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What is the relevance of DELWP to energy efficiency projects in Victoria?

DELWP is relevant to energy efficiency projects in Victoria because it administers key state-based schemes. The department is responsible for programs such as the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU), which supports eligible improvements through Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates (VEECs). Understanding DELWP's role helps project teams identify the applicable scheme requirements, prescribed activities, and procedural pathways for projects operating within Victoria's jurisdiction.

How does DELWP relate to the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme?

DELWP administers the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme through the Victorian Government. The department provides specifications, activity requirements, and eligible-equipment standards that accredited providers must follow when creating Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates (VEECs) for eligible activities. Project teams must reference DELWP's published specifications page and relevant approval scope from the Essential Services Commission before finalizing certificate calculations or commercial commitments.

What should a project team know about DELWP requirements before starting a VEU project?

Project teams should establish the site address and premises use to confirm DELWP jurisdiction, identify existing and proposed equipment against current DELWP specifications, and determine the project stage and intended installation dates. DELWP's detailed requirements depend on whether the activity is a standardized prescribed activity or a project-based method. Early verification of governing

activity documents and method requirements helps avoid commercial commitments based only on headline rebates, and ensures evidence responsibilities are properly assigned before implementation begins.

How can Northmore Gordon assist with DELWP-governed energy projects?

Our knowledge library covers the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme and DELWP-administered pathways. We offer energy audits, feasibility assessments, measurement and verification services, and environmental certificate support for projects within DELWP jurisdiction. We can help assess scheme eligibility, develop appropriate measurement plans, manage project registration, and navigate the evidence requirements specified by DELWP to support certificate creation and trading.

What is the difference between DELWP's prescribed activities and project-based pathways?

DELWP's Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme includes standardized prescribed activities with defined equipment requirements, and more complex project-based methods for tailored assessments. Project-based activities include measurement and verification (using pre- and post-upgrade energy data) and benchmark rating (using NABERS ratings). Choosing the correct method early is critical because it determines what evidence must exist before equipment changes. The choice is a technical and procedural assessment, not simply the pathway showing the largest certificate quantity.

Why is it important to check DELWP specifications before relying on a certificate value in an investment case?

DELWP's specifications and Essential Services Commission approvals determine eligibility, activity requirements, and calculation methods. A proposed certificate contribution should not be assumed in an investment case without verifying the governing activity document version, main eligibility assumptions, calculation basis, evidence responsibilities, and commercial treatment of certificates. Historical case studies from other projects cannot establish today's eligibility for a new site under current DELWP rules. Confirm scheme suitability and certificate-price assumptions separately before treating any amount as committed revenue.

Where can a project team access DELWP's current Victorian Energy Upgrades specifications?

The Victorian Government's specifications page is the version-discovery starting point for DELWP's current Victorian Energy Upgrades requirements. Project teams should reference the official DELWP/Victorian Government website to access the exact current specifications, activity requirements, and the Essential Services Commission's relevant approval scope for the proposed project. These details must be matched to the proposed project before detailed advice or final certificate calculations are completed, as specifications and approvals may change.