

EPA climate change assessment requirements for large emitters

The EPA will recommend that the following assessment requirements be included with the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), where the proposed project is likely to be a large emitter of greenhouse gases.

Climate change

The proponent must carry out a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Assessment and prepare a Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Plan in accordance with the EPA's *Greenhouse Gas Assessment Guide for Large Emitters* (available on the EPA website).

Notes

Based on the information provided by the proponent, the EPA anticipates that the *Greenhouse Gas Assessment Guide for Large Emitters* is likely to be applicable to the proposed project.

This guide must be followed if the project meets the following criteria:

- The project requires development assessment and approval under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- The project involves one or more scheduled activities under Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and/or will be carried out at a premises with an existing environment protection licence.
- The project is likely to emit 25,000 tonnes or more of scope 1 and 2 emissions (CO₂-e) in any financial year during the operational life of the project (based on planned operational throughput and as designed).

Further information about these criteria is available in the guide.

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