

Victoria Introduces Industry Resource Efficiency Program

Victoria's largest commercial and industrial consumers of energy and water will be required to conduct an integrated assessment of their energy and water use and waste generation. The new resource efficiency program announced by State Environment Minister Gavin Jennings builds on the Industry Greenhouse Program. Jennings says: "By focusing on production and operational processes the Environment and Resource Efficiency Program aims to help business make money through more efficient use of resources." The administrative costs from undertaking the audits will be offset by recent red tape reductions in a series of changes to EPA's licensing system, according to Jennings. He says the government will work with industry during a four-week consultation phase to identify any further ideas for streamlining the new regulations.

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