



energy efficiency certificate creators association

EECCA Submission

REES Consultation Paper

**2017 Review of the REES – activities available for
delivery**

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Introduction

The EECCA commends the South Australian (SA) Government for conducting a consultation on the Retailer Energy Efficiency Scheme (REES) activities available for delivery.

Recommendations

1. The most effective and immediate responses the SA Government could make to deal with the current energy crisis is to significantly increase and expand the REES target to provide far more energy savings for South Australians. In comparison, activities installed in 2016 under the larger Victorian scheme reduced peak demand by 128 megawatts, predominantly delivered through commercial lighting upgrades.
2. The EECCA advocates that the REES prioritise the uptake of commercial lighting activities. These activities have proven most effective for schemes in other jurisdictions where their uptake to date has delivered the most significant energy savings. These savings can significantly reduce peak demand and put downward pressure on power prices.
3. To achieve 1. and 2., the 900Gj cap on commercial lighting activities must be removed. The existing cap limits uptake to only small businesses, or a small area in a large business.
4. The EECCA advocates the move to a market-based scheme for the REES. Market competition has proven to provide the lowest cost abatement. Should the SA Government pursue this approach, adoption of existing certificate registration platforms from other jurisdictions would represent the lowest cost and fastest way forward.
5. The EECCA supports the submission made to this consultation process by EECCA member organisation Ecovantage, which is most active and has the most experience of EECCA members operating in the scheme.
6. The EECCA supports further harmonisation of the REES with other schemes in Australia and will support the SA's leadership in including insulation and prioritising initially of SMEs and priority customers.

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