

Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005

On 5 October 2005, the Senate referred the provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005 to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2005.

This bill establishes the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Program. Previous State Government energy efficiency programs have shown that a significant number of cost effective energy efficiency improvements have been overlooked by businesses. The aim of this program is to stimulate the business sector to take a more rigorous approach to energy management.

Under the program, large energy users (those who consume more than 0.5 petajoules per year, approximately equivalent to the energy used by 10 000 households) will be required to assess the potential to improve their efficiency of energy use and report publicly on their findings.

Written submissions are invited and should be sent to:

The Secretary,
Senate Economics Legislation Committee,
Suite SG.64, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600.

The closing date for submissions is **Wednesday 19 October 2005**.

The Committee requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by email to economics.sen@aph.gov.au, preferably as MS Word 97 or RTF format documents. Notes to assist in preparing submissions are available from the website http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm or the Secretariat telephone 02 6277 3540, fax: 02 6277 5719, e-mail economics.sen@aph.gov.au

Once the Committee accepts your submission, it becomes a confidential committee document and is protected by Parliamentary Privilege. You must **not** release your submission without the Committee's permission. If you do, it is not protected by Parliamentary Privilege. At some stage during the inquiry, the Committee normally makes submissions public. Please indicate if you want your submission to be kept confidential.

Inquiries from hearing and speech impaired people should be directed to the Parliament House TTY number (02 6277 7799). Adobe also provides tools for the blind and visually impaired to access PDF documents. These tools are available at: <http://access.adobe.com/>. If you require any special arrangements in order to enable you to participate in a committee inquiry, please contact the committee secretary.

If you need any further information, contact Mr Peter Hallahan, Committee Secretary, on (02) 6277 3540 (phone), (02) 6277 5719 (fax) or by email to economics.sen@aph.gov.au.

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