



BUILD YOUR GREEN BUSINESS

IN THE NATION'S CLIMATE ACTION CAPITAL

The ACT is the nation's climate action capital. We're a national and international global climate action leader. We're on track to deliver 100% renewable electricity by 2020, and we're now aiming for net zero emissions by 2045. This is in step with what climate scientists tell us we need to do to reduce the worst impacts of climate change.

Climate action is delivering for Canberra:

Doing right by the environment does not mean we have to sacrifice our economy. Every business wants to grow through ideas that don't cost the earth. Many are also finding that they can do the right thing while also saving time and money. Canberra climate action is already helping businesses to kick goals.

- » \$2,500 average annual saving on energy bills for small business through the Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme
- » More than \$500 million over 20 years in low carbon investment in the ACT
- » \$12 million fund for renewables innovation, research and world-class training facilities
- » \$25 million injected into smart energy storage for homes and business.

Building an emissions free city will drive further benefits for Canberra businesses.



SAVE MONEY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

But there's still more we need to do.



REDUCE OUR TRANSPORT EMISSIONS. MORE THAN 60% OF ACT EMISSIONS IN 2020 WILL COME FROM OUR CARS, BUSES AND TRUCKS.



REDUCE OUR GAS EMISSIONS. MORE THAN 20% OF ACT EMISSIONS IN 2020 WILL COME FROM GAS USED IN HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES.



REDUCE OUR WASTE. AN ESTIMATED 50,000 TONNES OF FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE IS SENT TO LANDFILL EACH YEAR IN THE ACT.



ACHIEVE 30% TREE CANOPY COVER (OR EQUIVALENT) AND 30% PERMEABLE SURFACES ACROSS CANBERRA'S URBAN FOOTPRINT BY 2045.



ACHIEVE 50-60% EMISSIONS REDUCTION BELOW 1990 LEVELS BY 2025 AND NET ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2045.

Sustainability tips



MAKE THE SWITCH

Electric appliances are more efficient than gas appliances.

BE A LEADER

Encourage your staff to cycle, walk or use public transport to get to work.



CHOOSE ZERO-EMISSIONS VEHICLES

Include electric cars, scooters and bikes in your fleet vehicles.

BE WASTE SMART

Reduce waste, increase recycling and divert organic waste from landfill.



GO SOLAR

Install solar panels and a battery storage system.

SAVE ENERGY

Improve the energy efficiency of your appliances, equipment and buildings.



GET ENERGY EFFICIENT

Ensure your workplace has effective building energy management systems.

LANDSCAPING MATTERS

Use grass, timber decking and soil in your outdoor spaces to filter water and keep cool.



Where can I get help?

There are plenty of initiatives in place to help your business be a climate change leader. Take advantage of rebates, upgrades and subsidies, free and practical advice, self-help web-tools and more by visiting www.actsmart.act.gov.au

Some of these programs include:

- » A free Actsmart business program to help businesses improve recycling and waste management processes
- » Rebates for upgrades (up to \$5,000) to more efficient lighting, heating and tapware as part of the Actsmart energy and water efficiency program
- » Subsidised lighting upgrades for small businesses under the Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme
- » Advice and support for installing solar panels through the Business Solar Program
- » Rebates for installing battery storage for solar systems.

Super enthusiasts

Check out the ACT Climate Strategy 2019-25 and the Living Infrastructure Plan. They detail the next steps to reduce emissions and work with nature to tackle climate change right here in our own backyard.

More information

To find out more about the Strategy and the Plan, visit www.act.gov.au/climatechange, email climatechange@act.gov.au or call 13 22 81.



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