



Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Exemption— Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action) Instrument 2026 (No. 7)

I, Daniel Mossop, National Manager, make the following instrument as a delegate of the AUSTRAC CEO.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Exemption— Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action) Instrument 2026 (No. 7)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is signed.

3 Cessation

This instrument ceases to have effect on 31 October 2030.

4 Authority

This instrument is:

- (a) made under paragraph 248(1)(a) of the Act; and
- (b) subject to the conditions in section 8 of this instrument, as authorised under paragraph 248(2)(b) of the Act.

5 Definitions

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in section 5 of the Act, including the following:

- (a) customer;
- (b) designated service;
- (c) person.

In this instrument:

Act means the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006*.

Battery Loans Program means the ‘Solar Homes’ program administered by Solar Victoria which aims to support the uptake and accessibility of solar battery systems in Victorian residential properties. This program provides no-interest loans to Victorian households to partially offset the cost and assist with the purchase of solar batteries.

Solar for Business means the three-year economic stimulus measure administered by Solar Victoria as part of the Victorian Government’s investment in renewable energy measures, which provided loans to the beneficial owners of Victorian small businesses. Solar for Business opened in May 2021 and closed to new customer applications 30 June 2023.

Solar Homes Program means the ‘Solar Homes’ program administered by Solar Victoria which aims to support the uptake and accessibility of solar panels in Victorian residential properties. This program provides no-interest loans to Victorian households to partially offset the cost and assist with the purchase of solar panels.

Solar Victoria means Solar Victoria, a Division of the Victorian State Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action ABN 90 719 052 204.

6 Application

This instrument applies to Solar Victoria in relation to the provision of designated services covered by items 6 and 7 of table 1 in subsection 6(2) of the Act.

7 Exempt provisions

Solar Victoria is exempt from the following provisions of the Act:

- (a) Divisions 2, 3, and 4 of Part 2;
- (b) Division 2, 3, and 5 of Part 10.

8 Conditions

- (1) This section specifies conditions that apply to the Exemption.
- (2) The Exemption applies only to the designated service item 6 of table 1 in subsection 6(2) of the Act provided by Solar Victoria in relation to the:
 - (a) Solar Homes Program; and
 - (b) Battery Loans Program.
- (3) The Exemption applies only to the designated service item 7 of table 1 in subsection 6(2) of the Act provided by Solar Victoria in relation to the:
 - (a) Solar Homes Program;
 - (b) Solar for Business; and
 - (c) Battery Loans Program.
- (4) Solar Victoria must, in writing, notify the AUSTRAC CEO within 14 days of any event that may affect its ability to comply with this instrument.

Important Notice to the person named in this instrument

1. Under subsection 248(3) of the Act, a person granted an exemption subject to one or more conditions must comply with the conditions specified in the instrument. Failure to comply with subsection 248(3) is a civil penalty provision and may result in any or all of the following:
 - the exemption ceasing to apply to the person during any period in which the person does not comply with the relevant condition/s;
 - the exemption being revoked;
 - the AUSTRAC CEO applying to the Federal Court of Australia for a civil penalty order requiring the person to pay a pecuniary penalty in respect of the breach.
2. This exemption is specific to, or is based on an assessment of the:
 - information or documents provided by, or on behalf of, the person to AUSTRAC in support of the application made under subsection 248(1) of the Act; and
 - facts and circumstances relevant to the application, including the nature and type of business activities the person undertakes at the time of the application.
3. Under sections 136 and 137 of the Act, it is an offence to provide false or misleading information or documents to the AUSTRAC CEO. If any of the information submitted by the applicant or its representatives is found to be false or misleading, the exemption may be revoked and action initiated against the applicant.
4. The person granted the exemption may request the AUSTRAC CEO to revoke or vary the exemption at any time.
5. Any request to vary or extend this exemption must be submitted to the AUSTRAC CEO or an approved delegate no later than 90 days before the date the change is requested to commence.
6. This exemption does not preclude the person from making communications or disclosures that are otherwise permitted by law.