

Our path to NET ZERO

This Roadmap lays out the Australian Government's pathway to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions from its operations by 2030, through implementation of the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy.

Climate Action in Government Operations

The Australian Government is committed to climate action in government operations. Taking action within its own operations is a strong demonstration of how the Australian Government is leading by example.

APS Net Zero 2030

APS Net Zero 2030 is the target set by the Australian Government to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions from government operations by 2030.

Transparency and Reporting

Commonwealth entities have commenced public reporting on the emissions from their operations in 2022-23 annual reports. By 30 June 2024, entities will develop long term emission reduction plans and report annually on progress towards 2030 targets. The Department of Finance will publish an annual consolidated whole-of-Australian-Government report commencing the end of 2023.

Commonwealth Climate Disclosure

Commonwealth Climate Disclosure is the Government's policy for Commonwealth entities and Commonwealth companies to report on their exposure to climate risks and opportunities, as well as their actions to manage them.

2026-27 Mid-term Review

A review of progress against the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy will be undertaken in 2026-27.

Energy



1 July 2024

Whole-of-Australian-Government electricity procurements begin. Entities must procure electricity through these arrangements when in place in their jurisdiction.

1 January 2028

80% of the Commonwealth's electricity consumption, that is generated off-site and purchased by entities must be renewable.

1 January 2030

100% of Commonwealth electricity is renewable.

Buildings



1 July 2025

Where a lease is entered into for four or more years over an office space of 1000 square metres or more of net lettable area, the office space and the building in which it is located must have and maintain 5.5 star or higher base building and tenancy NABERS energy ratings.

1 July 2026

Where a contract is entered by or for the Commonwealth for the purchase or construction of office space with a value greater than \$15 million, the office space must have and maintain a 6 star NABERS energy rating and GBCA 4 star Green Star rating (minimum) which includes complying with the Climate Positive pathway.

Buildings (Electrification)



1 July 2024

Where a lease is to be entered into for office space, entities should prefer all-electric buildings, particularly if the Commonwealth is directly responsible for base building services costs.

1 July 2026

Where a contract is entered for the purchase or construction of office space for the Commonwealth, the office space must be all-electric. This includes building heating, cooling and water heating but excludes backup generation, subject to the 2026-27 review.

1 January 2040

Entities should only lease or own office space that is all-electric.

ICT



1 July 2025

New data centre facilities that are sourced outside the whole-of-Australian-Government panel arrangement, whether owned or leased by the Commonwealth, are required to achieve and maintain 5 stars NABERS Energy for Data Centres or equivalent environmental rating such as a Power Usage Effectiveness of 1.4 or less.

Buildings (EV Charging)



1 July 2024

All office space with allocated parking must have an electric vehicle charging plan where possible.

1 January 2025

Office space with allocated parking should have facilities to support electric vehicle charging where possible, if an entity has electric fleet vehicles on site.

Fleet



1 July 2023

Target of 25% of new passenger vehicle orders to be low emission vehicles, with a preference for zero emission vehicles.

1 July 2024

Target of 50% of new passenger vehicle orders to be low emission vehicles, with a preference for zero emission vehicles.

1 July 2025

Target of 75% of new passenger vehicle orders to be low emission vehicles, with a preference for zero emission vehicles.

Procurement



1 January 2025

Develop and publish the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy.

1 July 2025

Develop the scope 3 cost modelled assessment and work with agencies in its development.

1 January 2026

Capability uplift will be delivered for decision-makers to evaluate climate information from suppliers and enhance assessment under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

People, Culture and Capability



Entities are encouraged to identify a Chief Sustainability Officer role within their organisation at an appropriate level and delegation to champion the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy and related initiatives that support climate action in government operations.

The Department of Finance will support capability uplift across entities, including through advice, guidance, tools, case studies and training programs via the APS Academy. The Climate Action in Government Operations website and GovTeams community will include general information and guidance.

