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Here are some low-cost wins that delivered real impact: Load shifting through data visibility Compressed air leak detection Tuning boiler and steam systems HVAC Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning is the technology of indoor and vehicular environmental comfort. Its goal is to provide thermal comfort and acceptable indoor air quality. and refrigeration setpoint optimisation Behavioural and scheduling improvements Case Study: Bulla Dairy Food’s boost efficiency and reduces waste. Northmore Gordon helped Bulla Dairy Foods implement a comprehensive metering and monitoring system, installing and integrating 62 meters and a central data platform to improve visibility of energy and water use. The project enhanced data access, supported operational insights and future savings, and underpins better management of energy and water performance. Bulla Dairy Case Study 2026 Insight: If you haven’t recently reviewed how your existing systems are run – from start-up routines to sequencing logic – this is the place to start. Most “quick wins” are operational, not capital. Common Blind Spots – Where Are Savings Still Missed? Despite years of energy audits and capital upgrades, many businesses still miss out on easy performance gains. In 2025, we saw the same recurring issues in sites across Australia, not due to poor intent, but blind spots in how efficiency is maintained, measured or prioritised. Here’s where savings were still left on the table: Equipment sequencing left unoptimised Performance assumptions made without measurement Control overrides left unchecked Compressed air used inefficiently Behaviour-led inefficiencies unnoticed Case Study: Nomad Coffee – Savings Hidden in Plain Sight Nomad Coffee’s Richmond roastery and café had already invested in modern roasting systems and efficient lighting. But when Northmore Gordon audited their site, we uncovered a 37% energy savings Electricity or gas savings or both. potential , mostly from better controls, setpoint management, and HVAC improvements. Despite appearances, significant energy waste was going undetected. Nomad Coffee Case Study 2026 Takeaway: The most persistent blind spot? Assuming that “efficient” systems are still performing at their best. Controls drift, settings change, and old habits return. A fresh look, with data, is often all it takes to unlock value. What’s Changing in 2026 – Shifts

That Matter 2026 won’t bring major legislative upheaval, but there are quiet shifts in energy markets, grid operations, and technology that smart organisations will want to track. These changes won’t make headlines, but they will impact project timing, payback, and feasibility. Here’s what’s worth watching: Tighter grid capacity for new electrification loads Increased volatility in VEEC Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificate and LGC Large-scale Generation Certificate under the Australian Renewable Energy Target. More prices Higher expectations for internal data alignment (across ESG, NGERS, ASRS Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards (ASRS) - Australia's mandatory climate-related financial reporting rules started on 1 January 2025 and are being phased in across three reporting groups.) More modular, smart electrification systems Faster turnaround expected for VEU Victorian Energy Upgrades is a Victorian government energy efficiency program that gives every Victorian household and business the opportunity to receive rebates or discounts on energy saving products. project registration Case Study: MainStream Aquaculture – Aligning Tech, Grid & Certificate Strategy MainStream Aquaculture partnered with Northmore Gordon to assess electrification options for process heat. By modelling their load profile, grid interaction, and VEEC eligibility, we helped them unlock both emissions reductions and new revenue streams. It’s a perfect example of what’s changing: grid-aware, financially viable electrification with certificates factored in from day one. MainStream Aquaculture Case Study 2026 Insight: The smartest projects in 2026 will be designed for grid readiness, certificate optimisation and fast-tracked compliance. Think ahead or risk being left behind in the queue. Strategy Priorities for 2026 – Where to Focus With energy markets moving and budgets under pressure, clients often ask: What should we actually prioritise in 2026? Our advice is clear, focus on three areas that consistently delivered strong ROI and strategic advantage in 2025. 1. Electrification Feasibility – Not Just Can We, But Should We? High-efficiency electric alternatives (heat pumps, boilers) can now compete with gas, especially when grid capacity, site integration, and certificate revenue are factored in. 2. Environmental Certificate Strategy – Beyond Rebate Thinking Clients that treated VEECs or LGCs as afterthoughts often missed 15–30% of potential value. Those that structured projects for optimal timing and stacking captured much more. 3. Operational Visibility – Make Data Actionable Sub-metering and digital energy management helped pinpoint drift in systems assumed to be efficient. It wasn’t just about tracking, it was about using data to act quickly. Case Study: Fuchs Lubricants: Cutting Energy Costs and Emissions Through Electrification Northmore Gordon helped FUCHS Lubricants assess electrification at its Sunshine, Victoria blending facility using a Victorian Government grant. The study found an air■sourced heat pump was the best option, projecting ~$124,800 annual savings, a 1.65■year payback, 25 % less gas use and 123 t CO■ avoided. FUCHS Lubricants Case Study 2026 Mindset: Electrify what makes sense. Optimise for certificates from day one. Monitor what you already own. That’s how you extract more value, faster. Tools, Data & Approaches – Getting More from What You Have In 2026, the fastest path to energy savings may not be new plant or expensive upgrades. Many organisations already own systems capable of more, but are underutilising them due to lack of visibility, underdeveloped controls, or outdated assumptions. These approaches delivered real impact in 2025: Using digital twins or virtual modelling to test scenarios before implementation Applying sub-metering to uncover asset-level inefficiencies Building certificate tracking into maintenance planning Recommissioning systems to recover “lost” efficiency Refining control logic and load sequencing to minimise waste Case Study: MainStream Aquaculture – Using Feasibility & Data to Drive Payback Northmore Gordon worked with MainStream Aquaculture to explore electrification for thermal systems. By using detailed feasibility modelling and integrating environmental certificates (VEECs), we identified a solution that reduced energy costs, captured revenue, and optimised plant control, all without wholesale equipment replacement. MainStream Aquaculture Case Study 2026 Message: Before you buy new, optimise what you’ve got. Control systems, metering, and planning tools are underused assets. Used well, they can unlock the next 10–20% in savings, with less risk, faster. What Surprised Us in 2025 – Insights That Challenged Assumptions Even after years of audits and reporting, 2025 proved that some of the most valuable energy lessons are still the ones that surprise clients. Assumptions about “what’s possible” or “already optimised” were regularly turned on their head. Here’s what stood out: Sites with past upgrades often had major savings still hiding Electrification didn’t always mean 100% gas removal, hybrid systems worked Control drift and overrides were more common than expected Certificate opportunities were routinely missed or

undervalued Behaviour and scheduling still had significant impact, with no capex required Case Study: Nomad Coffee – Reassessing What's "Already Efficient" At Nomad Coffee's Richmond facility, our audit uncovered a 37% energy savings opportunity — despite the client believing they had already addressed the major issues. HVAC, compressed air, and control inefficiencies were silently costing energy and money. It was a clear reminder: even efficient-looking sites can underperform. Nomad Coffee Case Study Lesson for 2026: Don't assume you've already found all the value. Even good systems drift. Even efficient sites degrade. Revisiting assumptions with fresh data and real expertise is often where the smartest savings are hiding. Case Studies , Compliance , Energy Efficiency , Net Zero , Renewable Energy You may also like: Welcome to our August & September 2026 Compliance Update. Australian Certificate Markets – August 2026 Update Where's the value in renewable heat? Latest Updates ASRS Group 3: are you in scope and don't know it? September 18, 2026 Correct as at 13 September 2026. If your company is a large proprietary company, you Read More » Beyond annual matching: The evolution of time-stamped RECs August 18, 2026 For more than a decade, Renewable Energy Certificates (RECsI-RECs, GOs, TIGRs Tradeable Instrument for Global Renewables (TIGR) Registry is an online platform for tracking and transferring renewable energy certificates (RECS), enabling developers to generate,verify and sell RECs. The registry is run by APX, a US company that provides infrastructure for environmental markets around the world. , LGCs, ZNECs, J-Credits) have Read More » Solar irrigation upgrades: Don't let certificate funding go unclaimed August 10, 2026 Irrigation pumps are one of the biggest hidden costs on an Australian farm. In particular, if Read More » SRES expansion: STC eligibility to increase from 100 kW to 1 MW from October 2026 August 6, 2026 The Australian Government has announced a major expansion of the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme, increasing Read More » Get in touch Australia 1300 854 561 (Advisory) 1300 878 500 (Certificates) Melbourne Suite 1, Level 4 607 Bourke Street Melbourne VIC 3000 Singapore +65 6690 2480 Singapore 1 Keong Saik Road, Singapore 089109 Stay up to date Alternatively, complete the form and we will be in touch with you. First Name Last Name Email Phone Number Country Australia Singapore Subject Message Send Services Energy Audit Services M&V; Services EEO Assessments Corporate Energy and Carbon Management Grants and Program Strategic Energy Sourcing Virtual Energy Manager Climate Active Certification Sectors Animal Processing Chemical Processing Commercial Buildings Food & Beverage Manufacturing Mining Oil & Gas Pharmaceutical & Health Products Public Sector Waste & Wastewater Wood, Paper & Cardboard Processing Upgrades Boiler Upgrades Commercial Lighting Hot Water Systems Mid Scale Solar NABERS Public Lighting Refrigerated Display Cabinets Solar PV Small Scale UPS Certificates Live Certificate Prices International Renewable Energy Certificates Tradable Instrument for Global Renewables Australian Carbon Credit Units Energy Savings Certificates Large-scale Generation Certificates Small-scale Technology Certificates Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates Government Schemes Emissions Reduction Fund Energy Savings Scheme Renewable Energy Target Victorian Energy Upgrades Helpful Links About us Meet the Team Careers Contact us Articles News Glossary Privacy Policy Complaints