

## 2025 CLEP Guidelines

### Introduction

This document outlines Guidelines for operation of the Clean Energy Program (CLEP).

For information about the broader framework under which the CLEP is governed, please refer to the [Community Enhancement Program \(CEP\)](#) document on the Gullen Range Wind Farm (GRWF) website. The CLEP Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the CEP document.

Changes to the CEP require consultation with Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council, community members and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

However, these Guidelines can be adjusted by GRWF at any time allowing flexibility about certain elements of the program to ensure it is operating appropriately. GRWF aims to update the Guidelines annually.

If you are reading this document to make an application for funding under the CLEP, please check that you meet the eligibility requirements of the program. These requirements are outlined in the [CLEP brochure](#) available on the GRWF website.

### How do I apply to the CLEP?

The CLEP brochure and application forms provide practical information on the CLEP and how to apply.

The CLEP Program brochure and application forms can be downloaded from the GRWF [website](#) or you can [contact us](#) using the details at the bottom of the guidelines and we'll post or email a copy to you.

### Who is the Energy Committee?

The Energy Committee consists of a representative from GRWF and an Independent member. The Energy Committee is responsible for overseeing the CLEP, reporting on the CLEP, modifying the CLEP Guidelines and assessing which Stage 2 applicants are successful.

### Who is the Independent Member of the Energy Committee?

The Independent member of the Energy Committee is Ian Colley of Make Stuff Happen.

### Who is the Energy Efficiency Expert?

Trish Campbell from ACT Sustainable Services (ACTSS) has been contracted by GRWF as the Energy Efficiency Expert since the CLEP began operation in 2015. Trish is based in Canberra.

### Can a Resident Apply for the CLEP on more than one occasion?

The program aims to maximise the distribution of the CLEP funds across CLEP Eligible Residents.

In December 2024 the Energy Committee undertook an assessment to determine if it would be appropriate to open the program to multiple applications per property. Considering the current application trend, as well as the available funds under the program, a decision has been made to allow multiple applications with the following conditions:

1. Multiple applications will be eligible to be submitted from the same properties that have previously completed Stage 2 of the CLEP, either for residences that have subsequently been sold after completing Stage 2 previously, or for residences for which the same owner wishes to apply for additional CLEP funding.
2. Second (or subsequent) applications will be eligible for either Stage 2A (Solar Reimbursement Package) or Stage 2B (Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Package), regardless of which package was previously applied for.
3. Depending on the popularity of Stage 2 funding, applications for multiple funding may be placed onto a waiting list.
4. Applications received (or any applicable submissions on the waiting list) for Stage 2 funding will be assessed in the below priority order:
  - a. Applications for which no Stage 2 funding has been previously received;
  - b. Distance to the nearest wind turbine from the location of the house or business (specifically, from the location of the building) where the installation will occur. Applications for buildings closer to the location of a wind turbine on the Wind Farm will receive priority;
  - c. Applications for additional Stage 2 funding assessed in chronological date order of previous application (i.e. priority given to applications where previous funding was provided earlier in the program);
  - d. Applicants who have applied and been successful on fewer occasions than other applicants will receive priority;
  - e. Where applicants have applied and been successful on previous occasions, applicants who have received less value from the scheme than other applicants will receive priority; then,
  - f. Applications for Stage 2 funding that have received grants previously and are now seeking funding for a different Stage 2 package (e.g. previous grant funding was approved for Stage 2A, and second application is submitted for Stage 2B) will be given priority over those applying for the same Stage as their previous application.
5. Should an application have been previously approved for funding early in the CLEP operational period, it will be possible for the Eligible Resident to make an application for improvements or additions to their installed system, such as adding a battery to their solar PV system for improved energy efficiency. However, as per the existing Community Enhancement Program guidelines, **funding will not be awarded for the maintenance of existing solar hot water or solar PV installations.**
6. Each application for Stage 2 funding can only be for either Stage 2A or Stage 2B grants. Applications seeking funding for multiple installations/grants at one time will not be considered.

Further information on the application assessment criteria that the Energy Committee uses can be found in the Wind Farm's [Community Enhancement Program](#).

The overall aim of the program is to assist members of the community make energy efficiency improvements to their properties. The Eligible Resident will need to outline in a second (or subsequent) funding application, how greater efficiencies will be achieved from the previously approved and completed works.

For clarity, all other conditions of the CLEP as outlined in the CEP document will apply, including the requirement for the property to be within 5km of a turbine on Gullen Range Wind Farm and to have received DA approval prior to 22 December 2014.

GRWF and the CLEP will remain unable to provide financial assistance for maintenance costs for any installed systems funded under the program.

Eligible Residents can only apply for Stage 1 of the CLEP once per property (Energy Efficiency Package) and must have done so previously before moving to Stage 2. If a property is sold after completing Stage 1 of the Program, the new owner can apply for Stage 1 of the CLEP once.

The Energy Committee will assess the decision to open the program to multiple applications in 12 months of the change being made, which will be January 2026. Depending on the number of multiple applications received as well as the available funds in the program, a decision may be made to adjust these guidelines and remove the ability for multiple applications to be made.

The Energy Committee's decision will be in the best interests of distributing CLEP funds across the maximum number of CLEP Eligible Residents.

## What is the Target Allocation Value?

The Target Allocation Value (TAV) for 2025 is \$8370<sup>1</sup>.

The Energy Committee aims to approve applications of no more than the TAV, although the Committee does maintain the right to approve a higher value if an aspect of the proposed installation is particularly complex. Eligible Residents may also elect to 'top up' the CLEP grant above the TAV with their own money. This is called 'Partial Funding' as the CLEP grant only covers a portion of the cost of the works being undertaken.

The Target Allocation Value will next be updated to account for inflation in January 2026.

---

<sup>1</sup> The Target Allocation Value increases with inflation, according to CPI (Sydney All Groups) with a baseline of Quarter 3 2015, which had a value of 108.6. The baseline Target Allocation Value in 2016 was \$6500. The 2025 value is calculated using the CPI value for Quarter 3 2024, which was 139.8. The Target Allocation Value has been rounded up to the nearest \$10. The Target Allocation Value will next be updated to account for inflation in January 2026, based on CPI (Sydney All Groups) Quarter 3 data for 2025.

## Further Information

We are happy to talk through any aspect of the CLEP. We can provide you with assistance or post paper copies of our application forms. You can contact us via:

- Phone: 1800 509 711 (leave a message and we will call back)
- Email: [info@gullenrangewindfarm.com](mailto:info@gullenrangewindfarm.com)
- Write: NGRWF, Level 21, 1 York Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000
- Visit our website: [www.gullenrangewindfarm.com](http://www.gullenrangewindfarm.com)