

AUSWIND ACCREDITATION SCHEME SUMMARY

The Auswind Accreditation Scheme requires participating organisations to independently show that they are meeting all relevant environmental and amenity planning requirements, relevant Federal and State environmental laws, policies and regulations, and the Auswind Best Practice Guidelines (BPGs) for Planning and Operations of wind farms. Operations are defined as designing, constructing, operating and de-commissioning wind farms.

The Scheme is based on the principles of the International Standard ISO 14001:2004 for its management requirements. For participating organizations and the sites for which they are responsible, the Scheme requires independent certification of:

- Planning, that is the process of checking the BPG's requirements for Site Planning, and for a detailed environmental assessment of the selected site.
- The Environmental Management System for Site Operations, including the Design, Construction, Operations and De-commissioning processes.

Auswind, the Accreditation body responsible for the Scheme, will appoint specialist certification bodies to carry out independent auditing of participating organizations. The independent certification body will recommend certification to Auswind. Successful participants will be certified to the Auswind Accreditation Scheme for Planning or Operations or for both. For the Operations Phase, the certified organization can elect to include all or some of its sites.

Certification is open to any organisation who participates in a wind energy development, developers, contractors and sub-contractors.

An organization can commence participation at any stage of its commercial life. Once certified, all future phases of wind farm development will be covered by the Scheme.

Recognition will be available for organizations that are already independently certified to ISO 14001:2004 (and future versions of this Standard).