



BRP.

Bioenergy Connect Program

Guidelines for Applicants

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

These guidelines set out the criteria for the Bioenergy Roadmap Program. Intending proponents should read these guidelines and related documents before lodging a proposal. Please note these guidelines may be subject to change.

about the funding

In 2015 the South Australian Government undertook a Bioenergy Roadmap for the State. It outlines the opportunity biomass presents to business to achieve economic growth for the State. While the industry was worth approximately \$0.5B to Australia at the time of the study, the potential for significant growth was considered high.

Bioenergy can reduce a business' cost of doing business, reduce carbon emissions and produce secondary income streams through product production.

To underpin the study and assist in accelerating development of bioenergy projects in South Australia, a prefeasibility fund (Bioenergy Connect) was established. It is open to businesses operating in the state and is aimed at building the capacity of businesses to engage with bioenergy and to enable the development of bioenergy infrastructure projects across the state. There is funding to support 10 prefeasibility projects.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The BRP has been developed to unlock bioenergy resources and stimulate investment in South Australia. The Roadmap aims to break through barriers to investment, and lay the groundwork for new projects by providing:

- information to increase understanding of the value of the resource
- discovering new feedstocks for bioenergy production
- collaborating with local community and industry on the potential
- and ultimately making it easier to develop biomass generation and biofuel projects in South Australia

The BRP facilitates investment across the state through industry and community collaboration, and provides grant funding to support projects in their early stages.

The State Government and Regional Development Australia (RDA) are working together to provide awareness and information to progress investment in bioenergy in South Australia.

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast (RDALC) are administering the BRP across South Australia on behalf of the State Government.

RDALC has an ability to do this efficiently and expediently in the regions as it has industry and regional contacts, local knowledge and networks and is available to assist proponents with the application process.



Bioenergy Roadmap Program

The Bioenergy Roadmap for South Australia provides a foundation for research, industry discussion and funding for the development of bioenergy projects in South Australia.



Business bioenergy potential

Many South Australians businesses produce waste biomass that could be used to power their business.



Bioenergy Connect Program

The prefeasibility program provides businesses with the means to explore their bioenergy potential.



Bioenergy Feasibility Fund

If prefeasibility work indicates that a project might be viable a full feasibility will explore the concept in full.



Business implementation

With full feasibility complete a project can move to seeking funding and implementation.

BIOENERGY CONNECT PROGRAM

Successful applicants will have access to an approved bioenergy mentor for up to two days, to guide them through the conceptual stages of developing a project. The mentor will develop a high level estimation of the benefits of the bioenergy technology to the business, and therefore defining the value proposition for the applicant. This will be in the form of a pre- feasibility report.

It is expected that up to approximately 10 prefeasibility studies across the state can be achieved with the available Bioenergy Connect funds.



ELIGIBILITY.

To be eligible to apply for assistance under the BRP, an applicant must:

- Conduct business in South Australia.
- Be willing to provide relevant information via the application process which will be made available to a Bioenergy Mentor.
- Provide any additional information and/or input that may be relevant to their request (i.e. any social, environmental or economic impacts to the region as a result of the applicant/ application).

BIOENERGY FEASIBILITY FUND

The Bioenergy Feasibility Fund provides financial assistance and may compliment the Bioenergy Connect Program, contributing funds towards a detailed feasibility assessment for a bioenergy projects, on a '\$' for '\$' matched basis.

Funding exists for one business to undertake a full feasibility study through the Bioenergy Feasibility Fund. This funding is only available to businesses that have already participated in the Bioenergy Connect Program or have an existing prefeasibility report.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA.

All applications will be assessed on a competitive basis relative to the merit of other applications received against the program eligibility and merit criteria.

Applicants should note that irrespective of eligibility and merit, there is no guarantee that an offer of funding support will be made.

Retrospective funding is not available.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The anticipated environmental benefits the project will deliver to South Australia.
- Anticipated economic and social benefits the project will deliver to South Australia.
- The value for money offered by the project.
- Any negative impact on existing utilisation of feedstock/s identified for the project.
- Applicants capacity to carry out project to the specified requirements.
- Whether the project contributes new knowledge

The Assessment Panel may take into account other aspects of the proposal it regards as relevant, when assessing applications.

PAYMENT PROCESS

Grants for the Bioenergy Feasibility Fund will be paid directly to the contracted bioenergy mentor within 30 days of RDALC receiving and approving the completed prefeasibility report.

YOUR CONFIDENTIALITY.

There will be provisions to provide confidentiality around the information contained in Applications and Reports resulting from pre-feasibility and feasibility studies.

Please note, however, the outcomes of these activities may be very useful for research into similar projects and may have a positive impact on the uptake of bioenergy projects going forward.

Both Bioenergy Connect and Bioenergy Feasibility Fund applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis, subject to the availability of grant funds.

The Bioenergy Roadmap Program will be open for applications until 30 June 2021, or until the funds are expended, with applications assessed as they are received. It is therefore advised that the proponents apply early rather than wait until the end of the application period.

To discuss your project idea or to obtain a copy of the application form, contact Lyn Howes on the details below.

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR APPLICATION

- Read the guidelines
- Contact RDALC to discuss your project proposal for suitability/ troubleshooting
- Obtain a copy of the application form and letter of support from RDALC (or an email of support)
- Complete and sign the application form
- Submit via email to: lyn@rdalc.org.au

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