developed following consultation at workshops we held with M&V auditors and M&V Professionals.

The Notice will assist ACPs to follow up with M&V Professionals on any issues identified in the M&V Professional Report.



AUDIT PANEL

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



WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

We recommend that applicants and key stakeholders participate in our online workshops. Register through the links below for an upcoming session or an event:

- ▼ 19 July 18, [Module 8: The Accredited Certificate Providers](#)
- ▼ 9 Aug 18, [Module 7: The ESS Portal](#)
- ▼ 16 Aug 18, [Annual Auditor Workshop](#) (open to members of the Audit Services Panel)
- ▼ 30 Aug 18, [Module 9: The Audit Process](#)
- ▼ 26 Sep 18, [Stakeholder Forum](#) (open to all stakeholders)



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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	2018 estimated target	ESCs available for surrender ^a	ESCs created in 2018 ^a	Total current accreditations ^{ab}	New accreditations this quarter ^c
23,591,377	4,300,000	4,139,641	1,684,864	177	6

Notes:

a) Data as at 31 May 2018

b) Multiple project accreditations count as single accreditations

c) During the period 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018

Table 2: Recent accreditations under the Energy Savings Scheme

Company name	Accreditation name	Project type	Sector
CO2 Free Pty Ltd	Whole Building Services Energy Efficiency Upgrades	Multiple activities	Commercial/Industrial
Easy Being Green Pty Ltd (formerly ClimateBank)	Home Energy Efficiency Upgrades	Multiple activities	Residential/Small Business
Expert Abatement Pty Ltd	Expert Efficiency in Refrigeration and Cooling for Business	Multiple activities	Commercial
Green Energy Trading Pty Ltd	GET Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits Project	Lighting	Residential/Small Business
KGSL Group T/As Energy Advisors Australia	LED Lighting Upgrades	Lighting	Residential/Small Business
Lifestyle Technologies (Aust) Pty Ltd	LT home and small business retrofits	Multiple activities	Residential/Small Business

Note: During the period 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018