

1. OPEN ROUNDS

National Urban Water and Desalination Plan

Australia-wide

– **Stormwater harvesting and reuse projects**

Part of the Australian Government's \$12.9 billion Water for the Future Plan, the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan has a minimum \$200 million for stormwater harvesting and reuse projects. Projects must use urban stormwater to reduce demand on potable water supplies. Funding is available for up to 50% of the project costs, with a minimum project size of \$4 million (\$2 million in funding assistance) up to \$20 million. Smaller projects may wish to contact Demand Manager with regards to a proposed bundled project under consideration.

Round 1 closes 30 June 2009, Round 2 closes 11 December 2009. [More information.](#)

Green Building Fund

Australia-Wide

– **Energy Efficiency, Commercial Office Buildings**

The *Green Building Fund* (\$90m over 4 years) aims to reduce the impact of Australia's built environment by reducing the energy consumed in existing commercial office buildings. Two Rounds of the Fund have closed so far with no announced winners. **Round 3 closes 5pm local time on 30 June 2009.** [More information.](#)

Re-Tooling for Climate Change

Australia-Wide

- **Energy & Water Efficiency, Manufacturing Operations**

The *Re-tooling for Climate Change* program (\$75m over 4 years) helps small and medium sized Australian manufacturers reduce their environmental footprint, through projects that improve the energy and/or water efficiency of their production processes, including Power Factor Correction. The program provides grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000, up to a maximum of one third of the cost of each project. **Round 3 closes – 5pm local time 1 June 2009.** [More information.](#)

Climate Ready

Australia-Wide

- **Energy & Water, Research & Development to Commercialisation**

The *Climate Ready* program (\$75m over 4 years) is a competitive grants program providing grants from \$50,000 up to \$5m on a matching funding basis to support research and development, proof-of-concept and early-stage commercialisation activities to develop solutions to climate change challenges. **Round 4 closes - 5pm AEDST 25 June 2009.** [More information.](#)

National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative

Australia-Wide

- Water Harvesting, Implementation, Surf Life Saving Clubs

The Australian Government is offering grants of up to \$10,000 to surf life saving clubs to install water saving and efficiency devices on club premises as a component of the \$250 million *National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative*. [More information](#).

2. UPCOMING ROUNDS TO WATCH

Queensland Sustainable Energy Innovation Fund (QSEIF)

Queensland

- Sustainable Energy and Water, Implementation

The Queensland Sustainable Energy Innovation Fund (QSEIF) is administered by the Sustainable Industries Division of the EPA and assists Queensland based organisations to develop innovative technologies that reduce consumption of fossil fuels, water or greenhouse gas emissions. Applications are expected to be called for Round 14 in March/April 2009 with selected projects to commence in late-2009. [More information](#).

NSW Green Business Program

NSW

- Sustainable Energy and Water, Implementation,

The NSW Green Business Program provides \$30 million over five years for projects that will save water and energy in business operations in NSW. Round 2 is expected to be called in mid 2009. [More information](#).

3. RECENTLY ANNOUNCED FUNDED PROJECTS

Retooling for Climate Change

Australia-wide

- Energy and water savings manufacturing businesses

Round 1 of the Retooling for Climate Change has been announced via the Finance Department's budget announcements. [More information on successful projects](#) (keep scrolling).

Round 1 & 2 Climate Ready Program

Australia-wide

- Energy & Water, Research & Development to Commercialisation

Successful projects from Rounds 1 & 2 of the Australian Government's Climate Ready Program have been announced. [More information on successful projects](#).

4. OTHER FUNDING NEWS

NSW Energy Savings Scheme

The NSW Government is proposing to replace the Demand Side Abatement (DSA) component of the current NSW Greenhouse Gas Abatement Scheme (GGAS) with the Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) as of 1 July 2009. A briefing was held on 3 April 2009 and presentations from the seminar are available in the internet. [More information](#).