

# SkyFarming Pty Ltd

harvesting energy from wind & sun

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## GreenPower Program Review

RE:GreenPower Program Review Submission

Dear Sir/Madam

SkyFarming Pty Ltd is a developer of small wind farms and has been involved from concept to commissioning of both the Mt Barker and Denmark wind farms in the South West of Western Australia. SkyFarming wrote both the original applications for GreenPower accreditation and continues to perform administrative work for both projects.

Please find our comments and support or otherwise for the various options, below.

We note that there was no mention of the carbon tax applied to the GreenPower products of Synergy, undermining the idea that GreenPower generation is actually green and therefore does not emit carbon.

Kind regards



Andrew Woodroffe  
Director  
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## Options for the future of Green Power

### Aims

A1 No Change

### Governance

G4 We would suggest a National government body rather than state given the national scope of the scheme.

### Funding

Agree to F2.

F5, agree with the idea of a sliding scale based on rated MW as it is easy to administer. Basing it on MWh actually generated is far more complex and not be much more accurate. If based on MW, small community projects would find it cheaper than is the case at the moment: the difference between a capacity factor of 10% and 50% is tiny compared to the difference between Mt Barker (a 2.4MW

windfarm) and Emu Downs (90MW windfarm). The detail and complication of application procedures should also reflect the size of the project.

### **Marketing and engagement**

Agree with M4 but remain curious as to why so many generators do NOT have the Greenpower logo on their websites. Perhaps it is because there is a difference between being accredited to sell GreenPower and actually doing so.

### **Rules**

No to R2 as it will further complicate understanding of the GreenPower concept. No to R3, for some reason, accreditation was more difficult for GreenPower than for CER. Note that there is already substantial work in getting planning permission from the various local and state government bodies. See R4 as not been required. Disagree entirely with R5, the idea of limiting the number of years involved. No matter how old a green generator is, by definition, what is generated is green. Changing this means undermining the concept of green generation. Other idea needs to be developed to encourage new generation.

R8 is seen as a minor issue but for reasons of accuracy and consistency, should be done.

R12 GreenPower providers need to be overseen with greater authority and diligence. Synergy got away with applying the carbon tax to 100% GreenPower products. There was also the 'triple dipping' of environmental credentials of Emu Downs wind farm (LGCs sold while claiming GreenPower and citing the project as credit in offsetting the massive new Bluewater coal fired power station).

### **Advocacy**

A1, we suggest the point behind the entire scheme revolves around this, even more so than integrity and credibility, it is very important!