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**Senator Back asked:**

The Clean Energy Regulator Strategic Direction Statement says in part that the CER will monitor, facilitate and enforce compliance with the schemes it administers. Will the CER please detail the activities that are undertaken with regard to wind farms to achieve this outcome?

**Answer:**

The Clean Energy Regulator undertakes risk-based compliance audits on an annual basis. The compliance audits check to ensure that:

- only electricity generated from eligible fuel source is used for creation of Large-scale Generation Certificates (LGCs);
- any electricity generated from ineligible fuel source is accounted for; and
- all relevant approvals and permits are in place and all power station components are as listed in the accreditation application.

The Clean Energy Regulator also requires accredited wind farms to confirm their ongoing compliance with all relevant Commonwealth, state, territory and local government planning and approval requirements each time they create LGCs via Standing Notices as well as on an annual basis through Electricity Generation Returns. No LGCs can be created in the Renewable Energy Certificate Registry ([www.rec-registry.gov.au](http://www.rec-registry.gov.au)) unless accreditation is in place.

Any serious issues of non-compliance are considered by the Clean Energy Regulator in accordance with the Australian Government Investigations Standards.