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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. The Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program

The NSW Government is committed to achieving a 70% cut in emissions by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2050<sup>1</sup>. Initiatives under the [Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030](#) will fast-track emissions reduction over the next decade.

The [Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program](#) (PIPAP) forms part of the Net Zero Plan. It focuses on supporting landholders to reduce their emissions, improve their carbon management, and deliver additional benefits such as productivity, biodiversity and cultural outcomes.

Under the program, the NSW Government is investing \$105 million to 2030 in the decarbonisation of the State's primary industries and land sector.

The High Impact Partnership Round 2 grants will support land managers and organisations to deliver on the PIPAP objectives. It will do this by providing land managers and organisations with enhanced opportunities to generate income, improve their financial resilience, and deliver environmental outcomes while reducing their emissions.

## 1.2. Purpose of these guidelines

These guidelines provide information to applicants seeking to apply for Round 2 of the High Impact Partnership grants, including:

- the eligibility and merit criteria
- the assessment process
- how funding will be awarded and managed by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department).

These guidelines should be read with the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) published on our [website](#). Definitions of key terms used in these guidelines are provided in [Appendix A: Terms and definitions](#).

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<sup>1</sup> [www.energy.nsw.gov.au/nsw-plans-and-progress/government-strategies-and-frameworks/reaching-net-zero-emissions/net-zero](http://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/nsw-plans-and-progress/government-strategies-and-frameworks/reaching-net-zero-emissions/net-zero)

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Applicants can find information, success stories, and case studies from Round 1 of High Impact Partnership projects on the [NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water website](#).

## 2. Round 2 of the High Impact Partnership grants

### 2.1. Grant objectives

The second round of High Impact Partnership grants aim to build a cohort of leaders to spearhead change in the primary industries and land sector. Grantees will be organisations or land managers that are active in the sector, have a vision and commitment to act on climate change and are willing to co-invest with the NSW Government to deliver abatement outcomes. Eligible organisations could include industry groups, government agencies, large commercial operators, producer groups, Aboriginal organisations, and financial organisations.

The High Impact Partnership Round 2 grants focus on emissions reduction or increased sequestration in the primary industries and land sector, with an emphasis on immediate implementation. All funded projects will explore ways to deliver additional benefits alongside carbon abatement. All funded projects will involve an obligation to share information and build capacity within the sector. A network of demonstration sites will be created where land managers and producers can see on-ground action and link it to their business contexts.

#### 2.1.1 Key details

Table 1: Key details

Item	Timing
Funding available	\$7.5 million
Grant amount	Between \$500,000 and \$2 million per project
Project duration	3 years
Application opening	30 September 2025
Application closing	1 December 2025 5pm AEDT
Notification of outcome	March – April 2026
Source agency	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Decision maker	Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainability, NSW DCCEEW

## 2.2. Priority areas

The goal of the High Impact Partnership grants is to build a critical mass of carbon projects in NSW in line with Government priorities through a co-investment model.

Under Round 2 of these grants, priority projects will be those that aim to:

- deliver abatement at scale across multiple land tenures
- implement abatement using innovative delivery
- deliver co-benefits in addition to carbon abatement.

## 2.3. Application timeframe

Applications open on 30 September 2025 and will close on 1 December 2025, 5pm AEDT. We may vary or extend this timeframe at our discretion by communicating the new date to all known applicants and interested parties.

Table 2: Overview of the High Impact Partnership Round 2 timeframes

Item	Timing
Applications open	30 September 2025
Applications close	1 December 2025, 5pm AEDT
Assessment of applications	January – February 2026
Notification and signing of funding deeds	March – April 2026
Grant projects start	Commencement after signing of funding deed
Grant projects end	30 September 2029

## 2.4. Summary of the application process

The table below sets out the key application process.

Table 3: High Impact Partnership Round 2 application process

Stage	Activity
1	Applicant develops and submits the application.
2	PIPAP team assesses application against the eligibility criteria.
3	PIPAP team informs applicant that their application is either a) eligible, or b) ineligible.
4	Independent Assessment Panel reviews the eligible application against the merit criteria.
5	Assessment Panel makes its recommendation.
6	The Department makes a decision based on the assessment panel's recommendation.
7	PIPAP team informs applicant whether their application is successful or not.

## 2.5. Funding and budget

The applicant will be required to submit a detailed project plan and budget as part of the application. The budget must align with the project's expected deliverables. The budget will be assessed against a [‘value-for-money’ criterion](#) (see Section 4.3 of these guidelines). This assessment will be based on the proposed activities, expected outcomes, project feasibility, and amount of funding requested.

Grant funding will be paid in stages depending on the achievement of project deliverables as reported in the milestone reports. The Department will make an initial payment on execution of the funding deed. Subsequent payments will be tied to the project's milestones and the associated expenditure, which must be outlined in the application. Please refer to **Schedule B** of the draft funding deed on our [website](#) for the expected milestone breakdown for the project. Successful applicants will receive a pre-filled Schedule B in their funding deed based on their approved budget.

### 2.5.1. Funding availability

In Round 2 of the High Impact Partnership grants, \$7.5 million of funding is available.

Table 4: Funding available for Round 2 High Impact Partnerships

Total funding pool available for this round	Minimum grant amount	Maximum grant amount	Maximum duration of project funding
\$7.5 million	\$500,000	\$2 million	3 years

Applicants seeking funding must contribute at least 50% of the eligible costs of the project. Applicants must also ensure that at least 30% of project expenditure in any given financial year is through co-contributions (that is, applicants cannot plan to utilise the bulk or all of their grant funding at the start of the project, and co-contributions only towards the end of the project).

Co-contributions can be provided by the applicant's organisation or through arrangements with partner organisations. Applicants will be required to declare all sources of funding, including details of partners contributing to project costs.

Applicants must confirm co-contributions at the time of applying (for example, through confirmation letters from partner organisations). Where evidence of co-contributions cannot be provided at the time of application, applicants must still provide some level of certainty that co-contributions will be available at a future point in the project.

Only applications that can provide evidence of all co-contributions at the time of application will be able to receive the highest assessment grade at the 'value for money' merit criterion.

Applicants must ensure that any contractual milestones or obligations tied to those funds align with their funding proposal.

In-kind contributions will not be considered part of the required 50% co-contribution and will not need to be entered into the budget. In-kind contributions are nonmonetary resources used on the project where no cash has been transferred to the recipient's account(s) for the project.

Existing PIPAP grantees may submit an application for High Impact Partnership Round 2, but not for any project, component of a project or for improvements to a project that has previously received PIPAP funding.

### 2.5.2. Funding inclusions

Funding can be used for the following project expenses:

- salaries and salaries on-costs

- contractors, including hiring of experts to assist with demonstrating project feasibility
- travel expenses
- material and equipment
- other direct project costs including:
  - costs associated with creating promotional and communication materials
  - establishing demonstration sites
  - running events
- administration costs including:
  - costs associated with the registration of the project under the ACCU scheme
  - legal advice
  - financial advice associated with the project

### 2.5.3. Funding exclusions or limitations

This section details ineligible project expenses for both the grant funding and the applicant's co-contribution.

The Department may impose limitations, exclude expenditure or include additional ineligible expenditure other than listed in these guidelines, in a grant agreement or otherwise by notice to you, at any time.

Examples of ineligible expenditure include:

- debt financing or investing of money in exchange for equity into start-ups
- expenditure on the acquisition of land for a project
- expenditure that does not directly support the successful completion of the project
- items that can reasonably be considered as business-as-usual operational costs, including but not limited to:
  - rent, maintenance costs and utilities
  - marketing, communications, promotional costs and website design.
- business-as-usual staff costs unrelated to the project, such as redundancy or retirement benefits, workers compensation payments, professional fees or memberships
- activities carried out or committed to before a grant is offered and accepted
- projects that fund devolved grants
- legal costs associated with a consortium, disputes, or funding agreements not agreed to as part of the funding deed
- infrastructure and equipment that can reasonably be assumed to be integral for the core business of successful applicants, such as laptops

- research projects into ACCU Scheme method viability or development
- salaries for positions that have already been accounted for in organisational budgets. If a position's time is directly attributed to project-related work, then this must be communicated in the application, and written approval sought by the Department before any High Impact Partnership grant funding can be utilised
- funding for any project, component of a project, or for improvements to a project, that has previously received PIPAP funding.

Examples of limited expenditure include:

- the percentage of salary on-costs, which cannot exceed 26.5% of the salary items (for example, superannuation payments for staff working on the grant project)
- administration costs, which cannot exceed 10% of the total requested grant amount.

## 2.6. Requirement to share data

Projects funded through the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grants will be required to provide project outcomes and data to the Department and agree to data being shared publicly. This data will be collected through milestone reports. The specific requirements for data management will form part of the funding deed for each project.

## 3. Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for funding, the applicant must meet all the eligibility criteria outlined below. While the application may represent a group of organisations, the Department will only enter into a funding deed with the lead applicant assessed by the Department at the time of application.

### 3.1. Eligibility criterion 1: Applicant meets eligibility requirements

The applicant must demonstrate that they:

- hold and comply with all relevant insurance and financial requirements, including:
  - professional indemnity insurance (\$5 million per claim, maintained for a period of seven years following expiry of the contract, as appropriate, if required)
  - public liability insurance (\$20 million per claim)
  - worker's compensation insurance (as required by law)
  - products liability insurance (as appropriate, if required).
- have a valid ABN and be registered for GST
- have the legal right to carry out the project
- are not subject to any insolvency event, including being the subject of an order or resolution for winding up or dissolution (other than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation) or the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, administrator, or similar
- have no real, potential, or perceived conflict of interest that they are aware of and that they have not otherwise declared as part of the application.

### 3.2. Eligibility criterion 2: Project meets eligibility requirements

The applicant must demonstrate that they are at least one of the following:

- farmers or agribusiness
- Aboriginal landholder/organisation including Traditional Owner groups, land councils, or Registered Native Title Body Corporates
- not-for-profit organisations
- government entities
- community natural resource management/conservation organisations

- peak body or industry organisations
- producer associations
- research institutes
- co-operative/mutual organisations.

Note: Carbon service providers operating for profit are not eligible to be applicants. However, they may work with successful applicants to assist with their project or contribute as a partner.

The applicant must:

- Confirm that the project will be delivered using one or more of the following ACCU Scheme methods that meet the focus of this round of partnership funding (see [5.1. The proposed project utilises the ACCU Scheme \(Eligibility criterion 2\)](#) for further guidance):
  - [Reforestation by environmental or mallee plantings FullCAM method 2024.](#)
  - [Estimation of soil organic carbon sequestration using measurement and models method.](#)
  - [Tidal restoration of blue carbon ecosystems method.](#)
  - [Plantation forestry method.](#)
  - [Animal effluent management method.](#)
- Confirm that the project delivered through the partnership grant will occur only in NSW
- Confirm that all funded project activities will not commence until after the funding deed has been signed by all parties and will be completed within the maximum 3-year project period.
- Confirm that they will apply the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent; and acknowledge Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property rights where appropriate.
- Confirm that [Eligible Interest Holder's consent](#) will be obtained prior to registration with the ACCU Scheme.
- Notify the Department if the applicant's organisation has received funding from NSW or another jurisdiction for similar work in the last 5 years.
- Confirm they have requested funding from the Department to a value between \$500,000 and \$2 million, and this grant amount is no more than 50% of the total project budget.
- Confirm that a minimum of 30% of total project expenditure in any given financial year is made up of co-contribution funding.



Image 1. 24 Degree Forest planting site in Kyogle, NSW by DCCEEW

## 4. Merit assessment

This section sets out the competitive merit criteria that applications will be scored against, including the weighting of each criterion. You will be assessed on the extent to which the application meets the criteria.

### 4.1. Merit criterion 1: Project effectiveness

This criterion is worth 20% of the assessment score.

- Estimate the number of tonnes of CO2 equivalent that will be abated and the number of ACCUs that will be generated over the lifetime of the project. This should include the process used to calculate the Forward Abatement Estimate, and detailed assumptions such as the proposed permanence period and the expected discount rate.
- Demonstrate how the project will overcome one or more barriers to abatement action and maximise benefit to the landholder/manager.
- Provide a description of the process taken to develop the application and costings. Include evidence.
- Provide details of project deliverables in an outcomes table in the Target Outcomes section of the application form.
- Provide an outcomes table demonstrating deliverables of the project
- Clearly demonstrate a plan to monitor, report, and evaluate project outcomes (in addition to any ACCU Scheme monitoring, reporting, and verification requirements).

See section [5.2 Project effectiveness \(Merit criterion 1\)](#) for more guidance.

### 4.2. Merit criterion 2: Applicant capabilities

This criterion is worth 20% of the assessment score.

The applicant must:

- Demonstrate strong project management and risk management capabilities, including evidence of the applicant's track record and experience in successfully delivering similar projects on time and on budget
- List the resources that will be allocated to manage this project and demonstrate their capabilities. Where applicable, include external expertise and services that will be used.

- Provide evidence of support for the project from the executive/board level of the applicant, as well as relevant supply chain partners, finance partners, and any other identified participating organisations.
- Demonstrate that the project fits in the applicant's overall strategic/business plan.

### 4.3. Merit criterion 3: Value for money

This criterion is worth 20% of the assessment score.

The applicant must:

- Demonstrate that the proportion of total project funding being sought from the Department is less than or equal to 50% of the total project cost.
- Demonstrate that the project will include co-investment in the project by the applicant's organisation or through arrangements with additional partnering organisations. This co-investment must be at least 50% of the total project value.
- Outline all planned funding contributions from all sources, including government entities.
- Demonstrate that the requested funding amount is appropriate for the proposed project, including an estimated cost of grant funds per ACCU directly generated by the project.
- Demonstrate why funding from the Department is essential for the project to proceed.
- Provide a completed budget template outlining expected project costs against set categories

### 4.4. Merit criterion 4: Communication and capacity building

This criterion is worth 10% of the assessment score.

The applicant must provide a plan to share ongoing information and learnings beyond the project boundaries, including:

- An engagement strategy for target audiences, such as related industries and/or land use types, and the level of reach this strategy will have.
- Specific information delivery mechanisms, including but not limited to case studies, demonstration sites, fact sheets and training days.
- Plans to share learnings from project delivery, including abatement, co-benefits, and processes.

See sections [5.3. Communication and capacity building \(Merit criterion 4\)](#) and [5.4. Demonstration sites \(Merit criterion 4\)](#) for further guidance.

## 4.5. Merit criterion 5: Delivering abatement at scale

This criterion is worth 10% of the assessment score.

The applicant must demonstrate:

- The number of ACCUs generated by the funded project.
- The ways in which the applicant can influence and support action at scale.
- How the project will have a considerable impact on a particular region, subsector, or landowner/manager type.

See section [5.5. Deliver abatement at scale \(Merit criterion 5\)](#) for further guidance.

## 4.6. Merit criterion 6: Innovative delivery approaches

This criterion is worth 10% of the assessment score.

The applicant must demonstrate a new approach to deliver/promote uptake of carbon abatement projects. This could be through:

- innovative financing or cost-sharing models
- innovative project design tailored to a unique local environment/landform feature
- novel aggregation

See section [5.6. Innovative delivery approaches \(Merit criterion 6\)](#) for further guidance.

## 4.7. Merit criterion 7: The project delivers co-benefits

This criterion is worth 10% of the assessment score.

The application must demonstrate delivery of co-benefits and explain how they will be measured. This could include:

- environmental co-benefits
- social co-benefits
- Aboriginal co-benefits

- economic co-benefits.

See section [5.7. The project delivers co-benefits \(Merit criterion 7\)](#) for further guidance.



Image 2. Trees maturing on a farm in NSW by Alana Burley DCCEEW

## 5. Guidance on developing your application

### 5.1. The proposed project utilises the ACCU Scheme (Eligibility criterion 2)

Australia's largest carbon abatement incentive program is the [Australian Carbon Credit Units Scheme](#) (ACCU Scheme, formerly the Emissions Reduction Fund), administered by the Australian Government's Clean Energy Regulator. Under the ACCU Scheme, carbon abatement projects across Australia can generate ACCUs, which are tradable units. Each ACCU represents one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent net abatement.

**All applicants are required to include projects that will be registered with and administered under the ACCU Scheme.** This will be the formal process to register and provide evidence of emissions reduction activities. You will deal directly with the Clean Energy Regulator to earn ACCUs. The NSW Government will not be involved in any aspect of the registration or ongoing management of carbon projects under the scheme. Reporting requirements for your ACCU Scheme registered project and your High Impact Partnership project are not connected. If you require assistance or have questions relating to the ACCU Scheme or the eligible methods, the Clean Energy Regulator provides support through [online resources](#) and a [helpline](#).

To be eligible for a High Impact Partnership grant, your carbon project(s) must be registered under one or more of the following methods:

- [Reforestation by environmental or mallee plantings FULLCAM 2024](#): this method has significant potential for large-scale carbon sequestration and biodiversity co-benefits across large areas of NSW.
- [Estimation of soil organic carbon sequestration using measurement and models](#): this method has potential to sequester carbon while improving soil health and agricultural productivity.
- [Tidal restoration of blue carbon ecosystems](#): this method to remove tidal barriers has potential to store carbon at higher rates than traditional vegetation methods while delivering a range of co-benefits.
- [Plantation forestry](#): this method provides options to establish new plantations or convert existing plantations to longer rotations/permanent forest.
- [Animal effluent management](#): This method supports dairies and piggeries to reduce emissions through installation of eligible animal waste treatment facilities.

Applicants must ensure that their planned budget reflects expected delivery timeframes. For example, if method registration is to be staggered because there are multiple expected registrations, then the annual budget will need to reflect this.

Please note that if new and relevant methods become available under the ACCU Scheme in the near future, existing grantees under High Impact Partnership Round 2 may be allowed to utilise them, with prior written approval from the Department, provided this does not in any way negatively impact the approved project's expected deliverables, timeline, or budget.

## 5.2. Project effectiveness (Merit criterion 1)

There are tools available, such as [FullCAM](#), [PLANR](#) and [LOOC-C](#), that can assist with estimating the ACCUs generated by the project. To adequately meet the requirements of this merit criterion, the application must clearly outline which tool/process used and why it was the most reliable/accurate for the project, what assumptions were considered, including the proposed permanence period, and what the results are. The more thorough the response, the more clarity the assessors will have about the project's expected goals and deliverables. Please note that applications will **not** be assessed on the **number** of ACCUs under merit criterion 1 (project effectiveness), but they will be under merit criterion 5 (delivery at scale).

When completing the outcomes table demonstrating deliverables for the project, applicants must also ensure that the corresponding costs are accounted for in the budget table. Deliverables and expected project expenditure should be consistent, with the expectation that the assessor will look at both the budget and outcomes tables together to verify this.

## 5.3. Communication and capacity building (Merit criterion 4)

The Department is seeking High Impact Partnerships to help build the capacity of farmers and other land managers to implement carbon abatement projects. Partners should have the ability to influence the uptake of carbon abatement in the sector and to drive change in the way land is managed.

The application must include a communication and capacity-building plan to share ongoing information and learnings beyond the project boundaries, using the provided template in the application form. You can also download the template from our [website](#).

The detailed communication and capacity-building plan must include:

- A clearly identified target audience(s), such as those associated with related industry and/or land use types, their size and estimated potential capacity for carbon abatement. This could include strategies to communicate with the broader local community.

- An engagement strategy for target audiences outlining proposed activities, expected, reach and project influence, both during the period of the funded project and beyond to at least 2030.
- Key messages that will be communicated to the target audience and approaches to ensure those messages create behaviour change.
- Timing and scale of the implementation of specific information delivery mechanisms, such as case studies, fact sheets, video stories, social media, newsletters, demonstration sites, training days, webinars, trials of innovative methods, and how they are integrated into a capacity building program.
- Rationale for how the capacity building plan builds ongoing learning and development for participants and a description of how the project will review and develop engagement activities over time.

It is also expected that funded projects will develop demonstration sites, with additional specific guidance provided in [5.4. Demonstration sites \(Merit criterion 4\)](#) below.

## 5.4. Demonstration sites (Merit criterion 4)

The applicant must commit to showcasing at least one of the sites where a carbon project is being implemented with the aim of building awareness, knowledge, and confidence. This is called a ‘demonstration site’ and it can be used for communication, engagement, learning, and development for other land managers.

These sites will enable land managers to better understand the context, process and implications of developing a carbon project on their land. Tangible, real-time examples are an optimal way for land managers to see ‘what’s possible’, and understand some of the realities including costs, management tasks, risks, and benefits.

The applicant may choose to:

- enable access at varying levels, such as virtual access with on-line case studies, signage at project locations, or on-site events\*
- demonstrate implementation of a carbon project with clear potential for wider implementation by other land managers
- share learnings and experiences through video, forums or on-line content, analysis of costs, revenue, and monitoring data and showcase innovative practice/technology
- ensure the site is physically accessible and/or has capacity to act as host site for field days or events
- acknowledge Aboriginal custodians and support their participation to integrate ecological knowledge and practice

- support local community or business participation, e.g. seed collection and propagation
- seek engagement and participation from tertiary institutions/researchers if relevant
- put in place measures to allow ongoing physical/virtual access to demonstration sites beyond the period of project funding and up to 2030.

\* Relevant site safety, insurance and accessibility issues need to be described for on-site events, with costs related to complying with these included in your application.



Image 3. Soil carbon project on a Wilmot farm in Ebor, NSW by Fili Thompson DCCEEW

### 5.5. Deliver abatement at scale (Merit criterion 5)

One of the strategic imperatives of the Primary Industries and Productivity Abatement Program is to build a critical mass of carbon projects. Land managers need to see real examples of abatement practices in action to help build their confidence in adopting these new practices.

The High Impact Partnership grants may be used to support projects that demonstrate the potential for carbon abatement at scale. These could include:

- Projects that can generate a large number of ACCUs relative to the additional financial support provided in grant funds from the NSW Government. The more ACCUs a project can generate per dollar of grant funding, the higher the project will score in this assessment criterion. Clear accounting for the estimates must be provided, including reference to planned project locations, ACCU method(s) proposed, and tools used to estimate ACCUs (e.g. [CSIRO's LOOC-C calculator](#), [PLANR](#), [FULLCAM](#)).
- Projects that demonstrate uptake of carbon projects by a large number of land managers. Applicants will need to demonstrate that they have the ability and capacity to influence and support a large number of landholders within the group being targeted by the project, describing the size of the audience and likely uptake rates.
- Projects that demonstrate considerable impact on a particular region, subsector or land manager type. For example, the project will lead to an outcome that can be specifically promoted as carbon neutral / positive across all landholdings in a particular valley or local government area, a local agricultural product, or all Aboriginal-managed land in a local area.

The estimated uptake of carbon projects should be clearly justified. Targets should be measured by the number of ACCUs that will be registered under the ACCU Scheme during the funded period of the project (i.e. maximum of 3 years).

## 5.6. Innovative delivery approaches (Merit criterion 6)

The cost of establishing and maintaining a carbon project can be a major barrier for many landholders. One of the strategic imperatives of the Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program is cost effective project implementation and measurement.

The High Impact Partnership grants should be used to demonstrate new approaches to using standard ACCU Scheme methods with the potential to successfully deliver increased value to land managers. These could include:

- Value stacking opportunities, where income can be generated from co-benefits to improve the cost-benefit analysis of carbon abatement projects. For example, a project may be able to generate both carbon credits and biodiversity credits, which along with other co-benefits, may also create enough value to encourage landholders to commence a project.
- New approaches to carbon markets, such as through novel approaches to aggregating multiple carbon projects or new financing/cost-sharing models, to improve the cost-effectiveness of project implementation and ongoing support.
- Developing cost-effective approaches to implementing an ACCU Scheme method that has had limited uptake to date, such as the tidal restoration of blue carbon ecosystems method.

## 5.7. The project delivers co-benefits (Merit criterion 7)

A key focus of the High Impact Partnership grants is to support carbon abatement activities which will deliver other benefits alongside carbon abatement. These co-benefits may lead to premium carbon credits of higher value, be registered under different accreditation schemes to independently generate additional income, and/or provide direct benefits to the landholder or local community.

There are a wide range of potential co-benefits associated with carbon projects, such as:

- environmental co-benefits (e.g. biodiversity conservation, soil conservation, water quality, sustainable pest and weed management, drought resilience, flood resilience, marine habitat creation)
- social co-benefits (e.g. increased social capital, improved physical and mental health)
- Aboriginal co-benefits (e.g. Aboriginal employment opportunities, community empowerment, protection of sacred sites and/or incorporation of Traditional ecological knowledge in line with Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property rights)
- economic co-benefits (e.g. improved productivity, reduced input costs, diversified revenue streams, investment in regional communities, creating local jobs, drought and flood resilience, tourism).

The applicant should describe significant co-benefits they expect as a result of implementing their project. Co-benefits should be clearly defined and measurable. There are various accreditation schemes, such as the Nature Repair Market and Accounting for Nature, which may be suitable to help estimate the value of co-benefits that can be created from the project, with new schemes also under development. Applications may also reference recognised priorities that align with the project outcomes, such as a published conservation management action listed for a threatened species.

# 6. Application and assessment process

## 6.1. Application model

The application and assessment processes for the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grants are competitive, and consist of the following stages:

1. Eligibility assessment
2. Merit assessment

Further details on each application step have been provided below.

### Step 1. Confirm that you meet all eligibility requirements prior to applying (see [section 3](#))

The application includes two eligibility criteria:

- Eligibility criterion 1: Demonstrate that the **applicant** meets all grant eligibility requirements.
- Eligibility criterion 2: Demonstrate that the **project** meets all grant eligibility requirements.

If any of the components of the two eligibility criteria are not met, the application is ineligible and will not progress to the merit assessment stage.

### Step 2. Review the information in this guide and on our website to guide your application

This document explains the objectives and priority areas for this funding round, which will help align the project with the intent of the funding. The guidelines also explain the merit criteria that will need to be adequately addressed for the application to be successful.

A recorded information session is available on our [website](#), which explains the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grants in more detail. A [frequently asked questions page](#) will also be maintained and updated to ensure all potential applicants are provided the same information. Check our [website](#) for further information or email additional inquiries to the PIPAP team: [netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au).

### **Step 3. Fill out the application form in the Grant Management System, and submit it for assessment along with all the required documentation**

Complete and submit your application through the Grant Management System online application form before the grant application closing date. The Grant Management System is also referred to as 'SmartyGrants'.

After you have submitted your application, you will receive an email notification with an application number to confirm your application has been received.

Note: If you do not receive an email notification, please contact [netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au)

### **Step 4. Receive the outcome of your application**

The PIPAP team will conduct the eligibility assessment and send you a Request for Information if further details are required at this stage.

If your application is deemed eligible, an independent assessment panel will assess your application against the merit criteria outlined in [section 4](#) of this document. During the merit assessment stage, assessors may request clarification on details, which you will be required to address if your application's assessment is to be finalised. The assessment panel may also seek the input of a subject matter expert at this stage.

All applications are required to meet or exceed a 50% threshold score for the total assessment to be considered for funding.

In addition to the assessment score, the assessment panel can take the following broader factors into consideration when assessing if an application is suitable for funding:

- Total amount of funding available.
- If the project has received or expects to receive other NSW Government funding.
- Alignment with existing NSW Government policies and strategies.
- If the project is by an existing PIPAP grantee who has previously been awarded grant funding.
- If the project is significantly diverse with regards to applicant type, project type, or location.

Once applications are assessed, the independent assessors will recommend projects to the Decision Maker, who will make the final determination on grants to be awarded. We expect this step to take three to four weeks.

If your application is successful, we will send you a written offer and a High Impact Partnership grant funding deed.

If your application is not successful, we will notify you by email and include reasons why it was not approved for funding.

**Step 5. If your application is successful, execute the funding deed and commence your project**

If you are successful in your application for a High Impact Partnership grant, we will execute the funding deed with you.

Following execution of the High Impact Partnership grant funding deed, your project can commence.

## 6.2. Assessment panel and technical assessors

An assessment panel of government and non-government experts will be established to assess your application against the merit criteria and other applications.

The assessment panel will make recommendations on which applications best meet the criteria and objectives of the High Impact Partnership grant funding.

The Assessment panel and process will be supported by an external probity advisor, who has been engaged to review key documents and assist with the assessment process.

## 6.3. Due diligence

At any time during the assessment process, we may undertake due diligence on your application. Due diligence may include, but is not limited to:

- contacting identified project participant organisations
- disclosing information by you of any reasonable material requested in response to the eligibility and merit criteria.

You must comply with any request for information as part of these due diligence checks. As a result of the due diligence, we may at our discretion, require that the applicant provide a form of guarantee for the performance of the funding deed (for example, a parent company guarantee).

## 6.4. Final decision

The Department will make the final determination on grants to be awarded.

Our decision is final in all matters, including the:

- approval of applications for funding
- amount of funding awarded

- terms and conditions of funding.

Resubmission of applications, or requests for re-review, will not be accepted unless otherwise decided by the Department. We will advise you in writing about the outcome of the assessment of your application.

Without limitation, the submission of your application is not, and does not represent, an agreement to negotiate an offer or guarantee funding by us. You acknowledge that we are free to cease assessment of an application at any time prior to the finalisation of the funding deed without any liability or obligation to you or any third party (including without limitation any consortium, related bodies corporate or group member). Any actions undertaken by you or any third party arising out of or in connection with an application is at your or the third party's own risk and expense. There is no binding agreement between the parties until the funding deed has been executed.

## 6.5. Additional information

For up-to-date information on this High Impact Partnership grant funding opportunity, please visit our [website](#).

If you have any questions about this funding opportunity, please email us at [netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au)



Image 4. Site prepared and ready for planting on a farm in Burrilda, NSW by Fili Thompson DCCEEW

## 7. Funding deeds

### 7.1. Funding deed and commercial principles

You must enter into a funding deed with the Department to receive High Impact Partnership grant funding. This deed will detail your and any other relevant parties' obligations in relation to your project.

A draft funding deed template, representing terms we consider appropriate, is available on our [website](#).

We do not encourage departures from the funding deed template. However, where you cannot accept the terms of the draft funding deed template in its current form, you may use the provided departures table on our website to clearly set out and qualify the reasons for your requested departure. We may or may not accept these departures at our discretion.

As the departures window will close soon after successful applicants are determined without the likely possibility of an extension, we advise that you review the funding deed and begin determining any potential departure requests before or soon after applications close. This is to reduce the impact of departure negotiations on signing of the funding deed and project start dates. The departure submission date is 2 weeks following notification of a successful application.

Where you do not submit a departures table, you will be deemed to have accepted the terms of the draft funding deed template. Where you do submit a departures table, the departures table will be taken as an exhaustive list of your comments on the funding deed template.

Applicants should be aware that we expect the terms of an executed funding deed to reflect the applicant's careful and thorough expectations for the project's development. For example, you should ensure that there is a rigorous and realistic basis for the project milestone timing, associated payment and outcomes for the project as set out in the funding deed.

### 7.2. Funding offers

Any payment of funds is subject to the Department making a funding offer and the execution of a funding deed. If you are successful in obtaining a funding offer, you must seek prior consent from the Department before making any public communications as to the outcome of the funding round.

## 8. Further requirements and expectations

### 8.1. Budget audits as part of milestone delivery

The Financial Statement clause (clause 9.2) of the draft funding deed requires that all non-government grantees provide an annual 'Report of Factual Findings' as part of their financial statement submission. This document must be created by an independent accountant who is a member of one of the following institutions:

- (a) Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ);
- (b) Certified Practicing Accountants (CPA) Australia; or
- (c) Institute of Public Accountants (IPA).

It is the grantee's responsibility to ensure that they seek the assistance of an independent accountant to conduct this work before their financial statement is due. Schedule B in the funding deed outlines the frequency and expected submission date of this document.

### 8.2. Co-funding expenditure requirements

When completing their budget plans, grantees must ensure that at least 30% of spending in any given financial year is through co-contributions. Budgets that focus on utilising over 70% of grant funding at the beginning of the project, with co-contribution expenditures coming in later in the project delivery timeline, will be deemed to breach this requirement and may be assessed negatively against the eligibility requirements.

### 8.3. Reporting requirements

Grantees will be expected to submit milestone reports as per Schedule B of their funding deed. An example can be viewed in the draft funding deed on our [website](#). A total of 6 milestone reports will be expected to be delivered (1 report every 6 months) during the High Impact Partnership contract period.

## 9. Further information

### 9.1. Commencement and authority for the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grant guidelines

These grant guidelines have been approved by us, the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department). The Department has the authority to award funding, execute and amend the deeds that allow the NSW Government to provide this funding.

### 9.2. Limitations

#### 9.2.1 No representation, warranty or guarantee

The NSW Government, its Ministers, the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, and each of their officers, employees and agents (the Department's parties) do not give any representation, warranty or guarantee, whether express or implied, in relation to the information contained in any materials released by the Department associated with the PIPAP funding, including their completeness, accuracy, currency, reliability or the process by which they were prepared. The Department's parties will not give opinions regarding legal, accounting, regulatory, taxation or any other matters. Without limiting the foregoing, in relation to those matters:

- nothing in the funding materials (including without limitation, these guidelines, or the funding deed) is or should be regarded as advice
- you must satisfy yourself by undertaking your own investigations or seeking advice at your own cost.

**Note: nothing contained in the funding material is, or may be relied upon, as a promise, guarantee, representation, or warranty.**

#### 9.2.2. Guideline updates

The Department reserves all rights to amend these guidelines (including total funding amount, funding limits per grant and timeframes for the grants) and the assessment process described herein. Any amended guidelines will be published on our [website](#) and the NSW Government's Grants and Funding Finder website.

### 9.2.3. No liability

Each Department party expressly disclaims all liability for any loss or damage incurred by any person arising from, or because of, any person's use of or reliance on any information, statement, opinion or matter (express or implied) contained in, derived from, or omitted from the materials, except for any liability which cannot be excluded as a matter of law.

### 9.2.4. Other limitations

The funding materials are not an offer, recommendation or invitation by any Department party in respect of any contract or commitment and (subject to a funding deed being executed) nothing in the materials will form the basis of any contract or commitment. You must rely entirely upon your own investigations, review and analysis in relation to your assessment of whether to apply to and participate in the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grants.



Image 5. Rural life farmland Kangaroo Valley Coast, NSW by Michael Van Ewijk DCCEEW

## 9.3. Confidentiality and disclosure of information

Information provided by you in an application, including information regarding any auspice, partner organisations or consortium (“partners”) will be collected and utilised by the Department and the Department Representatives to:

- determine the Applicant’s eligibility for funding and the merit of the Applicant’s Application;
- consider the Applicant’s suitability to receive funding by conducting fraud, corruption, and risk prevention checks;
- provide the relevant grant and any related services to the Applicant following a successful Application;
- contact the Applicant or the Applicant’s nominated representatives in relation to other relevant programs or opportunities from the NSW Government (unless the Applicant opts out at any time);
- administer any incidental functions of the Department; and
- comply with any statutory obligations.

Unless otherwise stated, any commercial-in-confidence information provided by you as part of, or in connection with, a registration, application or negotiation process will be treated confidentially by the Department. However, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in an Application and other relevant information in relation to the Application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

We may disclose commercial-in-confidence information provided by you to the following parties:

- the Department’s subcontractors and consultants;
- members of the Technical Review Panel and/or Assessment Panel;
- the Minister or Minister’s Office;
- the NSW Department Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water;
- the NSW Ombudsman and Audit Office of NSW;
- the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- the NSW Department of Customer Service;
- other NSW Government agencies for the purpose of considering the User’s suitability; and
- external advisors including probity, technical, financial, or legal advisors, any agency or body of the NSW Government, or any other organisation or individual considered by the

Department to have a need or an entitlement to know that information (including any federal, state or territory agency or body), where that need or entitlement to know that information or required by law to be disclosed, to those parties.

If we disclose commercial-in-confidence information to any of the above parties, we will inform the party that the information is strictly confidential. We will otherwise only disclose commercial-in-confidence information provided by you with your consent.

### 9.4. Feedback

If you have general feedback or a complaint about the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grants please email [netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au). Your feedback will be sent to the PIPAP team for action. If your complaint is not resolved satisfactorily within 30 days, the [NSW Ombudsman](#) can be reached for external review of the administrative actions of the Department.

### 9.5. Conflict of interest

You, and any project partners must disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest as part of your application or, if successful, as they arise during project implementation.

Conflicts of interest are any factors that could (actually or by perception) compromise the judgement, decisions, or actions of a person or group of people. Such conflicts may relate to (without limitation):

- engaging consultants to assist you with the application who have advised or are currently advising the Department
- procurement or employment
- direct negotiations
- sponsorships
- partnerships
- any other situations which could lead to unfavourable advantage.

The fact that you wish to engage, or have engaged, an existing Department consultant or service provider, does not automatically preclude you from engaging the same consultancy, however you must request from your consultants whether they have advised the Department, and notify the Department immediately.

The Department will consider whether it considers there to be a conflict of interest and notify you as the applicant of the outcome. You must follow the directions of the Department with

respect to the conflict of interest, including procuring assurances from the consultant, otherwise the Department may elect not to proceed with your application.

You should be cautious with respect to any conflicts of interest, and we recommend you contact the Department if you are unsure whether something constitutes an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest.

### 9.6 Provision of false or misleading information

The Department takes fraud very seriously. It is an offence to provide false or misleading information to the Department. If an individual or organisation provides any information, or makes any representations to the Department that is or may be inaccurate, intended to mislead, deceptive, deceitful, or otherwise fraudulent, the Department may take the following actions against the individual or organisation:

- refuse to consider its application
- refuse to accept or consider any further applications from it
- withdraw its funding offer
- require the return of any received payment that the Department determines the individual or organisation was not entitled to receive in accordance with these guidelines and the terms of the funding deed
- report the matter to the NSW Police.

### 9.7. Evaluation

We will evaluate the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grants to determine how funded projects have contributed to the program's objectives. We may also interview you or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the funding was in achieving its objectives. Without limiting any specific reporting or evaluation requirements (or similar) set out in any funding deed you execute with the Department, we may contact you up to two years after completion of your project for more information to assist with this evaluation. You consent to the use of your information for this purpose by:

- the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- the Minister or Minister's office
- the NSW Ombudsman and Audit Office of NSW
- the Department staff, consultants, and advisors

- any agency or body of the NSW Government, or any other organisation or individual considered by the Department to have a need or an entitlement to know what information (including any federal, state, or territory agency or body), where that need or entitlement to know that information arises out of or in connection with the purpose above.

## 9.8. Grant acknowledgement

If you make a public statement about your funded project, you are required to acknowledge the support provided by the Department.

## 9.9. No contract or liability

Despite any part of these guidelines, or any other documentation that forms part of this process (in part or together), by applying, you must:

- acknowledge that neither you nor the Department intend to create any contract or other relationship under which the Department is obliged to conduct the process in relation to the funding in any manner or at all, and that there is in fact no such contract or other relationship in existence
- accordingly, acknowledge that neither this document, nor any submission will create any legal or other obligation upon the Department to conduct the process in any manner or at all
- release the Department from any claim it may otherwise have been able to make or bring against the Department, arising out of or in connection with the Department's conduct.

Potential applicants and interested parties should refer to our [website](#) for up-to-date information.

Any questions or clarifications can be sent in writing to [netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au)

## 9.10. Privacy

The Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and will handle any personal information collected in relation to the program in accordance with the Privacy Act and the [Department's Privacy Policy](#).

Information provided in relation to your application will be stored on databases and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected. This may include disclosure to other Government agencies to assess the merits of your application, data analysis and the derivation of insights or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act.

Applicants must take reasonable steps to ensure any person, whose personal information is included in their application, has:

- been informed about the purposes for which their information has been collected and may be used; and
- consented to their information being supplied to the Department and other Government agencies.

If your application is successful, the details of the project will be published, including but not limited to the name of your organisation and any partnering organisations involved in the project, project title, description, project location, anticipated time for completion and total grant amount awarded.

### 9.11. GIPA Act

The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act) provides for the proactive release of government information by agencies and gives members of the public an enforceable right to access government information held by an agency. The Department may release any information received in or relating to your application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act, or as otherwise required or permitted by law.

More information can be found at: [Government Information \(Public Access\) Act 2009](#)

# Appendix

## Appendix A: Terms and definitions

The following terms are used throughout these guidelines.

Term	Definition
Abatement	See carbon abatement.
ABN	Australian Business Number.
Accounting for Nature Ltd (AfN)	An independent not-for-profit organisation that administers the Accounting for Nature® Framework. This Framework provides a system for measuring, verifying, certifying, and publicly reporting Environmental Condition Accounts ('Environmental Accounts').
ACCU	Australian Carbon Credit Unit.
ACCU Scheme	ACCU Scheme (formerly known as the Emissions Reduction Fund) is a voluntary scheme that provides incentives for organisations and individuals to adopt new practices and technologies to reduce or remove carbon emissions from the atmosphere. It is administered by the Clean Energy Regulator.
Aggregation	Aggregation is when you bring multiple sources of carbon abatement together. Aggregation can make smaller projects more financially viable, provide more flexibility and help manage performance risk. Visit the Clean Energy Regulator website for more information on <a href="#">aggregation</a> .
Applicant	An entity referred to in these guidelines who applies for the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grant funding.
Application	Submission of an application form and other required documentation for the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grant funding.
Application form	Document or documents issued under High Impact Partnership for applicants applying for funding.

Term	Definition
Business days	A day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or bank holiday in Sydney, New South Wales.
Carbon abatement	Either (a) the removal of one or more greenhouse gases from the atmosphere; or (b) the avoidance of emissions of one or more greenhouse gases.
Carbon project	Verified carbon sequestration activities, registered with the ACCU Scheme, which reduce, avoid, or remove greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere and contribute to the mitigation of climate change.
Carbon sequestration	The removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by storing it in plants, dead organic matter or soil.
Clean Energy Regulator	A Government body responsible for administering legislation that will reduce carbon emissions and increase the use of clean energy.
Co-benefits	The additional benefits associated with carbon projects. This may include environmental benefits, such as enhanced biodiversity, economic gains from increased productivity, increased community resilience, and Aboriginal cultural co-benefits.
Co-contributions	Financial support of a successful project provided by the Department and the applicant. In some cases this may include contributions from a third party.
Commercial principles	A set of principles made available by the Department which broadly represent how the Department expects funding deeds to be provided and the outcomes this will achieve.
Commercial-in-confidence information	Any information that discloses your financing arrangements, cost structure, profit margins or full base case financial model; intellectual property for which you have an interest; any matter the disclosure of which would place you at a substantial commercial disadvantage.

Term	Definition
Conflict of interest	A situation where a person decides or exercises a power in a way that may be, or may be perceived to be, influenced by either material personal interests (financial or nonfinancial) or material personal associations.
Corporations Act	Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth).
Devolved grant	A devolved grant is a funding model where a grantee of Government funds redistributes them through their own grant round. Applicants then apply for smaller amounts to fund projects that align with the original grant program's goals.
Eligibility criteria	Eligibility criteria that a grant application has to comply with, set out in the section on eligibility and merit criteria in these guidelines.
Eligible applications	An application for High Impact Partnership Round 2 grant funding that the Department has determined is eligible for assessment in accordance with these guidelines.
Eligible interest holder	A person or organisation that has a legal interest in the land on which a carbon project is being, or will be, conducted. Project proponents must seek consent from eligible interest holders to run a project with the Clean Energy Regulator.
Forward abatement estimate	The Forward Abatement Estimate is the total estimated number of ACCUs that your project will generate over its lifetime. The purpose of the Forward Abatement Estimate is to allow the Clean Energy Regulator to assign an audit schedule for your project.
Free, prior and informed consent	A principle used in development projects worldwide which advocates for the right to self-determination for Indigenous people. It involves consent for projects to go ahead before they commence, being free from coercion, informed through accessible communication and collective consent from the Indigenous community.

Term	Definition
Funding deed	An agreement between the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and a recipient under which High Impact Partnership Round 2 grant funding is provided to the recipient.
Guidelines	<p>Approved framework for the operation and administration of the High Impact Partnership Round 2 grant funding.</p> <p>NOTE: This document will be amended and updated as needed to be current and accurate.</p>
Ineligible expenditure	Expenditure of the kind defined as ineligible in <a href="#">section 2.5.3 Funding exclusions and limitations</a> of these guidelines.
Merit criteria	The merit criteria that a grant application has to comply with, set out in the section on eligibility and merit criteria.
Minister	The Minister with responsibility for High Impact Partnership funding, which at the time of publishing for these guidelines is the NSW Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage.
Net Zero Plan	NSW Government Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030, to reduce carbon emissions in NSW by 2030.
NSW	The State of New South Wales.
PIPAP	The Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program. PIPAP is an integral element of the Net Zero Plan focused on major opportunities to reduce emissions across the NSW primary industries and land sector.
Project	A project described in an application for funding under the High Impact Partnership grants.
Recipient	An applicant that has been offered High Impact Partnership funding and has entered into a funding deed with the Department to receive funding.

Term	Definition
SmartyGrants	The Department's online grant administration system provided by Our Community Pty Ltd. Also called the Grants Management System.
The Department	The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Note: The Australian Government has a department with the same title, however in these guidelines the Department refers to the NSW Government department unless otherwise stated).

## Appendix B: Reference list

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<https://cer.gov.au/>
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<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/>
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<https://applicanthelp.smartygrants.com.au/help-guide-for-applicants/>
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<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/free-prior-informed-consent-guidelines.pdf>



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