

Department Decide on Lighting Upgrades Phase Out Date

Illuminations Article

Following the Victorian Energy Upgrades lighting consultation, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has decided changes to phase out lighting in VEU and has published the [lighting response to consultation](#).

A summary of the final decision on changes to lighting activities is outlined below

Activity	31 Mar 2021	31 Jan 2022	21 Jan 2023
Part 21	Incentives reduced	Activity removed	
Part 27			Mercury vapour lamps removed
Part 34 J6	Align with NCC 2019 IPD	Activity removed	
Part 34 Non-J6	High intensity discharge (HID) Incentive reduced (0.6)	High intensity Discharge (HID) incentive reduced (0.4)	Activities removed, T5, T8, T12 and CFL remain with Efficacy requirements introduced Lamp lifetime reduced
Part 35			Mercury vapour lamps removed

In brief the upgrade of residential lighting and some commercial lighting facilitated by activity 21 and activity 34 of the Victorian Upgrades Scheme will be phased out with reduced incentives starting from the 31st of March 2021.

The timeline for the removal of these activities been postponed from the two options originally proposed and will occur on Jan 2022 and Jan 2023. This change was made to provide market certainty for lighting installers and suppliers that operate in scheme-based work.

The upgrade of T5, T8 and T12 fluorescent lamps in commercial building will remain in the scheme.

Lighting Council Australia has advocated for the expedited phase out of lighting activities covered by the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme and believes that LED lighting upgrades are now commonplace, with no additional incentive required. Removing lighting upgrades from the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme will enable growth of high quality commercial and residential lighting outcomes and encourage fair market competition through reduced policy intervention.