

# Project Consent Form

## On-Ground Energy Efficiency Assessment Project



This Consent Form must be signed by:

- (a) If the house is owner occupied – by the owner(s);
- (b) If the house is rented – by the tenant(s).

Moreland Energy Foundation Ltd (MEFL) is a non-profit organisation committed to facilitating community action on greenhouse gas emissions. We work with the community in Melbourne to help people, business, schools and community groups make informed, energy-smart lifestyle choices.

MEFL is undertaking residential energy efficiency assessments for a project funded by Sustainability Victoria (an agency of the Victorian Government). The assessments will consist of an air leakage test, an energy assessment, the collection of data on key energy using appliances and a measure-up of the house (see project brochures for further information). As well as the collection of data, this assessment will involve photographing some house design features which may be reducing the energy efficiency of the house, as well as photographs of key energy using appliances. The assessment team will also take copies of your utility bills. Shortly after the assessment, a representative of MEFL will conduct a phone interview to gather information about the household occupancy and appliance usage patterns. The information collected will be used to assess the current energy efficiency status of the house and the impact that upgrades of the energy efficiency of the house and key appliances could have.

The results from the assessments will assist MEFL and the Sustainability Victoria better understand how Victorian households use energy, and the potential impact of residential energy efficiency upgrades. This information will assist in the future development of energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction programs in Victoria. Participants will receive information on the current energy efficiency status of their house and a list of costed measures they could undertake to reduce energy consumption and improve comfort.

MEFL and its contracted agents Energy Makeovers and Air Barrier Technologies, will have access to information that identifies you and your household in order to conduct the in-home assessments. The information collected during the in-home assessment and billing information provided by electricity, gas and water retailers will be stored centrally by MEFL on a secure database.

MEFL will share information collected about your household with our project partners, RMIT Centre for Design and Sustainability Victoria, in order to complete the analysis this project. MEFL will only provide generic (de-identified, non personal) information to these parties, so it will not be possible for them to identify you or your household.

The information collected from all households participating in this study will be analysed and these results will be publicly reported. Any public reporting will provide only generic (de-identified, non personal) information about the participating households, so it will not be possible to identify you or your household.

The information gathered during this project may be used by the project partners in the future for other research, such as for the purposes of large-scale modelling, determining ways to improve the efficiency of Victoria's housing, or to inform policy, research and community education programs in Victoria. All project partners, except for MEFL, will only have de-identified, non-personal information so it will not be possible for their work to identify you or your household. The information will be used by MEFL in such a manner that it will not be possible to identify you or your house.

Sustainability Victoria's privacy statement can be viewed at [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/www/html/1607-privacy.asp](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/www/html/1607-privacy.asp). MEFL's privacy statement can be viewed at [www.morelandsolarcity.org.au/privacy](http://www.morelandsolarcity.org.au/privacy). MEFL's contract with Energy Makeovers and Air Barrier Technologies stipulates that they must adhere to the MEFL privacy policy during this project. RMIT University's privacy policy can be viewed at [www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=eisllwhc1mb](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=eisllwhc1mb).

