

EECA's Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Energy

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1. Priority updates

Title	Comment
Fuel savings response	We have now wrapped up our public information activity through Phase One of the <i>Stretch Every Tank</i> campaign. We are awaiting Ministerial direction on MBIE advice regarding spending to prepare for any possible shift to Phase 2 of the response [refer BRIEFING-REQ-0032802]. We understand the Minister of Finance's office is co-ordinating engagement with other Minister offices. Budget 2026 included a \$450 million fuel response contingency for additional temporary targeted support if conditions worsen. We have worked with MBIE to develop high-level costings for public information measures at Phases 3 and 4 to support future advice on how this funding should be allocated, if needed. EECA has received an independent evaluation from Verian of the Phase One Fuel Savings Campaign. Verian estimates the campaign delivered approximately \$21.4 million in fuel cost savings from \$3.1 million of media spend, equating to \$6.92 of savings for every \$1 invested. This differs from previous figures due to a change in methodology to reduce the impact of self-reported recall with the approach designed to be transparent and conservative. We intend to publish the evaluation on our website. A copy is provided as Appendix One. We have also provided a copy to MBIE's central fuel response team.
Winter 26 energy savings activities	The EECA Board and management reviewed the scale, channels and level of investment for planned EECA's Winter 2026 energy-saving activity. EECA's Board has directed us to focus on a highly targeted campaign that provides practical, low-cost energy-saving advice to households most likely to need it. To do this, we are taking a data-led approach to targeting, combining audience insights with cold-weather risk data to identify where our messaging can have the greatest impact. Using Census data, deprivation measures, urban and rural classifications, and MetService temperature data, we've identified communities that are more likely to experience cold homes and energy affordability challenges. This allows us to focus our investment on digital and social media channels that can efficiently reach these households, helping ensure our budget delivers the greatest possible benefit. Activities will commence from mid-June.

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Gas transition loan guarantee scheme	EECA has received interest in the Government's Gas Transition Loan Guarantee Scheme. We are supporting firms to understand the scheme's parameters. The scheme is intended to be available to gas users from late July, once Treasury has finalised deeds of indemnities with participating banks. We are developing EECA's package of wrap-around supports, including tailoring supports to specific market segments, based on their gas consumption and likely needs. We will discuss early thinking with you at the EECA officials meeting on 9 June.
Solar on schools	In July EECA and the Ministry of Education will brief Ministers on the detailed programme design for the Solar on Schools programme. This will outline the most impactful approach to expand the programme to achieve our target of 80 to 100 installs over the 2026/27 summer school holiday period. 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A key first step includes conducting on-site electrical assessments at targeted schools to determine the suitability and appropriate sizing for solar, based on schools' unique energy use profile and electrical position. We are working through the Electricity Networks Association to signal upcoming engagement with EDBs required to rapidly deliver the programme.
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Ara Ake transfer	We are supporting the transition of Ara Ake functions to EECA. At this early stage, we are in discussions with MBIE and this process is being coordinated through the EECA Board Chair who also serves as Chair of the Ara Ake Board.

2. Ministerial servicing updates

2.1 Current and upcoming advice

Title	Purpose	Action and timing
EECA 2026 BRF 015 Final EECA Statement of Performance Expectations 2026/27	To provide you EECA's final Statement of Performance Expectations 2026/27 for tabling in the House of Representatives.	30/06/2026
EECA 2026 BRF 016 Solar on schools – advice on detailed design	To brief you and the Minister of Education on detailed design for the Solar on Schools programme to enable rapid delivery. This will cover delivery models, prioritisation criteria for schools, and sequencing to maximise educational and energy outcomes.	July 2026

2.2 Communications and events calendar

Date	Type	Activity/Event	Opportunities for engagement
June 10-13	Fieldays	EECA has a stand at Fieldays as part of the solar on farms programme and will have farmers who are part of the programme onsite.	Photo opportunity
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2.3 Official Information Act requests

EECA currently has no active OIA requests