

# **MARKET NOTICE**

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**Subject: Amendments to Environmental Product Conventions** 

AFMA Members and market participants are advised that AFMA's Environmental Product Committee has adopted changes to the AFMA Environmental Products Conventions to:

- Incorporate Peak Demand Reduction Certificates (PRCs)
- Remove references to Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)
- Make minor amendments to ensure consistency with other AFMA conventions and indicate the non-mandatory nature of AFMA conventions

The amendments to existing conventions and implementation of new conventions will take effect from 28 March 2023

The changes are detailed below.

### 1. Section 1 Description

The product descriptions have been updated to remove the description of ACCUs, as they are now dealt with under the AFMA Carbon Market Conventions, and to include a description of PRCs.

### 2. 3.4 Customary Market Parcel

Section 3.4 Customary Market Parcel has been:

- renamed from "Standard transaction Size (market parcel)" to "Customary Market Parcel" to align with other AFMA conventions and indicate its non-mandatory nature.
- Updated to remove references to ACCUs and include PRCs

## 3. Consequential Updates

Sections 2.2 Forward Contract, 3.8 Maturity Conventions, 3.11 Expiry Conventions, 3.12 Broker Conventions and 5.1 Physical Settlements have been updated to:

- Remove references to ACCUs
- Include references to PRCs
- Make minor amendments to ensure consistency with other AFMA conventions and indicate the non-mandatory nature of AFMA conventions

Please contact <u>Lindsay Gamble</u> – Policy Director if you have any questions regarding this notice.

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