



**Hello Mike,**

The Cheaper Home Batteries Program and WA Residential Battery Scheme launched on 1 July, heralding the next step for Australia's electrification journey. We declared it [Energy Independence Day](#), with visits to our approved batteries list and [searches on Google for home batteries](#) reaching record highs. And, by all accounts, retailers and installers have had a very busy month.

The Clean Energy Council is supporting the success and integrity of the battery programs through its role as the product listing body, ensuring products meet Australian standards. We are implementing improvements to the application process including providing [guidance and reporting on processing times](#) and have received and responded to over 900 email inquiries in the past month alone. For the WA Residential Battery Scheme, we will help strengthen consumer protection through administration of the New Energy Tech Consumer Code program. Our policy experts will also continue to work with governments, regulators and networks to ensure the programs best support industry.

We were thrilled with the turnout at our webinar in June and be sure to keep an eye out for detail about our next free webinar on the Cheaper Home Batteries Program and WA Residential Home Battery Scheme, which will be held in August.

Below, we share more information on these programs plus news and updates to help you stay ahead in the industry. The updated inverter product standard comes into effect on 23 August 2025 and we have published [a list of inverter models which have already demonstrated compliance with the updated standard here](#). We expect many manufacturers to submit declarations for remaining models over the coming weeks. Those that do not may be removed from the product list from 23 August 2025.

## **MYCEC UPDATE**

### **[myCEC will transition to a public email subscription for rooftop solar and storage news](#)**

On 31 July, we will retire our myCEC service and replace this newsletter and related industry updates with a free, publicly available email subscription.

myCEC was originally designed as a subscription service offering technical support, industry news and resources to help those working in the rooftop solar industry and was given free to

installers during the transition of accreditation to Solar Accreditation Australia. To better support the Product Assurance and New Energy Tech Consumer Code (NETCC) programs that we administer, we have decided to make these industry updates public so everyone in the industry can benefit.

This will mean the myCEC options in the portal will close on 31 July and some resources will move:

- Relevant [Advice Docs](#) will be transitioned to LearnLAB and [Discounts](#) will be moved to the Clean Energy Council member section of the portal.
- [Toolbox Talks](#) and [Business Templates](#) will be retired.
- The [Clean Energy Council LearnLAB](#) will continue to offer CPD courses, many of which are free-of-charge. You can register [here](#).
- After 31 July, we will continue to send you the same industry updates you receive now but in a new design and with updated options to manage your preferences.

Those interested in consumer protection and the NETCC program will also be able to publicly subscribe to NETCC updates directly via the NETCC website.



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### BATTERY SCHEME UPDATES

#### Cheaper Home Batteries Program

The program launched on 1 July offering rebates of around 30 per cent via small-scale technology certificates (STCs) under the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES). The program requires use of Clean Energy Council products. The Clean Energy Regulator (CER) has clarified [eligibility criteria for installation with existing solar and battery systems](#) and issued [new guidance on battery stacking](#).

More information can be found on the [Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water \(DCCEEW\)](#) and [CER](#) websites.

The Clean Energy Council continues to work closely with DCCEEW and the CER to ensure the program best supports industry as well as consumers and we will be holding a free webinar in August (registration will open soon).

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#### WA Residential Battery Scheme

The Western Australian Government offers rebates of up to \$1,300 for Synergy customers and up to \$3,800 for Horizon Power customers through the WA Residential Battery Scheme as well as no interest loans of up to \$10,000 for eligible WA households.

Batteries need to meet VPP requirements and be listed on the Horizon Power or [Synergy](#) supported solutions lists, which are based on the Clean Energy Council (CEC) approved product lists.

Retailers need to have a Western Australian address, be [an Approved Seller under the New Energy Technology Consumer Code \(NETCC\)](#) and [register as an accredited vendor with Plenti](#).

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## WA Residential Battery Scheme requires retailers to be Approved Sellers

The requirement will help ensure consumers receive fair and quality service under the scheme.

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### Other national and state battery programs

- The CEFC Household Energy Upgrades Fund facilitates low-cost finance to support the installation of solar and batteries as well as other energy efficient appliances.
- The [NSW Peak Demand Reduction Scheme \(PDRS\)](#) replaced the battery purchase rebate on 1 July and with a higher incentive for subscribing a battery up to a VPP. The VPP rebate is up to \$1,500. IPART, which manage the scheme, recently issued [a reminder on deadlines for recent Peak Reduction Certificates \(PRCs\)](#).
- The [TAS Energy Saver Loan Scheme](#) continues to offer 0% interest loans to eligible for energy efficient products including batteries. Solar panels are no longer supported.
- [ACT's Sustainable Household Scheme](#) changed its settings on 1 July with interest rates for loans for energy-efficient products increasing from 0% to 3%.
- Solar Victoria is no longer taking applications for interest-free loans to install a battery system.
- The Northern Territory Home and Business Battery Scheme (HBBS) has reached its \$6 million funding allocation and is now closed to new grants.

### REGULATORY UPDATES

## Inverter product standard comes into effect 23 August

Manufacturers are required to supply evidence of compliance with updated region settings under AS/NZS 4777.2:2020 Amd 2:2024 before 23 August 2025 to remain on the approved product list. Last fortnight, we published [a new table for installers and retailers to see which inverter models have already met this new requirement](#) and therefore will remain on the approved product list after 23 August. We will continue to update the table weekly. Manufacturers who have not yet submitted evidence can [find more information here](#).

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## Standards Australia release draft technical specification for batteries

At the beginning of July, Standards Australia released the [Preliminary Technical Specification TS 5398, Electrical Energy Storage Equipment -Safety Requirements](#). The document is intended to update the [Best Practice Guide: Battery Storage Equipment – Electrical Safety Requirements](#), against which the Clean Energy Council currently assesses battery applications for its approved product list.

Currently, there is no change to the approved battery list nor application process. **How the document is applied will need to be considered in consultation with stakeholders once the document is published.**

Standards Australia intends to conduct a formal peer review and publish the technical specification by the end of July 2025. The Clean Energy Council will continue to work with Standards Australia to seek the best outcomes for manufacturers, retailers and installers.

We encourage all battery manufacturers to [download the preliminary technical specification](#) and provide their feedback to us at [products@cleanenergycouncil.org.au](mailto:products@cleanenergycouncil.org.au). Clean Energy Council members can also submit feedback to Con Hristodoulidis, General Manager – Distributed Energy at [christodoulidis@cleanenergycouncil.org.au](mailto:christodoulidis@cleanenergycouncil.org.au).

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## Application processing times for product listings

All applications to join the approved products list go through a proper and thorough review process to ensure the integrity of the list. This takes time, especially when there are spikes in applications. To help manufacturers and industry plan ahead, we have begun sharing [monthly updates on the number of product applications and expected processing times](#).

Lasts financial year we added 385 new products to the approved product list.

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**Victorian Solar Homes Notice to Market 2025-26 in effect now**

**Victoria – new requirements for supervising apprentice**

The Notice to Market sets out the mandatory requirements and recommendations for retailers and installers to participate in the Solar Homes Program. There are new requirements, recommendations and updates including mandatory requirements from 1 September for expanded product warranty requirements including labour and heat pump training for new plumbers.

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## electricians take effect on 1 September

Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) has updated the requirements for the effective supervision of apprentice electricians. The requirements will take effect from 1 September 2025.

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### 10 per cent off Standards Australia Store subscriptions

Access an online set of the six most relevant solar and battery AS/NZS standards including AS/NZS 4777.1:2024 for only \$147.44 per year incl. GST.

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Australia's electricity pricing framework must be reshaped for the growing role of rooftop solar and batteries

Last week, we submitted our response to the Australian Energy Market Commission's [pricing review paper](#). This is a key opportunity to develop a smarter pricing framework that can create new opportunities for businesses to develop new services and better value for customers investing in rooftop solar, storage and clean energy products and services.

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## Join SEC's trusted installer network in Victoria

The State Electricity Commission of Victoria (SEC) has opened an expressions of interest process for installer and trade businesses to register with the SEC and help Victorians switch to electric, enabling householders to reduce their household energy bills and emissions.

Installation businesses that wish to participate must have expertise across home electrification or specialist expertise in single appliances, including heat pump hot water, solar panels, heating and cooling and be authorised under relevant rebate and incentive programs, such as Solar Victoria's Solar Homes program and the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme.

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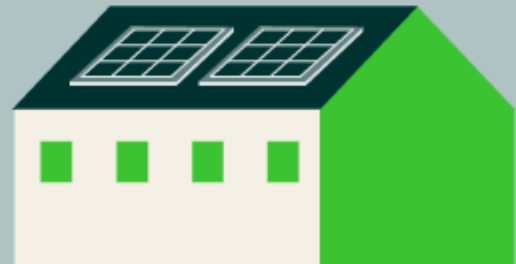
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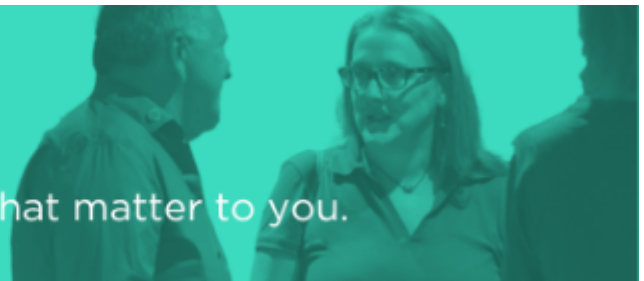
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### Public consultation on DR AS/NZS 5139:2019 Amendment 1:2025 – Battery systems installation

DR AS/NZS 5139:2019 Amendment 1:2025, covering installation requirements for battery systems, is open for public comment. The Clean Energy Council has contributed to its development through the EL-005 Committee alongside Standards Australia with amendments aiming to clarify areas of confusion raised by industry. Consultation closes Friday 15 August. The draft and submission portal are available via the link below.

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### Registration for All Energy Australia opens next week

The largest clean energy event in the southern hemisphere kicks off in Melbourne on 29 October, and free registration opens next week. Over two days attendees can meet 450+ national and international suppliers exhibiting the latest technology, network with over 15,000 industry professionals and listen to sessions from 500+ industry speakers across 80+ sessions. Registration for our perennially sold-out Women in Renewables Lunch will launch in August while details of the free Clean Energy Council Masterclass sessions will be released in September.

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### Energy Safe Victoria electrical roadshow

Energy Safe Victoria staff will be visiting 10 locations in Victoria between 22 July and 11 September 2025. Join them for afternoon tea, short presentations and the opportunity to ask questions about ESV Connect, continuing professional development (CPD), renewables, certificates of electrical safety (COES), apprentice supervision and more.

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