GULLEN RANGE
WIND FARM

2026

Clean Energy Program (CLEP)

The Gullen Range Wind Farm Clean Energy Program provides funding towards clean energy improvements in the community

Who is eligible?

Applicants must ensure that:

- They are an owner, or a tenant, of a residential or commercial building within 5 kilometres of Gullen Range Wind Farm (GRWF). The map on our web-site can help determine your eligibility, or you can contact us to check
- They are not an owner, or a tenant of someone, receiving an income from GRWF through a lease or easement
- Work has not commenced or been completed on the project being applied for; and
- The building that is the subject of the application must have received Development Approval on or before 23 December 2014

The CLEP is offered in two stages. Eligibility for funding in the CLEP will be confirmed when an application is received. Stage 1 must be completed before Stage 2 can be applied for.

Stage 1: Energy Efficiency Package

Using information provided in your Stage 1 application, our Energy Efficiency Expert will assess how you use energy. They will also visit your property to perform an audit, after which you will receive a customised report with ideas for improving your energy and water efficiency.

You'll also receive a $150 voucher to spend at Bunnings Warehouse Goulburn on small items recommended in the report, such as rubber strips to better seal windows or more efficient light bulbs.

Stage 1 is designed to inform you about how you can best make use of the grant we offer in Stage 2.

Stage 2: Energy Efficiency Grant

If you're successful, you will be provided a grant of approximately $8,620* towards the cost of making energy efficiency improvements to your residence or commercial property. You may choose to 'top up' the CLEP grant with your own money if you wish. This is called 'Partial Funding'.

Stage 2 is split into two packages, and you can choose which option best suits your needs based on your energy efficiency audit. Eligible residents can only apply for one of these packages at a time.

- **Stage 2A 'Solar Reimbursement Package':** Use the grant to install solar panels, solar hot water, or a battery storage system
- **Stage 2B 'Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Package':** Use the grant to make improvements to your house that will make it more energy efficient, such as wall insulation or double-glazed windows. The main purpose of the improvement must be to materially improve energy efficiency and you must be able to describe this in your application.

*The Target Allocated Value shown is for 2026 applications and is updated each year with CPI

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How to apply for Stage 2

1. Obtain a Stage 2 application form
2. Decide which package to apply for
3. Obtain two quotes for the works from appropriately accredited suppliers, and decide who is your preferred supplier
4. Ensure you and your supplier are happy with the terms of the draft Funding Agreement

If your application is successful, you will be notified and provided a Funding Agreement. This agreement sets out the funding terms. It is very important you read it carefully and discuss it with your supplier. After we receive a signed copy, we will countersign and return to you, after which you may engage your supplier. It is imperative that you do not engage your preferred contractor, or begin works, before receiving approval from the Energy Committee.

How does payment of the grant work?

We will pay your supplier directly for the works. We will make two payments:

1. **Deposit payment:** Engage your supplier and send us a 'Direction to Pay' form along with a supplier invoice
2. **Balance payment:** Send us another 'Direction to Pay' form along with a supplier invoice for the balance of the approved grant

See your Funding Agreement for additional information that needs to be provided for each payment.

If you are 'Partial Funding' the grant, you will need to arrange to pay your supplier directly for the cost above the grant value.

GRWF will not provide any grant unless a Funding Agreement is signed before the applicant enters a contract with their supplier and works have commenced.

GRWF, the Energy Committee and the Energy Efficiency Expert will not be responsible for the poor performance, malfunction, maintenance or associated property damage of any system approved under the CLEP, and do not warrant the performance of any such system.

Frequently Asked Questions

When are Stage 2 applications reviewed?

The CLEP Energy Committee will review Stage 2 applications four times annually:

- Received 23 December—22 March: reviewed between 01 April and 30 June
- Received 23 March—22 June: reviewed between 01 July and 30 September
- Received 23 June—22 September: reviewed between 01 October and 31 December
- Received 23 September—22 December: reviewed between 01 January and 31 March

Applicants will be advised of the outcome as soon as possible once reviews have been completed.

Why is the 2026 value for the grant set at $8,620?

The grant value was determined at the start of the project by dividing the total value of the CLEP fund by the number of houses in the eligibility area. This ensured that if all houses applied, each house would receive an equal amount of funding for their proposed project. The target value increases annually with inflation (CPI).

We may consider applications of a higher value if there is an aspect of your installation that is particularly complex, however this is at GRWF's discretion.

I've already had solar panels installed to my property. Can I still apply?

The terms of the CLEP state that we must pay directly to your supplier, and can only enter into an agreement if works have not commenced. If you've already had solar panels installed, please consider applying for Stage 2B of the CLEP to make further energy efficiency improvements to your property.

How are applications assessed?

For Stage 1, we will confirm that your application meets the CLEP eligibility criteria.

For Stage 2, we will confirm that your application is in line with your Stage 1 Energy Audit Report. The CLEP Energy Committee will review applications to decide which are to be approved, any to be waitlisted or any that do not meet CLEP terms.

Who is the Energy Committee?

The Energy Committee consists of a representative from GRWF and an independent member. The independent member is currently Ian Colley of Make Stuff Happen.

How much money is available in the CLEP?

Every year that the wind farm is operational, $60,809 is available to the CLEP, increasing with CPI annually from a 2010 baseline. Future year's CLEP funds can be used to control the application waiting list, at GRWF's discretion.

If funds in a particular year are not fully utilised they may be rolled over into the GRWF Community Fund. This is administered by Upper Lachlan Shire Council under Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and provides funds to community groups on an annual basis.

What happens if there is not enough money in a given year for all applications?

A waitlist will be created and applicants will be notified in writing if they are affected. Waiting times will be minimised wherever possible.

Can I obtain grant funding if I am purchasing energy efficiency supplies to install myself?

No, funding is unable to be provided for supply-only quotations or works. Grant funding can only be provided for works that are supplied and installed together by a suitably licenced professional.

Who is the Energy Efficiency Expert?

GRWF has engaged Trish Campbell from ACT Sustainable Systems to act as the CLEP Energy Efficiency Expert.

Who will administer the Clean Energy Program?

GRWF in consultation with the Energy Committee will administer the CLEP. The Program will be independently reviewed and audited annually.

Can you help me find a supplier?

We cannot recommend suppliers, however a list of suppliers who have contacted us or have appeared on previous applications can be found on our website.

Can I apply for the CLEP more than once?

After assessment by the Energy Committee, multiple applications for Stage 2 grants were opened in 2025.

Assessment criteria and the prioritisation of multiple applications can be found in the CLEP Guidelines, available on our website.

All other criteria for the CLEP remain as per the Community Enhancement Program. Maintenance for existing installations will not be eligible for funding.

For more information, please visit our website or contact us and we will be happy to assist.