

Metering Plan Implementation Grant (NSW) – Round 2 (Date Extended)

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What this article reported

The Metering Plan Implementation Grant provides financial support for NSW businesses to install and integrate advanced energy metering and monitoring systems. This grant helps organisations gain real-time visibility of their energy use, identify efficiency opportunities, and reduce both operational costs and emissions. As part of the NSW Government's Business Decarbonisation Program, it represents a significant opportunity for energy-intensive businesses to modernise their energy data infrastructure and accelerate their pathway to net zero.

What is the Metering Plan Implementation Grant?

The Metering Plan Implementation Grant supports the installation of comprehensive metering systems that provide granular energy data across electricity, gas, thermal systems and other major loads. These upgrades help businesses pinpoint inefficiencies, optimise operations, and achieve sustained energy and emissions reductions.

Funding is available for hardware, software, installation, and integration costs associated with delivering a complete metering and monitoring solution.

Funding Amount

\$20,001 to \$100,000, covering up to 50% of eligible project costs

Who is this for?

This grant is for NSW-based, energy-intensive businesses across sectors such as manufacturing, industrial processing, food and beverage, commercial facilities, and other large energy users looking to improve visibility and management of their energy consumption.

Eligibility

You can apply if you:

Are a NSW business spending \$200,000+ per year on energy, OR using 3,600 GJ annually

Have a current Metering and Monitoring Plan (MMP) dated within the last 3 years

Have operational control of the site (or written owner approval to install equipment)

Important notes:

If you do not yet have an MMP, contact Northmore Gordon - we can help you apply for the Metering and Monitoring Plan (MMP) Grant first.

If you already have an MMP, it must be in the NSW Government Report Template, as this is mandatory for eligibility.

Why apply?

Access up to \$100,000 in funding for energy metering infrastructure

Reduce energy consumption and emissions by 5-15% through improved insights

Strengthen your organisation's pathway to net zero

Enhance operational performance with better data and analytics

Support long-term energy strategy and reporting requirements

This grant is part of the \$22 million Business Decarbonisation Program under the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

What the funding can support

This grant can be used for metering and monitoring upgrades including:

Installation of electricity, gas, steam, water, and thermal meters

Integration of sub-metering for key plant and equipment

Monitoring platforms, dashboards, and data visualisation tools

Communication hardware, sensors, and data logging systems

System design, configuration, and commissioning

These activities align directly with Northmore Gordon's expertise in energy metering, auditing, monitoring plan development, analytics, and industrial decarbonisation.

How Northmore Gordon can help

Northmore Gordon can assist with every stage of the process, including:

Confirming your eligibility

Preparing or reviewing your Metering and Monitoring Plan

Designing your metering solution

Managing and submitting your grant application

Supporting delivery, verification, and reporting

With decades of experience in energy analytics and industrial decarbonisation, we ensure your project is strategically designed to maximise both grant success and long-term savings.

Start your Metering Plan Implementation Grant application

Contact Northmore Gordon today to begin your application and unlock funding for your metering and only the base building is eligible

the occupancy certificate must have been issued prior to 1 January 2022

You can apply for one grant per site. If you have more than one site, you'll need to submit a separate application for each site.

Eligible costs:

Costs to install and commission permanent submeters that are required for measuring energy performance

Hardware and integration with software needed to monitor energy use

First year subscription to data management systems

Funding Amount:

Up to \$100,000 to cover up to 50% of the cost of implementing the recommendations of your energy metering and monitoring plan

How to use this information now

Before relying on a grant, confirm the current round, applicant and project eligibility, eligible expenditure, co-contribution, assessment process, closing date and evidence obligations. Build the technical case so the project remains understandable with grant support shown separately.

Separate source-reported facts from forecasts, targets and commentary. For a current project, retain the official source, version, effective date, assumptions and decision record in the evidence file.

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What is a Metering and Monitoring Plan, and why is it required for the Metering Plan Implementation Grant?

A Metering and Monitoring Plan (MMP) is a detailed specification for the installation and configuration of metering equipment to establish reliable interval data for sites lacking such measurements. It defines the information requirement—which decision the metering system must support—identifies the equipment and site boundary, and specifies data responsibilities before installation. The grant requires an MMP dated within the last 3 years in NSW Government Report Template format because it ensures the metering solution aligns with the business's actual decision needs and operational requirements. We can prepare or review an MMP to support your grant application.

How does metering and monitoring support energy management and operational decisions?

Metering and monitoring collect and track energy consumption data at specified intervals, enabling operational and investment decisions. By measuring consumption across equipment boundaries and time periods, a site gains visibility into load patterns, identifies unexplained consumption, and verifies whether an upgrade improves performance. The data must be matched to the operating cycle—seasonal or variable operations require representative measurement periods. This foundation enables businesses to investigate anomalies, assign ownership for actions, and track whether changes

produce the intended outcome. We design metering systems that answer specific operational questions, not generic dashboards.

What practical steps should a business take before applying for the Metering Plan Implementation Grant?

First, confirm eligibility: NSW business status, annual energy spend $\geq$ \$200,000 (or 3,600 GJ), operational site control, and a current MMP. If an MMP does not exist, apply for the separate Metering and Monitoring Plan Grant first. Prepare energy history (at least one year of bills), interval data if available, operating schedules, and production records. Define the business decision the metering system must support—whether tracking overall trends, attributing consumption to specific equipment, or verifying project savings. Document data ownership, access protocols, and responsibilities before installation. We can guide eligibility confirmation, help design the appropriate metering scope, and manage the grant application.

What costs can the Metering Plan Implementation Grant fund, and how does this connect to measurement and verification?

Eligible costs include installation of electricity, gas, steam, water, and thermal meters; sub-metering for key plant; monitoring platforms and dashboards; communication hardware and sensors; system design and commissioning; and the first year subscription to data management systems. These investments establish the evidence infrastructure necessary for measurement and verification—the process of determining energy savings using an agreed boundary, data, and analysis. By funding metering infrastructure, the grant enables businesses to later verify project savings credibly, assess funding options (certificates, schemes), and support ongoing energy management. We can ensure metering design meets both operational needs and future M&V requirements.

How can metering and monitoring plans support transition to net zero and long-term energy strategy?

Metering provides the quantitative data foundation necessary to track energy use patterns, set realistic reduction targets, and measure progress toward net-zero commitments. By establishing performance indicators—total consumption, cost, peak demand, and energy per production unit—businesses can monitor the effect of operational changes, equipment upgrades, and procurement decisions over time. This ongoing performance data supports investment prioritization, funding pathway assessment, and reporting obligations such as NGER or sustainability frameworks. We describe energy optimisation as combining engineering assessment with implementation and ongoing performance support, where continuous metering enables the final stage: sustained performance tracking and multi-site expansion.

What should a business do if it has multiple sites or different energy systems (electricity, gas, water)?

Businesses can apply for one grant per site; separate applications are required for each location. For sites with multiple energy streams, the Metering and Monitoring Plan should address the relevant systems: electricity, gas, steam, water, or thermal energy depending on the operational question and business need. The plan must identify which meters, boundaries, and data responsibilities apply to each energy type. A site with shared services—such as compressed air, steam, cooling, or ventilation serving multiple production lines—requires clear attribution of consumption to the relevant equipment or area. We can design integrated metering systems that address multiple energy streams and shared-service allocation.

How does the Metering Plan Implementation Grant connect to broader energy optimisation and funding strategies?

The grant funds the evidence infrastructure—metering and monitoring systems—that underpins the broader energy optimisation cycle. We describe a six-stage delivery approach: Assess (where metering

data identifies opportunities), Build the Case (design upgrades), Capture Value (evaluate grants, certificates, and finance), Deliver (implement and verify), Procure (purchase energy strategically), and Perform (sustain outcomes). The Metering Plan Implementation Grant specifically supports the Assess stage and creates the measurement foundation needed for later stages. By establishing reliable data, businesses can then credibly apply for energy-efficiency certificates, investment grants, or performance-based financing. It is one funding stream within a coordinated pathway to net zero.

What evidence and timeline should a business prepare for the grant application and implementation?

Prepare a dated chronology: investigation phase (business problem, site description, equipment list), baseline measurements (at least one year of energy bills and interval data if available), the current Metering and Monitoring Plan (NSW Government Report Template format, dated within 3 years), and confirmation of operational control or written owner approval. For implementation, establish data responsibilities before installation, ensure the measurement period matches the operating cycle, and plan how staff will be briefed on the new monitoring system. After commissioning, document what was installed, the date, test records, and any departures from design. We can help assemble this chronology, ensure the MMP meets grant requirements, and coordinate evidence collection through delivery and verification.