

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

AGRICULTURE ENERGY INVESTMENT PLAN



The \$30 million Agriculture Energy Investment Plan (AEIP) outlines the Victorian Government's commitment to partner with industry to build a more resilient, energy efficient agriculture sector. It strengthens the industry's ability to adapt to changing energy conditions and improve energy productivity.



The AEIP was developed in partnership with the Industry and was based on information provided by 215 farmers who told the government about their concerns and the barriers preventing them doing more to address those concerns.

THE AEIP COMPRISES FIVE KEY ACTIONS:



- 1. Free Assessments**
Providing on-farm energy assessments to assist farmers in identifying where they may reduce energy consumption.



- 2. Grants**
To support farmers invest in energy efficient or own-generation technology within existing energy policy.



- 3. Demonstrations**
Showing energy efficient or own-generation technology on-farm.



- 4. Skills and education**
Linking farmers and businesses to information and education resources.



- 5. Research**
Facilitating partnerships to commercialise research for the farming sector.

To date, over 250 applications have been received for free on-farm energy assessments.

KEY DATES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

October/November 2017

On-line on-farm energy survey conducted

20 December 2017

Agriculture Energy Investment Plan launched

April 2018

Independent Advisory Panel established to help Agriculture Victoria design and implement the Agriculture Energy Investment Plan for best on-farm outcomes (comprising energy and agriculture industry experts)

11 May 2018

Free on-farm energy assessments open

17 August 2018

Tier one on-farm energy grants open

Late 2018

Coming soon: opening of tier two and three grants