



# Australia's Guarantee of Origin scheme

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## Next steps

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) released two consultation documents in December 2022 outlining a proposed approach for a Guarantee of Origin scheme covering hydrogen and other low emissions products, and a proposed approach to ongoing certification of renewable electricity.

DCCEEW received 81 submissions on the Guarantee of Origin paper. Respondents were generally supportive of the policy positions provided throughout the paper. There was a lack of significant opposition to the policy positions, with negative responses accounting for no more than 16 per cent of respondents on any one position. DCCEEW received 77 submissions on the paper covering renewable electricity certification. These were also positive with some divergence of views.

Following the strong support received from stakeholders, the Government has committed to implement a Guarantee of Origin scheme (including an enduring certification mechanism for renewable electricity) and has allocated funding of \$38.2 million over 2023-24 to 2026-27.

Implementation of the Guarantee of Origin scheme will involve the following:

- Further development of, and consultation with stakeholders on, detailed scheme design and carbon accounting methodologies.
- Development of, and consultation on, draft legislation and instruments to implement the scheme.
- Supporting the Clean Energy Regulator in system design for scheme implementation.
- Parliamentary processes for implementation of legislation that would govern the scheme.
- Publication of guidance material to support scheme commencement.

Further consultation on detailed design for a renewable electricity certification mechanism will be undertaken to ensure that the mechanism provides for transparent certification of renewable electricity, focusing on:

- eligibility of renewable electricity generation including power stations, small-scale and storage.
- information attributes that could be contained on a certificate, including time stamping and other details.
- practical and market implications, including interactions with other measures and standards.