

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESSES PLANNING FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

A wide variety of Federal and State Government support, assistance and grants programs are available to allow businesses to plan for a more sustainable future. Although this list is not exhaustive (and will be updated on a regular basis), we hope that it may be of assistance.

FEDERAL

Government Departments and Agencies

[Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment](#)

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

[Business Australia Business Energy and Advice Program](#)

Free energy efficiency audits and advice for small businesses Australia wide including Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

[Business.gov.au Environmental Management Guide](#)

[Federal Government Grants and Programs Finder](#)

Find grants, funding and support programs from across government to help your business.

[Green Initiative Grants](#)

The Australian government has introduced several measures to promote environmentally friendly initiatives. Assistance programs are available in the form of grants, incentives, awards and subsidies to individuals, groups, community networks and businesses.

[Emissions Reduction Fund](#)

The Emissions Reduction Fund provides businesses with the opportunity to earn Australian carbon credit units for every tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent a business stores or avoids emitting through adopting new practices and technologies.

[Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand Fund](#)

Targeted funding assistance for sector organisations seeking to restart, re-imagine or create new activities. The program is intended to assist by providing funding for the presentation of activities across all art forms to audiences across Australia. Projects that target audiences in outer metropolitan, regional and remote areas will also be taken into account, as well as projects that involve tours and use local regional pre-production and production, services and support acts. Applications close 31 December 2021.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Government Departments and Agencies

[ACT Government Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate](#)

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

[ACT Government Actsmart](#)

[Business Energy and Water Program](#)

Rebates to help with the costs of upgrading to more energy-efficient and water-efficient technologies and equipment.

[ACTsmart Business Recycling Program](#)

The ACTSmart Business Recycling Program provides businesses in the ACT or Queanbeyan with access to a free and efficient recycling and waste management program to help reduce costs and impacts on the environment.

[ACTsmart Lighting Efficiency Web Tool](#)

A free tool to check the efficiency of your business lighting set up and suggests possible upgrades.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Government Departments and Agencies

[NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment](#)

[NSW Environment Protection Authority](#)

[Sustainability Advantage](#)

Sustainability Advantage works with medium and large organisations to accelerate the adoption of sustainable practices and to nurture leaders committed to securing a sustainable NSW.

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

[Bin Trim Rebates Program](#)

The Bin Trim Rebates Program provides small to medium sized businesses with free waste assessments and rebates to help cover the costs of installing small-scale, on-site recycling equipment.

[Building Sustainability Index](#)

The Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) ensures new and renovated homes are designed using specific water and energy targets. These principles can also be applied to other types of construction.

[Building Upgrade Finance](#)

Environmental Upgrade Agreements provide owners or managers with access to loans to upgrade a commercial building to maximise the building's energy efficiency.

[Circular Challenge Funding Scheme](#)

NSW Circular will grant up to \$600K to support one or more iconic projects that will enable the delivery of circularity in, and scaling of, critical supply chains identified by the work of NSW Circular.

[Coastal and Estuary Grants](#)

The NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Grants Program provides technical and financial support to local government to help manage the coastal zone.

[Electric Vehicle Strategy](#)

Under the Strategy, stamp duty on electric vehicles (EVs) will be phased out and drivers will have access to a world-class road network of ultra-fast charging stations. The Electric Vehicle Strategy is supported by \$490 million in funding and tax cuts including:

- Stamp duty will be waived for eligible EVs (battery and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles) priced under \$78,000 purchased from 1 September 2021;
- Rebates of \$3,000 will be offered on private purchases of the first 25,000 eligible EVs (battery and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles) under \$68,750 sold in NSW from 1 September 2021;
- \$171 million for new charging infrastructure across the State. This includes \$131 million to spend on new ultra-fast vehicle chargers, \$20 million in grants for destination chargers to assist regional tourism, and \$20 million for charging infrastructure at public transport hubs on Transport for NSW owned land;
- \$33 million to help transition the NSW Government passenger fleet to EVs where feasible, with the target of a fully electric fleet by 2030. These vehicles typically are on road after three to five years, providing availability for private buyers in the second hand market.

[Love Food Hate Waste](#)

Your Business is Food Toolkit is a guide for businesses on how to save money on food wastage and donate surplus food.

[NSW Environmental Trust Environmental Grants](#)

The NSW Environmental Trust provides funding to a range of community, government and industry stakeholders to deliver projects that conserve, protect and rehabilitate the NSW environment, or that promote environmental education and sustainability.



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NORTHERN TERRITORY

Government Departments and Agencies

[Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security](#)
[Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority](#)

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

[Northern Territory Government Grants](#)

QUEENSLAND

Government Departments and Agencies

[Queensland Department of Environment and Science](#)

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

[Queensland Government Climate Action Resources for the Tourism Industry](#)
[Queensland Government Grants Finder](#)
[ecoBiz Queensland](#)

A free Government-funded program delivered by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ). The program provides personal coaching, site surveys, training and tools to small and medium sized businesses to help them improve resource efficiency and environmental sustainability and reduce operating costs.

[Climate Change Risk Management Tool for Small Business](#)

The climate change risk management tool contains information on climate change, the related risks and checklists to assess these risks. It is free to use and provides links to other resources.

[Business Energy Savers Program](#)

Provides free energy audits for businesses to fund energy efficiency solutions.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Government Departments and Agencies

[Department of Environment and Water](#)

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

[Nature-based Tourism Co-investment Fund](#)

The Nature-based Tourism Co-investment Fund is a pilot grant program designed to assist eligible businesses and organisations to partner with the South Australian Government to deliver sustainable, quality tourism experiences in South Australia. Applications close June 2022 (or until the fund is exhausted).

[Resource Efficiency and Productivity Grant \(REAP\)](#)

The Resource Efficiency and Productivity (REAP) Grant provides businesses and not-for-profit organisations with a 50% subsidy for a resource efficiency and productivity assessment.

[Carbon Neutral Adelaide – Partner Directory](#)

Find low carbon businesses and solutions for your business.

TASMANIA

Government Departments and Agencies

[Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment](#)
[Environment Protection Authority of Tasmania](#)

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

[TAS EPA Sustainability Resources for Business and Industry](#)

A range of resources to help your business become more sustainable; includes a Business Recycling Directory and Sustainable Event Guidelines.

Department of State Growth Grants and Funding Opportunities for Business

The Department of State Growth offers grants and loans to businesses and individuals to assist in professional and sector development in Tasmania.

[EcoStar](#)

EcoStar provides a practical framework for tourism operators working in and around conservation areas and high value natural and cultural destinations, to implement the highest levels of business practice and measures to minimise their impact on the surroundings. It is also a resource for all tourism operators wanting to demonstrate to their customers and community their commitment to the highest business sustainability practices.

VICTORIA

Government Departments and Agencies

[Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning](#)
[Sustainability Victoria](#)

Supports Victorians to transition to a circular, climate-resilient economy.

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

[Business Energy Grants and Support](#)

A range of training and support programs, grants and resources to help your business reduce energy use, increase productivity and save money.

[Business Victoria Sustainability site](#)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Government Departments and Agencies

[Department of Water and Environmental Regulation](#)

Advice, Grants, Programs and Tools

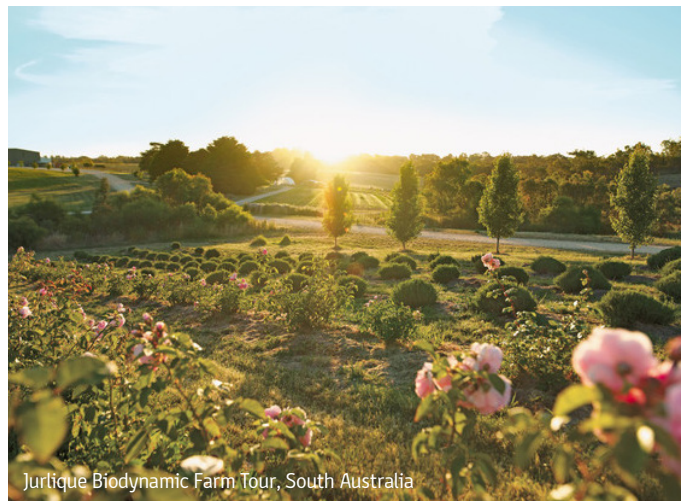
[Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Grants, Support and Programs](#)

A range of training and support programs, grants and resources to help your business reduce energy use, increase productivity and save money.

[WA Government Business and Community Assistance](#)

Assisting communities and businesses to face climate and environmental challenges.

For further information, please contact [Sophie Treasure](#)



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