# GreenPower 2023 Quarterly Report

Quarter 1 | 1 January to 31 March 2023



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The first section of the report provides information about GreenPower. This is followed by breakdowns of GreenPower sales by each Provider.

The period covered in this report is the first quarter of the 2023 settlement period for GreenPower from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023.

The quarterly reports are not audited and therefore data may not be accurate. For audited customer numbers and sales, please refer to the annual audit reports published at www.greenpower.gov.au/aboutgreenpower/audits-and-reports/annual-audits

This report, as well as additional information about GreenPower, is available on the GreenPower website at www.greenpower.gov.au

# **Executive Summary**

# Quarter in review: 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023

GreenPower Products were offered by 37 accredited GreenPower Providers nationally in the first quarter of 2023.

The figures contained in this report are unaudited and may be subject to revision. The annual audit report for 2023 will be made available on the GreenPower website in Q3 2024.

Below is a breakdown of total GreenPower customer numbers and GreenPower sales (MWh) made in Quarter 1 of 2023, between residential and business customers, and by the state or territory in which GreenPower customers are based.

State/ Territory	Residential customers	Business customers	Residential sales (MWh)	Business sales (MWh)
ACT	3,573	92	1,405	1,674
NSW	60,324	18,105	25,746	138,483
NT	-	-	-	-
QLD	64,390	8,191	19,612	57,463
SA	16,255	1,650	5,056	10,368
TAS	68	49	46	1,073
VIC	47,842	4,853	18,848	80,578
WA	4,635	957	2,939	22,723
Total	197,087	33,897	73,652	312,362

Table 1: Quarter 1 snapshot of customers and sales

# GreenPower customer and sales trends

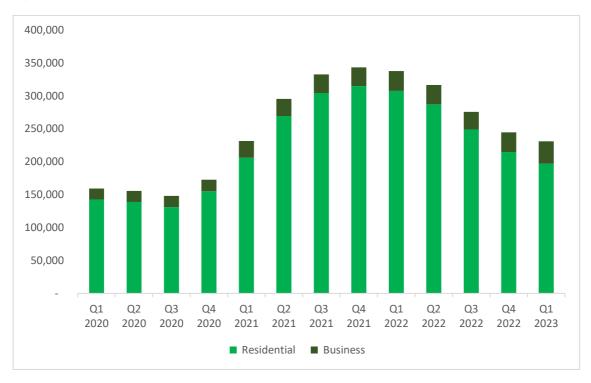


Figure 1: Total GreenPower residential and business customers compared to previous quarters

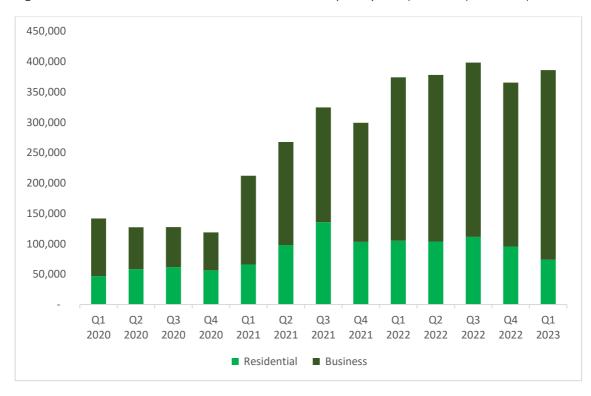


Figure 2: Residential and business GreenPower sales (MWh) compared to previous quarters

# **About GreenPower**

GreenPower is 100% renewable electricity and can be purchased by households and businesses through most Australian energy retailers and a range of other accredited GreenPower Providers. The National GreenPower Accreditation Program is managed by the NSW Government on behalf of the National GreenPower Steering Group, a collaboration of Australian state and territory governments.

# **GreenPower Providers and Products**

Most energy providers throughout Australia offer at least one accredited GreenPower Product. Residential and business customers can choose to buy a GreenPower Product offered by any GreenPower Provider which is accredited to sell GreenPower in their state or territory.

The list of GreenPower Providers and where they are licensed to sell their GreenPower Products is available on the GreenPower website at **www.greenpower.gov.au/get-greenpower/find-provider** 

The three main types of GreenPower Products offered are:

- consumption based products where the customer nominates the level of GreenPower purchased according to a nominated percentage of their total electricity consumption. Consumption based products are part of the customer's electricity retail contract.
- 2. **'block' based products** where the customer purchases a fixed kWh block of GreenPower that is not directly linked to their consumption. For residential customers, the minimum block is the equivalent of 10% of average household electricity consumption as defined in the <u>GreenPower Program Rules</u>. Block based products are part of the customer's electricity retail contract.
- 3. 'decoupled' GreenPower generally for business customers that wish to purchase GreenPower separately to their electricity contract. A GreenPower Provider can be contracted to purchase and surrender the equivalent number of GreenPower Large-scale Generation Certificates (LGCs) from eligible generation sources to meet the customer's electricity consumption, or for a proportion of the total consumption. This could include GreenPower Connect and GreenPower Corporate Direct products.

# Breakdown of GreenPower customer numbers and sales (MWh)

Retailers	Residential customers	Business customers	Residential sales (MWh)	Business sales (MWh)
ActewAGL				
ACXargyle		14		3,749
AGL	2,574	2,446	1,536	40,585
Alinta Energy Retail Sales	-	116	-	12,426
Alinta Sales				
Amber Electric				
Aurora Energy	18	27	16	146
CovaU Energy				
Delta Electricity		8		2,171
Diamond Energy	1,049	187	846	1,080
Discover Energy	28	2	16	-
Dodo Power and Gas	586	1	225	-
Energy Locals	5,267	244	3,023	1,000
EnergyAustralia	11,850	735	6,774	16,378
Ergon Energy	22,357	1,673	3,969	3,132
Flow Power	284	63	297	7,633
Iberdrola Australia Energy Markets		13		4,446
LUMO Energy (SA)	135	6	24	1
LUMO Energy Australia	340	6	44	5
Momentum Energy	5,292	567	1,859	22,087
Nectr	1,064		862	
Next Business Energy	28	184	20	1,536
Origin Energy	126,564	10,359	40,240	84,070

Table 2: Quarter 1 breakdown of residential and business customers and sales (MWh)

Retailers	Residential customers	Business customers	Residential sales (MWh)	Business sales (MWh)
OVO Energy				
Powershop Australia	6,415	465	4,256	5,440
QEnergy				
ReAmped Energy	812	28	227	27
Red Energy	4,321	402	4,467	20,716
Shell Energy		15,201		54,951
Simply Energy	2,620	93	1,165	1,175
SmartestEnergy Australia		10		1,436
Stanwell Corporation		10		1,528
Synergy	4,635	954	2,939	22,378
Tango Energy	785	77	812	4,201
Tilt Renewables				
WINconnect	63	6	28	60

Provider	Product	Jurisdictions	Residential	Business	
ActewAGL	ewAGL GreenChoice		Yes	Yes	
ACXargyle	ACXargyle GreenPower	ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA	Yes	Yes	
AGL	Green Energy, Green Living, Green Spirit, Green Events, Green for Free	NSW, QLD, SA, VIC	Yes	Yes	
Alinta Energy Retail	Green Energy	NSW, QLD, SA, VIC	No	Yes	
Sales	Agreement				
Alinta WA	GreenPower	WA	No	Yes	
Amber Electric	GreenPower	NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, ACT	Yes	Yes	
Aurora Energy	AuroraGreen	TAS	Yes	Yes	
Coval Energy	GreenPower		Yes	Yes	
Delta Electricity Delta GreenPower, Delta GreenPower (decoupled)		ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	No	Yes	
Diamond Energy Diamond Pure Plus		NSW, QLD, SA, VIC	Yes	Yes	
Discover Energy GreenPower		ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes	
Dodo Power & Gas     Dodo GreenPower		NSW, QLD, SA, VIC	Yes	Yes	
EnergyAustralia PureEnergy, PureEnergy Choice, PureEnergy Decoupled		ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes	
Energy Locals Arcline by RACV, Energy Trade GreenPower, Indigo Power GreenPower, Energy Local GreenPower		ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes	
Ergon Energy	Energy Clean Energy, Clean Energy Plus		Yes	Yes	
low Power Power Active, Power Renewable, GreenPower Connect		ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	No	Yes	

Table 3: GreenPower accredited product list in 2023

Provider	Product	Jurisdictions	Residential	Business
	Shoalhaven Community Solar			
Iberdrola Australia Energy Markets	GreenPower	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	No	Yes
Lumo Energy (SA)	GreenPower	SA	Yes	Yes
Lumo Energy Australia	GreenPower	VIC	Yes	Yes
Mojo Power	Mojo Evergreen	NSW, QLD	Yes	No
Momentum Energy	Suit Yourself Electricity, Strictly Business, GreenPower, Custom GreenPower	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes
Nectr	GreenPower	NSW, QLD, SA	Yes	Yes
Next Business Energy	Next GreenPower	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes
Origin Energy	GreenEarth	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes
OVO Energy	The One Plan, The Basic Plan, The Partner Plan	NSW, QLD, SA, VIC	Yes	No
owershop Meridian Green		NSW, QLD, SA, VIC	Yes	Yes
QEnergy QGreen		NSW, QLD, SA, VIC	Yes	Yes
GreenPower GreenPower		ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes
Red Energy GreenPower, Green   Planet		ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes
Shell Energy Shell GreenPower		ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA	No	Yes
Simply Energy	GreenPower	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes
SmartestEnergy	GreenPower	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	No	Yes
Stanwell	GreenPower	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	No	Yes
Synergy Easy Green, NaturalPower		WA	Yes	Yes

Provider	Product	Jurisdictions	Residential	Business
Tango Energy	Tango Blue, GreenPower	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	Yes	Yes
Tilt Renewables	GreenPower	VIC	No	Yes
WINconnect	GreenPower	NSW, QLD, SA, VIC, WA	Yes	Yes

### **Rules of the Program**

The National GreenPower Accreditation Program Rules set stringent requirements for all GreenPower Providers offering an accredited GreenPower Product. A key requirement is for GreenPower Providers to source all generation included in a GreenPower Product from accredited GreenPower Generators.

The National GreenPower Accreditation Program Rules are published on our website at www.greenpower.gov.au/documents/greenpower-program-rules

### **GreenPower Generators**

Under the National GreenPower Accreditation Program, a GreenPower Generator is defined as an electricity generator, or increase in generator capacity, which was commissioned or first sold energy (whichever is earlier) after 1 January 1997, and that has been accredited by the National GreenPower Accreditation Program.

A description of the major generator types is provided in Appendix A.

For a list and an interactive map of GreenPower approved generators, please visit the GreenPower website at www.greenpower.gov.au/our-impact/our-generators

### GreenPower Generators accredited this year

Generator	CER code	Generation type	Capacity (MW)	Location	State
Woolooga Solar Farm	SRPVQLV0	Solar	176.00	Lower Wonga	QLD
New England Solar Stage 1	SRPXNS94	Solar	400.00	Uralla	NSW
Moura Solar Farm	SRPVQLW1	Solar	109.90	Banana	QLD
Kaban Wind Farm	WD00QL06	Wind	156.80	Tumoulin	QLD
Batchelor Solar Farm	SRPVNT69	Solar	10.00	Batchelor	NT
Mortlake South Wind Farm	WD00VC47	Wind	157.50	Mortlake	VIC

Table 4: GreenPower Generators accredited in Q1 2023

### Appendix A – Major generator types

#### **Solar Photovoltaic**

Energy from the sun can be categorised in two ways, as heat energy (thermal energy) or as light energy.

Photovoltaics are a semiconductor-based technology which converts the sun's light energy directly into an electrical current. Photovoltaic panels are very versatile and can be mounted in a variety of sizes and applications such as on building roofs, street lights or roadside emergency phones.

#### Wind turbines

Wind turbines can be used to drive a generator to create electricity. Modern wind turbines for generating electricity usually have two or three blades (up to 45m in length) and often involve dual land use, as sheep and cattle can graze around the base of the turbines. A single wind turbine may be sufficient to power up to 500 homes. Business wind farms group these turbines together in one location to produce larger amounts of electricity.

#### Hydro-electric

Hydro-electric power is electricity produced from the energy of falling water using dams, turbines and generators. The environmental impact of hydro-electric projects varies and only those that can be shown to be environmentally acceptable can be accredited under GreenPower.

#### **Biomass**

Methane generated by the decomposition of biomass resources (putrescibles and green waste) in landfill sites, sewage treatment works, or large-scale composting can be used to generate electricity. Waste materials from agricultural enterprises such as forestry, sugar cane, winery and cotton production can also be used to generate electricity.

Such projects are considered generally suitable as GreenPower projects but are carefully assessed by the Project Manager on a case by case basis.

A wide variety of crops could be grown specifically for energy generation including timbers, oils or complex sugars. The suitability of these crops will depend on the sustainability of the agricultural practices used. The 'energy crops' industry is in its infancy in Australia.

With regard to forestry wastes, utilisation of fuels from existing forestry plantations is likely to be generally acceptable under GreenPower. However, utilisation of any materials (including wastes) from high conservation value forests such as old growth forests are not acceptable.

#### Landfill gas

Methane emissions result from the decomposition of putrescible and green waste (both biomass resources) in landfill sites. The use of methane emissions from landfill sites to generate electricity has considerable greenhouse benefits. However, the disposal of general municipal waste in landfill sites requires large quantities of land that will remain contaminated by undecomposed matter.

It is not the intention of the National GreenPower Accreditation Program to promote the development of new landfill sites at the expense of waste minimisation. However, landfill gas generation projects are considered generally suitable for inclusion in the National GreenPower Accreditation Program. Any measures undertaken to reduce their environmental impact (such as best practice NOx control) would assist the Program Manager in approving their use under the National GreenPower Accreditation Program.