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# Australia's Designated National Authority (DNA)

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# Role of the DNA

- To facilitate Australian and foreign companies' participation in the CDM
  - Authorisation provided through letter of approval
- DNA and Designated Focal Point (for JI): single body within Department of Climate Change
  - Australia's National Authority for the CDM and JI
- Established on 30 September 2009

# What is a letter of approval?

- Authorisation from a Kyoto Party of the participation by a private entity in a proposed project activity
- Two Parties involved (except for unilateral projects):
  - Host Party (authorises participation of Host Party entity)
  - Annex I Party (authorises participation of Annex I entity)
- Annex I Party approval needed before the Annex I entity is able to receive CERs directly from the project



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# Who can apply?

- Any entity that holds an account in the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units
- Registry has been open since 30 September 2009
  - [nationalregistry.climatechange.gov.au](http://nationalregistry.climatechange.gov.au)

# Application requirements

- Project design document (PDD)
- Host country letter of approval, if available
- Signed declaration of compliance with the Kyoto Protocol and relevant COP/MOP decisions

# Fees

- Currently no application fee charged by the DNA

# Considerations in exercising discretion

- Australia's foreign policy objectives or international obligations – e.g. whether the project:
  - is inconsistent with the internationally agreed CDM guidelines
  - involves a transaction or a party that is subject to Australia's UN sanction enforcement laws
  - generates units that Australia has committed to refrain from using

# Project types

- DNA will not approve participation in nuclear-based projects
  - Under the Kyoto rules, Australia has committed to refrain from using CERs generated from nuclear facilities to meet its Kyoto target
- Otherwise, general discretion will apply



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# Timing

- Decision generally made within 14 days of receipt of hard copy application
- Notice will be given if additional time or information required
- Unsuccessful applicants will be provided with statement of reasons
  - Reasons for refusal may be published on DNA website



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# Review process

- Unsuccessful applicant may request review within 14 days of original decision
- Internal review mechanism



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# For further information...

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