

CleanTech to Grow

Applications are open for a free 8-week program for businesses in the NSW Government's Special Activation Precincts. The program is designed for those ready to explore CleanTech solutions to boost productivity, sustainability and competitiveness.

Support for growth and sustainability challenges

Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation and CSIRO are partnering to provide regional businesses with direct access to CSIRO researchers, innovation experts and CleanTech leaders, to help you identify practical opportunities for innovation and growth.

Apply today

Applications close: 29 November 2026

Program starts: 11 February 2027

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Key program outcomes

Refine your CleanTech plan: We'll guide you through finding the best CleanTech solution and implementation plan for your business.

Confidential feedback: Meet with a CSIRO facilitator to discuss your program exercises and business challenges.

Coaching: Learn more about research projects and get connected to an expert with help from an R&D coach.

Build your network: You will build key contacts in your sector, including researchers and other SMEs.

Key program outputs include how to:

- Describe your CleanTech vision and the value it delivers
- Identify the risks and regulations that apply to your solution
- Compare off-the-shelf and R&D options
- Build a roadmap for adopting your CleanTech solution.

Commitment and course outline

Preparing for the program (3–4 hours)
Virtual onboarding session, pre-workshop video and reading materials.

Program start: 11 February 2027
Workshop (3.5 hours)
Guest speakers from CSIRO, sector experts and SMEs who will provide tips and information on topics such as trends and opportunities and innovation experience. You will also meet your fellow participants and R&D coach.

Weeks 1–8
Program timeline (2–3 hours per week)
You'll explore opportunities to grow your business through innovation and research.

Fortnightly virtual webinars for participant networking and guest speakers.

Who can attend

Businesses located within the Special Activation Precincts - CleanTech options considered can include:

- Renewable energy and power generation
- Energy storage and efficiency
- Transportation and mobility
- Water, waste, and resources
- Agriculture and industry
- Process & factory automation (Industry 4.0)
- Sustainable material production
- Resource recovery & circular loop systems
- Additive manufacturing
- AI, data analytics & digitalisation for clean technology

Selection criteria (essential):

- A business based and operating in one of the four Special Activation Precincts.

Other considerations:

- A business currently, or in the early stages of, exploring CleanTech solutions for their business.

Hear from a previous program participant

' Innovate to Grow is a well-structured initiative that empowers organisations to innovate effectively. We identified several promising ideas on how to enhance energy efficiently in a data-driven world. We are confident our R&D project will add value to our product portfolio.'
- Chandra Mohan Rayaprol - RaysApps Pty Ltd

CSIRO Innovate to Grow is delivered using Practera's online ed-tech platform and facilitation services.

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