

October Update

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In this newsletter we focus on our upcoming training course, and unlocking funding for energy efficiency and clean energy projects in NSW. It looks like 2019 is shaping up as an important year for energy users in that state. On top of the existing and mature Energy Saving Scheme, there are range of support mechanisms either announced, or about to be.

We invite you to take up the opportunity of sending your staff (or yourself) along to an OEH training course on Introduction to Energy Management, facilitated by Chris Warris \- one our Principal Consultants.

Perhaps 2019 will be the year in which you make a step change in energy productivity? We'd love to help you on that journey.

Craig Morgan, Managing Director

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Manufacturing Energy Efficiency Funding Options■:Funding for all NSW Businesses

The Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) will be making a high level announcement in early November, regarding the Manufacturing Energy Efficiency Funding Options. It is predicted the office will be advising participants that the funding will be available with the first round (of up to 4 rounds) in January or February next year. The program is intended to run for four years (approx. \$9m per year across the three areas).

We expect that the funding will be closely modelled on the old Gas Efficiency Improvement Program (GEIP), i.e., grant funding.

It's possible there will be three parts to the funding offer:

Deemed ESC style funding of "simple" energy conservation measure i.e. high efficiency chillers/condensers, VSD's, staging or compressors etc

Funding for metering that is aimed at process improvement (e.g. furnace tuning) but not linked to a follow on efficiency project like GEIP.

Funding for larger projects that would be marginal for PIAM&V; ESCs in the

order of 400 MWh savings p.a. The funding for larger capital projects in the order of \$100-150K will be greater than that offered under GEIP (which was capped at \$40k on a dollar for dollar spend) and they have some flexibility on the funding cap - so that may mean grants of \$50k plus.

It is highly unlikely that a project seeking grant funding won't be able to apply for ESCs or vice versa. Funding will be for electricity and gas savings projects but not renewables.

They will be seeking expressions of interest prior to the funding round opening to gauge the type and scale of projects. Any company with more complex projects will be advised to get their applications in to the earlier funding rounds.

_Please note: The Introduction to__Energy Management Course, mentioned below, will help you identify and prepare suitable projects for when this fund opens for applications in Jan 2019. Registration for the 2018 course is closed._

2018 course (registration closed): Introduction to Energy Management Course + post training support from Northmore Gordon

Do you know what impact rising energy prices will have on your business?

Do you have a plan in place to manage this impact?

How can you reduce the costs of energy for your business?

Northmore Gordon is delivering the Introduction to Energy Management Course on behalf of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, for businesses and business service providers. This practical and step-by-step approach to realising energy efficiency projects and savings in your business.

The purpose of this course is to teach you:

- \- How to understand your business's energy use
- \- Identify and implement improvements to reduce energy costs in your business
- \- put into place a practical energy plan for your business to take action and reduce costs
- \- adopt a long-term approach to the management of energy for your business

Attending this course will give you access to subsidised follow up support from the expert trainer to help you implement your energy projects

Tuesday 27 November, 5:00pm - 8:30pm

Max Webber Library Function Centre, Level 1, Max Webber Library, Cnr Flushcombe Road, Alpha Street, Blacktown NSW 2148

Early bird price: Sign up before the 12 November to receive 25% off the course fee for a discounted price of \$185, normal price \$250.

This November 2018 course was limited to 25 participants. Registration is closed.

For further information about the course, please contact Chris Warris on 0401269813 or c.warris@northmoregordon.com

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has announced "The Emerging Energy Program". It will be technology neutral and focus on encouraging private sector investment to support the next generation of large-scale energy and storage projects in NSW. Eligible projects must demonstrate that they can provide dispatchable or on-demand energy to help meet the state's energy needs.

Calls for expressions of interest are expected in Q1 2019. Click archived 2018 funding information (original link unavailable) for more info.

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[What is the October Update newsletter and why was it published in November 2018?](#)

The October Update is a Northmore Gordon newsletter published on November 8, 2018, covering manufacturing, NSW, and training topics. The November publication date likely reflects the time required to compile, review and distribute the newsletter content after the October reporting period. The newsletter represents our commitment to sharing practical guidance on energy management, emissions reduction and related compliance matters with its audience of operations, sustainability and finance professionals.

[Who is Craig Morgan and what is his role in Northmore Gordon's newsletters?](#)

Craig Morgan is a mechanical engineer with 30 years of experience who is attributed as the author of our October Update newsletter. His background includes more than 15 years assisting organizations manage energy, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts, seven years focused on energy management and emissions inventory development and mitigation, and six years on renewable energy generation systems. His diverse experience positions him to address technical, compliance and strategic dimensions of energy and carbon projects across multiple sectors.

[What types of energy and carbon topics does Northmore Gordon's October Update cover?](#)

The October Update newsletter is categorized under Manufacturing, NSW, and Training, indicating its focus on practical guidance for industrial operations in New South Wales. Related articles highlighted alongside the newsletter address solar irrigation certificate funding, manufacturing project mistakes and Australia's energy future. This editorial positioning reflects our emphasis on helping manufacturing

businesses navigate energy efficiency investments, renewable energy pathways and compliance obligations while avoiding costly procedural or timing errors that could affect project viability or incentive eligibility.

How does the October Update connect to Northmore Gordon's broader service capabilities?

The October Update newsletter demonstrates our integrated approach to energy and carbon management for industrial businesses. The newsletter sits within a broader knowledge library covering energy audits, investment cases, measurement and verification, environmental certificates and carbon advisory services. By publishing practical guidance on manufacturing energy projects, certificate funding and compliance, we position itself as a resource for organizations seeking to understand their options, avoid timing-sensitive eligibility losses and connect technical assessment with investment and reporting decisions in their sector.

What compliance and market updates preceded and followed the October Update newsletter?

The October Update was followed by compliance and market updates addressing ASRS Group 3 scope determination (September 18, 2026), a combined August and September 2026 compliance briefing (September 1, 2026), and Australian certificate market analysis for August 2026 (September 1, 2026). Earlier, we published guidance on renewable heat value assessment (August 24, 2026). This sequence demonstrates the organization's ongoing effort to track regulatory changes, scheme updates and market conditions affecting energy project eligibility, funding pathways and strategic decision-making across multiple frameworks including ASRS sustainability reporting and environmental certificate schemes.

What does the October Update newsletter suggest about certificate funding risks in manufacturing?

The related article 'Solar irrigation upgrades: Don't let certificate funding go unclaimed' suggests that manufacturing organizations can lose renewable energy certificate entitlements through timing oversights or procedural errors. This theme aligns with our broader emphasis on project timing—ensuring that evidence is preserved, scheme eligibility is confirmed and documentation is completed before equipment installation removes the opportunity to claim retrospective support. The October Update's association with manufacturing and training topics indicates our focus on helping organizations understand how to structure projects correctly and avoid the cost of missed funding due to administrative or sequencing mistakes.

How does Northmore Gordon's October Update address manufacturing project economics?

The related article 'How to avoid costly energy project mistakes in manufacturing' indicates that the October Update targets manufacturing businesses seeking to improve project decision-making. Manufacturing energy projects often involve sequencing decisions across compressed air, heating, cooling and process systems where earlier choices affect later economics. Our emphasis on investment cases, measurement planning and funding assessment reflects the organization's approach to helping manufacturing clients build robust business cases, understand which measures should be sequenced first and identify funding pathways early enough to preserve eligibility and inform capital budgeting decisions.

What is the relevance of renewable energy topics in the October Update newsletter?

The October Update's association with renewable energy and the related article 'Where's the value in renewable heat?' suggests the newsletter addresses manufacturing businesses evaluating heat-based renewable alternatives. Our knowledge library covers process heat assessment, electrification feasibility and renewable certificate pathways including renewable energy targets and environmental attribute management. For manufacturing facilities with significant heating demands, renewable heat options can represent both operational improvements and certificate revenue opportunities, making

integrated technical and financial assessment essential to building a credible investment case and understanding the commercial contribution of renewable attributes to project viability.

Why would manufacturing organizations in NSW benefit from the October Update?

NSW-based manufacturing organizations face specific energy savings scheme obligations and opportunities under the NSW Energy Savings Scheme, which creates a market for energy savings certificates from eligible activities. The October Update's NSW focus reflects our recognition that manufacturing energy projects must navigate scheme-specific requirements including project-based assessment with measurement and verification, prescribed activities and timing-sensitive eligibility conditions. The newsletter positions Northmore Gordon as a resource for NSW manufacturers seeking to understand how their energy improvement opportunities align with available incentive schemes and what evidence and timing decisions must be made to preserve funding eligibility.