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TOPIC: Clean Technology Program

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Who will choose the projects that get funded under the clean technology programs, and how?
What are the basic criteria?

ANSWER

The *Clean Technology Innovation Program* is expected to open for applications in mid-2012. Applications will be referred to Innovation Australia for assessment. The assessment will be based on the merit criteria established for the program which is yet to be finalised.

The *Clean Technology Investment Program* and *Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program* opened on 16 February 2012. Applications will be referred to Innovation Australia for merit assessment. Projects with a grant value of \$10 million or more, which are recommended for approval by Innovation Australia, will be referred to the Cabinet of the Australian Government for final approval. The merit criteria are outlined in the program guidelines which are available at www.ausindustry.gov.au.

The Program Delegate for each program, an AusIndustry official authorised by the Minister for Industry and Innovation to administer the programs, will make grant offers taking into account the merit assessment from Innovation Australia, or the Cabinet as appropriate, and the availability of program funds.