

ABTS ENFORCEMENT - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REBATE ELIGIBILITY

To ensure immediate enforcement of the ABTS without waiting for long-term parliamentary legislative passages, the framework can be integrated directly into existing federal and state subsidy regulations by updating product listing parameters.

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Current Framework:

[Manufacturer Claim] -> [Basic Safety Check] -> [APPROVED FOR REBATE]
Result: Sub-standard assets receive public funding.

Amended ABTS Framework:

[Manufacturer Claim] -> [NATA Lab Verification] -> [ABTS Label Registered]
-> [APPROVED FOR REBATE]

Result: Taxpayer funds are directed exclusively toward durable, transparent assets.

1. Commonwealth Small-Scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES) Modality

The *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001* shall be amended to introduce the following provision under the Clean Energy Regulator's product approval powers:

Regulation 21BH: Special Conditions for the Listing of Battery Energy Storage Systems No Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs) or equivalent federal environmental credits shall be created or validated for any installation of a Battery Energy Storage System unless the specific model and serial number array are verified as registered and compliant on the Australian Battery Transparency Standard National Registry.

2. Model Clauses for State-Based Incentive Programs

The following standardized clause is provided for immediate adoption across state programs, including the **Victorian Solar Homes Program**, **New South Wales Battery Rebate Scheme**, and **Queensland Battery Storage Incentives**:

Section 4.2: Mandatory Equipment Eligibility Criteria To qualify for a financial co-contribution, rebate, interest-free loan, or virtual power plant (VPP) onboarding subsidy funded by this jurisdiction, the applicant must provide a certified invoice demonstrating that the installed Battery Energy Storage System features a valid, compliant Australian Battery Transparency Standard (ABTS) Label, with a registered Thermal Runaway Propensity classification of Class 1 or Class 2.

Any system designated as Class 3 TRP, or lacking an active ABTS NATA-accredited validation profile, is explicitly excluded from funding eligibility.