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Expressions of interest now open for Round 7 of RED Grants

Agricultural businesses have the opportunity to share in \$3.3 million worth of grants to help fund job-creating projects across rural and regional Queensland.

Expressions of interest (EOI) are now open for round seven of the [Rural Economic Development \(RED\) Grants](#), administered by QRIDA on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Co-contribution grants of up to **\$200,000** are aimed at generating jobs, expanding agricultural supply chains and providing significant economic benefit

to rural areas.

Up to \$3.3 million has been made available in this round, with \$400,000 of the funding allocated to First Nations agribusinesses.

Grant funding may be used for activities such as:

- capital expenditure on buildings, plant and equipment for the exclusive use of the project
- consumables used for the project
- training costs and technical support that are project specific
- salary and on-costs for staff and professionals working on activities for the funded project

Since the first round in 2018, the RED Grant scheme has already delivered over \$20 million in funding and created more than 3,000 jobs in rural and regional areas.

EOIs for the seventh round of the RED Grant scheme will close on **22 November 2024**. Successful EOIs will be invited to submit a full application with final grants awarded by late May 2025.

Please share with agricultural contacts and businesses, and First Nations agribusinesses, in your region who may be interested in the scheme.

For more information, including guidelines and how to apply, please select the button below.

[Find out more](#)



RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY PURCHASING TRAINING QUEENSLAND REGIONS NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2024

Is your business looking to switch to renewable electricity, but is unsure about the options or how to proceed? Register now to join renewable electricity purchasing training workshops being delivered across regional Queensland in November and December 2024.

[Business Renewables Centre Australia \(BRC-A\)](#), Australia's peak renewable energy purchasing initiative and not-for-profit will deliver Renewable Energy Purchasing & Community Benefits Training for business energy buyers in 2024, as part of Queensland Department of Energy & Climate's Local Energy Partnerships Framework.

Renewable electricity PPAs enable businesses to benefit directly from low-cost renewable electricity, reduce emissions and share in the benefits with regional communities.

These lunchtime training workshops will be held both in-person and online and are suitable for organisations buying over 1 GWh of electricity per year. If you typically spend \$150,000 or more a year on electricity, it's ideal for you.

Training event details:

- Far North Queensland Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November | 12-2pm TBC.*

- Online Wednesday 20th, 27th November and 4th, 11th December | 12-2pm.
- *Times and dates are tentative. Please REGISTER your interest to attend and/or host one of these sessions and read more about this project [here](#). In-person sessions will include a light lunch.

Who should attend?

This course is suitable for energy buyers in local government and other organisations:

- Procurement/energy managers.
- Sustainability managers.
- Accounts and Finance managers.
- Contracts / Legal managers.
- CFOs, CEOs and Managing Directors.

What will I learn?

In this 2-hour workshop, you'll learn:

- How a PPA works, what options are available to your organisation.
- Community benefits, best practice & group buying.
- How other organisations have procured a PPA. Hear from companies that have executed PPAs.
- Common challenges & how to manage them.
- How to access more support.

You'll leave the session with a great understanding of your options and how they affect your procurement and management processes. If you're considering purchasing renewable electricity via a PPA, this training is for you.

About Business Renewables Centre Australia (BRC-A)

BRC-A is Australia's leading organisation for Corporate PPA education, and is an independent, national not-for-profit initiative. The organisation was established in 2018 with funding support from the Australian, Victorian, Queensland and New South Governments to support companies operating in Australia to procure renewable energy, especially via PPAs. Visit the BRC-A website to learn more businessrenewables.org.au

For more information

If you have any questions about this training or about PPAs, please contact

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For enquiries about the Queensland Local Energy Partnerships framework, visit <https://www.energyandclimate.qld.gov.au/energy/energy-jobs-plan/local-energy-partnerships>



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