

1. OPEN ROUNDS

National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns

Australia-wide

– Water saving projects

Part of the Australian Government's \$12.9 billion Water for the Future Plan, the National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns has over \$150 million for projects that upgrade older pipes and water infrastructure, implement new water saving infrastructure or deliver practical projects to save water and reduce water losses. Projects must be located in cities and towns throughout Australia that have a population of less than 50,000. Funding is available for up to 50% of the project costs, with a minimum project size of \$500,000 (\$250,000 in funding assistance) up to a maximum grant of \$10 million. Smaller projects may wish to contact Demand Manager with regards to opportunities for bundling projects together. **Round 1 closes 1 December 2009.** [Click here for more info.](#)

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 2 closes 10 February 2010.** [Click here for more info.](#)

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. The fund helps building owners to implement energy saving projects in base building operations (HVAC, lighting, motors, ventilation, BMS etc). Four Rounds of the Fund have closed so far with many building owners receiving grants of between \$50,000 and \$500,000. Demand Manager has assisted many building owners successfully obtain funding. **Round 5 closes 5pm local time on 12 January 2010.** [Click here for more info.](#)

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 50% of the cost of each project (please note that this was increased from 33% in mid-2009). **Round 5 closes – 5pm local time 30 November 2009 and Round 6 on 22 March 2010.** [Click here for more info.](#)

ACT Feed-in Tariff

ACT

- **Implementation of small-scale renewable energy systems**

The ACT Government has launched the ACT Feed-in Tariff (FiT) scheme to help owners of small scale renewable energy systems (primarily PV solar) obtain a more attractive rate of return on projects. Whilst most Australian states have, or are planning a FiT, the ACT Scheme is the only Gross FiT. This means all generation produced by a system up to 10kW in size will earn \$0.5005 per kWh (systems up to 30kW will earn \$0.4004 per kWh). The alternative, a Net FiT, only pays the owner for the generation over and above consumption on the site. Solar PV projects in the ACT can generally achieve Internal Rates of Return (IRR) around the 10-20% mark. FiT contracts are Government backed for 20 years, meaning there is generally no risk on the revenue from such projects. [Click here for more info.](#)

Energy Efficiency Training Program

NSW

- **Design and delivery of energy efficiency training programs**

The NSW Department of Environment Climate Change and Water (DECCW), coupled with the Department of Education and Training (DET), are offering grants of between \$30,000 and \$100,000 for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) to design and deliver accredited short courses in energy efficiency skills. The courses are to be aimed at specific professionals and trades, such as builders, plumbers and electricians, to increase their knowledge and understanding of energy efficiency opportunities. **Expressions of Interest are invited to be submitted by 5pm Monday 16 November 2009.** [Click here for more info.](#)

Country Energy Provision of Network Demand Services

Country NSW

- **Demand Management Services**

Country Energy has released an Expression of Interest for organisations that are able to provide Network Demand Management Services throughout all or part of their geographic area. **Expressions of Interest are due for lodgment by 10am, Tuesday 24 November 2009.** [Click here for more info.](#)

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 15 in 2010. [Click here for more info.](#)

NSW Public Facilities Program – Community Savers

NSW

- **Sustainable Energy and Water, Implementation, Community Facilities**

The Community Savers stream of the NSW Government's Public Facilities Program offers funding for not-for-profit community organisations to undertake simple, low-cost water and energy saving upgrades in the facilities they use. Funding is capped at \$40,000 per facility. The second round of the Community Savers stream is expected in late 2009. [Click here for more info.](#)

The Green Fund Watch is a periodical report detailing the various energy and water funding programs and incentives run by Australian state and federal governments. The Report is published by Demand Manager Pty Ltd – visit www.demandmanager.com.au for more information.

Climate Ready Program

Australia-wide

- Energy & Water, Research & Development to Commercialisation

The Australian Government's Climate Ready Program offers match funding for research and development, proof of concept and early stage commercialisation projects for climate change solution technologies. Funding is available from \$50,000 to a maximum of \$5 million. Further Rounds of the Climate Ready Program are due to be announced in the near future after results from Round 4 are announced. [Click here for more info.](#)

3. RECENTLY ANNOUNCED FUNDED PROJECTS

Retooling for Climate Change

Australia-wide

- Energy and water savings manufacturing businesses

Rounds 1, 2 and 3 of the Retooling for Climate Change have been announced. [Click here for more info.](#)

Green Building Fund

Australia-wide

- Energy and water savings commercial office buildings

Successful projects from Rounds 1, 2 and 3 of the Australian Government's Green Building Program have been announced on the Department's website. Round 4 is due in the next month or so. [Click here for more info.](#)

Climate Ready Program

Australia-wide

- Energy & Water, Research & Development to Commercialisation

Successful projects from Rounds 1, 2 & 3 of the Australian Government's Climate Ready Program have been announced. Round 4 is due in the coming months. [Click here for more info.](#)

NSW Public Facilities Program – Community Savers Stream NSW

- Sustainable Energy and Water, Implementation, Community Facilities

Successful projects from Round 2 of the Public Facilities Program – Community Savers stream have been announced. [Click here for more info.](#)

National Urban Water and Desalination Plan

Australia-wide

– Stormwater harvesting and reuse projects

\$86 million has been distributed to thirteen organisations in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia for major stormwater harvesting and reuse projects. Projects were announced by Minister Wong on 2 November 2009. [Click here for more info.](#)

4. OTHER FUNDING NEWS

NSW Energy Savings Scheme

The NSW Government has replaced the Demand Side Abatement (DSA) component of the old NSW Greenhouse Gas Abatement Scheme (GGAS) with the Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) as of 1 July 2009. The ESS has a new unit of currency – the Energy Savings Certificate (ESC) which is currently trading in the \$15 to \$20 range. One ESC equates to 1 MWh of saved electricity in NSW. Demand Manager maintains a number of accreditations under the new Scheme which focus on lighting, power factor correction and whitegoods. Contact Demand Manager if you would like to discuss this particular scheme in more detail. [Click here for more info on the ESS.](#)

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