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Earn More from C&I Solar – What Activity 47 Means for You

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I'm pleased to share that Northmore Gordon is the first Accredited Person (AP Accredited Provider - a person accredited under the Victorian Essential Services Commission (ESC) to create VEECs for Prescribed Activities.) under the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU Victorian Energy Upgrades is a Victorian government energy efficiency program that gives every Victorian household and business the opportunity to receive rebates or discounts on energy saving products.) program to support Activity 47 – Deemed C&I Solar PV Solar Photovoltaic .

This new activity allows VEECs to be created for a much broader range of commercial solar systems in Victoria , opening new revenue opportunities for a wide range of partners – from installers, EPCs, PPA Power Purchase Agreement is a direct agreement between a renewable energy project developer and an end-user for the sale of renewable electricity. Behind the meter, PPAs are commonly used for on-site solar. Off-site PPAs supply renewable energy from projects that are connected to the same electricity grid as the end-user, but can be located anywhere. and lease providers to energy retailers, equipment suppliers, and developers .

Our accreditation is effective from 9 October 2025 . If you're delivering commercial solar solutions and want to understand whether your past or future projects qualify, now's the time to get in touch.

What is Activity 47?

Activity 47 enables VEEC Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificate creation for C&I solar PV installations between 30 kW and 200 kW . These projects were previously ineligible for VEECs but can now generate upfront deemed certificates , significantly improving project economics.

At Northmore Gordon, we also support VEEC creation for larger systems using existing VEU-approved methods:

30–200 kW systems : • Eligible for Deemed VEECs (Activity 47A/47B) • <100 kW systems can also claim STCs Small-scale Technology Certificate under the Australian Renewable Energy Target. More
200–400 kW systems : • Eligible for Streamlined M&V (SMM4) • Lower evidence burden, faster processing

400 kW–10,000 kW+ systems : • Suitable for Advanced M&V (PBA Project Based Activities method) • Ideal for complex, high-value installations

We are accredited for all VEEC pathways , so no matter the system size, we can support certificate creation and maximise the return.

Who Should Be Paying Attention?

If you're involved in any part of the commercial solar value chain – including:

Installers, EPCs or PPA providers

Energy retailers or distributors

Consultants or aggregators

OEMs and equipment suppliers

Financiers and lease providers

Project developers or property portfolio managers

– this is your opportunity to unlock additional revenue and create more compelling business cases for your clients.

How We Help

My team and I can guide you through:

Determining project eligibility under Activity 47 and other VEEC pathways

Selecting the right method : Deemed, SMM4 or Advanced M&V

Registering VEECs for compliant projects

Managing evidence and meeting ESC An energy savings certificate (ESC) is a tradeable certificate created under Division 7 of Part 9 of the Electricity Supply Act 1995. Each ESC represents one notional megawatt hour (MWh) of energy. compliance expectations

Stacking VEECs with STCs or LGCs to maximise value

We make the process straightforward and compliant, and we'll tailor our support depending on your role in the project.

Important Compliance Reminder

VEU rules strictly prohibit telemarketing and door knocking . Every VEEC claim must show how the customer lead was generated. If you're unsure about your current approach, we can help review your process to ensure it aligns with the ESC's requirements.

Let's Talk

If you're working on, financing, supplying or selling commercial solar systems in Victoria, it's worth reviewing whether your current or planned projects could qualify for VEECs – either under Activity 47 or via M&V pathways.

Email me directly at m.ghajar@northmoregordon.com or call 1300 878 500 . We'll help you understand your options and how to get started.

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What accreditation milestone did Northmore Gordon achieve regarding Activity 47?

Northmore Gordon became the first Accredited Person (AP) under the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program to support Activity 47 – Deemed C&I Solar PV, with the accreditation effective from 9 October 2025.

What is Activity 47 and what size of solar systems does it cover?

Activity 47 enables Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificate (VEEC) creation for commercial and industrial (C&I) solar PV installations between 30 kW and 200 kW. These projects were previously ineligible for VEECs but can now generate upfront deemed certificates, improving project economics.

What VEEC/certificate pathways does Northmore Gordon support for different solar system sizes?

Northmore Gordon supports: 30–200 kW systems, which are eligible for Deemed VEECs (Activity 47A/47B), with systems under 100 kW also able to claim Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs); 200–400 kW systems, eligible for Streamlined M&V (SMM4) with a lower evidence burden and faster processing; and 400 kW–10,000 kW+ systems, suitable for Advanced M&V using the Project Based Activities (PBA) method, ideal for complex, high-value installations.

Who in the commercial solar value chain should pay attention to Activity 47?

The article says this opportunity is relevant to installers, EPCs or PPA providers, energy retailers or distributors, consultants or aggregators, OEMs and equipment suppliers, financiers and lease providers, and project developers or property portfolio managers.

How does Northmore Gordon help clients take advantage of Activity 47 and other VEEC pathways?

Northmore Gordon's team helps determine project eligibility under Activity 47 and other VEEC pathways, select the right method (Deemed, SMM4 or Advanced M&V), register VEECs for compliant projects, manage evidence and meet Essential Services Commission (ESC) compliance expectations, and stack VEECs with STCs or LGCs to maximise value.

What compliance rule does the article highlight regarding customer leads for VEU claims?

VEU rules strictly prohibit telemarketing and door knocking, and every VEEC claim must show how the customer lead was generated. Northmore Gordon can help review a company's lead-generation process to ensure it aligns with ESC requirements.

Who wrote this article and how can readers get in touch about Activity 47?

The article was written by Madonna Ghajar of Northmore Gordon. Readers can email her directly at m.ghajar@northmoregordon.com or call 1300 878 500 to discuss whether their commercial solar projects qualify for VEECs.

Can a 30–200 kW C&I solar system claim both VEECs and STCs?

Yes — for 30–200 kW systems, projects are eligible for Deemed VEECs under Activity 47A/47B, and systems under 100 kW can also claim Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs), allowing certificates to be stacked to maximise value.

When was the 'Earn More from C&I Solar' article published?

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