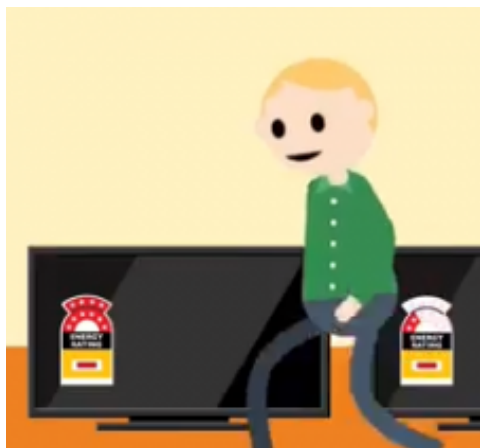




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This short video shows explains how the E3 Program works.

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THE E3 PROGRAM

The Equipment Energy Efficiency (E3) program is a cross jurisdictional program through which the Australian Government, states and territories and the New Zealand Government collaborate to deliver a single, integrated program on energy efficiency standards and energy labelling for equipment and appliances.

It is one of a number of programs implemented by the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG's) Energy Council. An Inter-Governmental Agreement provides the framework for national cooperation on the E3 Program. A similar arrangement has also been developed to ensure alignment with New Zealand.

On 1 October 2012, the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) Act 2012 came into effect, creating a national framework for product energy efficiency in Australia. The GEMS Act is the underpinning legislation for the program.

The GEMS Regulator, based in the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, replaced the previous state regulators and is the sole party responsible for administering the legislation in Australia.

In New Zealand, the Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Regulations 2002 have a similar role and are administered by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To reduce energy bills for households and businesses in a cost effective way by driving improvements to the energy efficiency of new appliances and equipment sold;
- To improve the energy efficiency of new appliances and equipment that use energy and to also improve the energy performance of products that have an impact on energy consumption; and
- To reduce appliance and equipment related greenhouse gas emissions through a process which complements other actions by jurisdictions.

Who we are

The E3 Program is managed by the Greenhouse Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) Regulator in conjunction with the E3 Committee, which is comprised of representatives of the Commonwealth, state and territory governments and the New Zealand government. Industry and consumer groups participate through the E3 Review Committee and the Air-Conditioner and Commercial Refrigeration Advisory Committee, ACRAC.

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What we do

The E3 Program undertakes a range of activities to improve the energy efficiency of appliances and equipment sold in Australia and New Zealand. These include energy rating labelling, setting minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) and education and training.

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Did You Know ?

25%

Less energy is used by today's dishwashers compared to those of 10 years ago, thanks to the introduction of MEPS and energy labelling.

27%

Less energy is used by households on lighting now, since the phase-out of inefficient lighting began in 2009.

50%

Small split system air conditioners are now at least 50% more efficient than they were in 2001.

Documents

[Statement of Service »](#)

[Operation of the E3 Program »](#)

[GEMS Review 2015 - Final Report »](#)

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Consultation

Recent consultations include:

Zoned Energy Rating Label Consultation

16 Oct 2015
09:00 AEST

30 Oct 2015
17:00 AEST

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