

NGER Scheme Survey Questions

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About this survey

The Authority is currently conducting its second review of the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* (NGER Act). This year, the Authority's review of the NGER Act is mainly focusing on the NGER scheme, recognising the Safeguard Mechanism has recently been through a significant reform process and commenced operating in its amended form on 1 July 2023.

In this survey, the Authority is seeking input on the key themes in this year's review of the NGER Act. This survey will take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete. All questions are optional, and you can leave this survey at any time.

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☐ Yes

PART A: Demographic Information

Thanks for agreeing to participate. Before we get started, we would like to learn a little bit about you.

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| Who are you participating on behalf of? | An individual |
| | An organisation |
| | A corporation |
| | Prefer not to say |

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| What is the name of your organisation or corporation? You may respond with prefer not to say. |
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Ask only if response to Q1 is corporation or organisation

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| Is your corporation or organisation required to report under the NGER scheme? | Yes |
| | No |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Prefer not to say |

Ask only if response to Q1 is corporation or organisation

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| Which sector are you in? | Electricity, gas, water and waste services - Electricity generation - Other (please specify) |
| | Mining - Oil and gas extraction - Coal mining (open cut) - Coal mining (underground) - Metal ore - Other (please specify) |
| | Manufacturing - Iron and steel - Alumina refining - Aluminium production - Cement - Chemicals - Other (please specify) |
| | Transport, postal and warehousing - Air and space transport - Rail freight/passenger - Road freight/passenger - Other (please specify) |

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| | Other (please specify) |
| | Prefer not to say |

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| What do you use to help your organisation or corporation understand and comply with its reporting requirements under the scheme? | The National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 |
| | The National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008 |
| | The National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Regulations 2008 |
| | Guidance provided on the Clean Energy Regulator website |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not applicable |
| | Other (please specify) |

Ask only if response to Q3 is yes

PART B: Coverage of the NGER Scheme

To determine who must report, the NGER scheme uses emissions and energy reporting thresholds for facilities and corporate groups. You can view these thresholds [here](#).

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| Are the current corporate group reporting thresholds under the NGER scheme appropriate? | Thresholds are too low |
| | Thresholds are about right |
| | Thresholds are too high |
| | Not applicable |
| | I'm not sure |

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| Are the current facility reporting thresholds under the NGER scheme appropriate? | Thresholds are too low |
| | Thresholds are about right |
| | Thresholds are too high |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

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| Are there any sectors not currently part of the scheme that should be added? | Yes |
| | No |
| | I'm not sure |

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| If so, what? | Agriculture |
| | Land |
| | Other (please specify) |

Only ask if answer is yes to previous question.

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| If you responded yes, please provide reasoning why the NGER scheme should be expanded to include additional sectors. |
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| Currently only constitutional corporations can have obligations under the NGER scheme. Should the NGER scheme be expanded to other entities? | No |
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| | I'm not sure |
| | All not-for-profit |
| | All government |
| | Government managed waste facilities |
| | Charities |
| | Other (please specify) |

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| <p>Should NGER scheme be expanded to include scope 3 emissions.</p> <p>Scope 3 emissions are indirect emissions that occur in the upstream and downstream activities of an organisation. They include all emissions that are not direct emissions (scope 1) and energy use (scope 2) for the organisation.</p> | Yes |
| | No |
| | Not relevant |

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| Is there anything else you would like to tell us about NGER scheme thresholds or coverage? |
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PART C: Fugitive Emissions

Under the NGER scheme, reporters are required to report fugitive emissions, including methane. The methods for reporting fugitive emissions are available online at [National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting \(Measurement\) Determination 2008](#).

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| Does your organisation or corporation report fugitive emissions to the NGER scheme? | Yes |
| | No |
| | Not relevant |

Ask only if response to Q3 is yes (regarding being an NGER reporter)

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How does your organisation rate the current NGER **methods** for reporting **fugitive emissions** in terms of:

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| Accuracy | Very inaccurate |
| | Somewhat inaccurate |
| | Somewhat accurate |
| | Very accurate |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

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| Ease of use | Very hard to use |
| | Somewhat hard to use |
| | Neither hard to use nor easy |
| | Somewhat easy to use |
| | Very easy to use |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

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| Is your organisation currently using top-down measurements for reconciliation or verification of the fugitive emissions you report under the NGER scheme? These might include aerial measurements from aircraft or drone surveys, or facility-wide ground-based measurements. | Yes |
| | No |
| | Intend on using these in the future |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

Ask only if answer to Question 14 is yes

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| Has your organisation joined the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Oil and Gas Methane Partnership (OGMP) 2.0? | Yes |
| | No |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

Ask only if response to Q1 is corporation or organisation

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| Does your organisation intend to join the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Metcoal Methane Partnership (MMP) when it launches? | Yes |
| | No |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

Ask only if response to Q1 is corporation or organisation

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| Does your organisation face any of the following barriers in moving from Method 1 to higher order methods for measuring fugitive emissions? | Technology |
| | High costs |
| | Lack of trained employees |
| | Lack of access to measurement instrumentation or services |
| | Lack of knowledge about best practice measurement technologies |
| | No barriers |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |
| | Other (please specify) |

Ask only if answer to Question 14 is yes

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| What changes to the NGER scheme would you suggest to make it easier or less costly to move from Method 1 to higher order methods? |
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Ask only if answer to Question 14 is yes

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| Is there anything else you would like to tell us about methane measurement, reporting or verification within the NGER scheme? |
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PART D: Publication of Data

The Clean Energy Regulator currently publishes data about some corporations reporting under the NGER scheme.

Under the current rules, for each corporate group that meets the publication threshold (50kt CO₂-e/year combined scope 1 and 2 emissions) the Clean Energy Regulator publishes the corporate group's total scope 1 emissions, total scope 2 emissions and net energy consumption.

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| How well does the current publicly available data meet your data needs? | Does not meet needs at all |
| | Partially meets needs |
| | Completely meets needs |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

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| Please tell us in a few words the reasons for your response: |
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| Thinking about the current publication threshold and the impacts of publishing data on reporting corporations, data users and meeting our climate targets, what changes would you recommend to government? | The publication threshold should be increased |
| | The publication threshold should be decreased |
| | The publication threshold should stay the same |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

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| Thinking about the current content of publicly available data and the impacts of publishing data on reporting corporations, data users and meeting our climate targets, what changes would you recommend to government? | Publish emissions data at the facility-level |
| | Publish estimation methods |
| | Publish emissions by greenhouse gas |
| | Publish time series data |
| | I have no changes to recommend |
| | Other (please specify) |

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| What would be an appropriate publication threshold for emissions data at the facility level? |
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| What are your views on the current test for determining whether NGER data has commercial value in section 25 of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act (2007)? NGER reporters may apply under section 25 of the NGER Act for all or part of their information not to be published for a reporting year. Such requests can be made be for information that may reveal a trade secret or affect the commercial value about a specific facility, technology or corporate initiative. | I am satisfied with the current test |
| | The test needs to more clearly define the characteristics of data that has commercial value |
| | The test needs to be more loosely defined |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |
| | Other (please specify) |

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| On what basis should NGER reporters be able to have data excluded from publication? |
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| Is there anything else you would like to tell us about publishing data collected under the NGER legislation? |
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Part E: Administration and Compliance of the NGER scheme

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| How satisfied are you with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's role in maintaining and updating the NGER scheme? | Very unsatisfied |
| | Somewhat unsatisfied |
| | Neither unsatisfied nor satisfied |
| | Somewhat satisfied |
| | Very satisfied |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

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| How satisfied are you with the Clean Energy Regulator's administration of the NGER scheme? | Very unsatisfied |
| | Somewhat unsatisfied |
| | Neither unsatisfied nor satisfied |
| | Somewhat satisfied |
| | Very satisfied |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

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| Do you have any comments about the work of the Clean Energy Regulator and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water on the NGER scheme? |
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| How helpful do you find the Clean Energy Regulator's guidance provided on its website and through other channels, such as by phone and email, in ensuring you correctly report under the NGER scheme? | Not at all helpful |
| | Somewhat helpful |
| | Moderately helpful |
| | Very helpful |
| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

Ask only if response to Q3 is yes (regarding being an NGER reporter)

34.

Do you have any comments about the Clean Energy Regulator's **online guidance** you wish to share?

Ask only if response to Q3 is yes (regarding being an NGER reporter)

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| How would you rate the costs associated with reporting under the scheme? | Highly significant administrative burden for businesses |
| | Somewhat significant administrative burden for businesses |
| | Non-significant administrative burden for businesses |
| | No administrative burden for businesses |
| | I don't know |
| | Not relevant |

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Do you have any comments you wish to share about the balance the NGER scheme strikes between costs on businesses of reporting and achieving the NGER scheme's statutory duties around reporting emissions and energy data?

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| The effectiveness of the NGER scheme depends on robust and reliable compliance monitoring and enforcement activities. Auditing is a key compliance monitoring measure under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (NGER Act). Information about the Clean Energy Regulator audit framework can be viewed here . In your opinion, how effective is the NGER audit framework in ensuring that reporters are reporting correctly, completely and are fully compliant with their reporting requirements under the NGER Act? | Highly ineffective |
| | Moderately ineffective |
| | Somewhat ineffective |
| | Somewhat effective |
| | Moderately effective |
| | Highly effective |

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| | I'm not sure |
| | Not relevant |

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Is there anything you would suggest changing about the audit framework to make it more **effective at ensuring compliance, reducing the incidence of unnecessary audits** or the **experience** of being audited less difficult or costly?

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What are your views on the enforcement powers and activities of the Clean Energy Regulator?

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Would you like to stay up to date on the Climate Change Authority's work?

I would like to subscribe to the CCA's weekly newsletter, On Good Authority.

I would like to be contacted when consultation findings are published.

I would like to be contacted when future consultation activities are scheduled.

I would like to be contacted when major reports are released.

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If yes, what is your email address?

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