



# Fact Sheet

## STREAMLINING GREENHOUSE AND ENERGY REPORTING

Australian, state and territory governments have agreed to a nationally consistent approach to greenhouse and energy reporting, outlined in the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Streamlining Protocol (the Protocol)*.

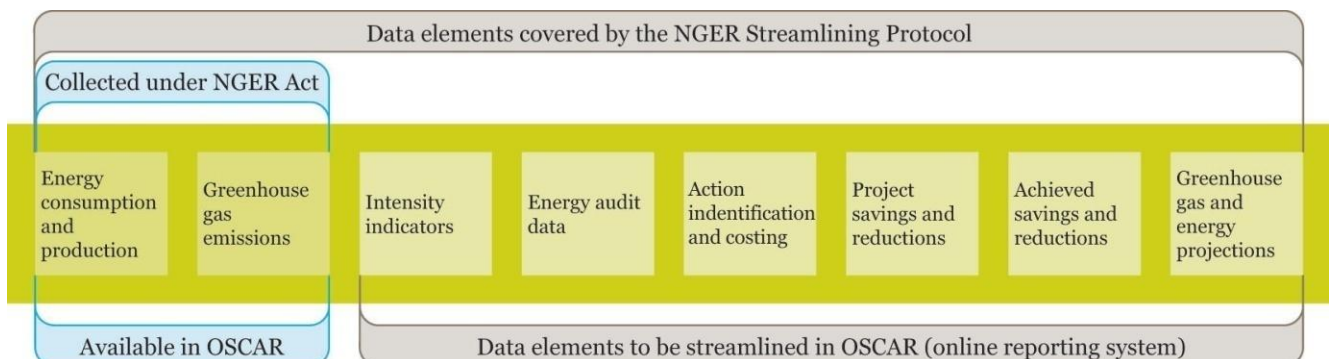
The Protocol will be used by governments to streamline reporting requirements for existing and future greenhouse and energy programs, and to establish a standard national approach for collecting greenhouse and energy information. This initiative will reduce the red tape created by multiple and varying program reporting requirements.

Implementation of the Protocol was agreed through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) as part of the ongoing agenda to streamline reporting of greenhouse and energy data. COAG agreed in 2007 that streamlining would be facilitated through a national reporting point, the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System (NGER System).

The Protocol covers reporting requirements relating to energy consumption and production, greenhouse gas emissions, intensity indicators, energy audits, action plans, energy savings, greenhouse gas reductions, and projections. The approach outlined in the Protocol for the treatment of greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and production mirrors the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* (NGER Act), which set in place a corporate reporting system for these data types.

The relationship between the NGER Act, the Protocol and the online reporting system (OSCAR) is illustrated in figure 1. Together these components form the NGER System.

**Figure 1. The National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System**



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Specific streamlining actions for programs have also been agreed by COAG. These include amending mandatory and voluntary reporting requirements to streamline data collection and further developing the online reporting system (OSCAR) to allow for streamlined reports to be submitted. Development of OSCAR will commence in the second half of 2009.

Actions have been identified for the programs listed below and entities should contact program managers for specific details.

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
ABARE Fuel and Electricity Survey	Commonwealth
Energy Efficiency Opportunities	Commonwealth
Greenhouse Friendly	Commonwealth
Generator Efficiency Standards	Commonwealth
National Greenhouse Gas Inventory	Commonwealth
Energy Savings Action Plans	New South Wales
Ecobiz	Queensland
Smart Energy Savings Program	Queensland
South Australian Greenhouse Strategy	South Australia
Environment & Resource Efficiency Plans	Victoria
Industry Greenhouse Program	Victoria

In many cases, corporations which are required to report under the NGER Act and are also required to report under one or more of the programs listed above may be able to prepare a single report to meet multiple program reporting requirements. Individual program managers will advise reporters on their streamlining options.

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