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Results of a lighting audit of 180 Australian homes

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Background

This report documents the results of the second lighting audit of Australian homes, commissioned by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS) and E3. Audits were conducted in the first half of 2016. The only other previous comprehensive data collection on household lighting was the first household lighting audit conducted in late 2010 and early 2011.

Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) have been introduced for a range of lighting technologies since 2001. Further energy efficiency regulations are being contemplated by governments and the information collected by this study provides crucial data to regulators on the characteristics of the stock of lamps in Australia and their usage.

This survey provides a deeper understanding and quantitative data concerning the stock of installed lighting technologies and provides data on trends in the stock of lamps from 2010 to 2016. This data will help policy makers better understand not only the installed residential lighting stock, but also householder attitudes and user behaviour, to allow program improvements and enable better targeting of resources.

Study Objectives

The general objectives of this project were to:

- obtain permission from a representative group of Australian households to conduct a detailed lighting audit of their homes;
- document the characteristics of all lamps found in each house;
- record information provided by householders on the usage of each lamp found;
- measure the size and document each room type found in each house;
- establish a solid benchmark of lighting characteristics from which to evaluate the impact of future proposed lighting regulations.

Another key objective was to document changes in the stock of lamps and their characteristics between the first audit in 2010 and the second audit in 2016.

Project Scope and Methodology

The main components of the 2016 lighting audit were:

• Recruitment – DIIS contracted an independent market research organisation, Purple Corporation, to recruit suitable households to participate in the audit.

- The recruitment company provided a range of demographic data with details of the recruited households.
- Households in 5 regions were recruited to participate^{[1](#page-10-0)} (Melbourne, Gippsland, Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane), resulting in 180 completed lighting audits.
- Three teams of auditors were trained to conduct audits independently in the three states.
- Auditors contacted recruited households to arrange a suitable time for a walk through audit of houses, recording data about every light in the dwelling.
- Householders were asked to complete a questionnaire that provided some household data and other related information such as lighting preferences and issues.
- Householders were asked to estimate the use of each light in the house, which was then recorded as part of the audit data set.

On visiting each house, auditors would record the following data:

- Information about each room in the house including it mains use, location, floor area, ceiling height;
- Information on each light in each room including the light fitting, the lamp technology, lamp colour (warm or cool) and the lamp power;
- Other details were recorded such as number of lamps per switch, whether or not a dimmer was present, whether or not a movement sensor was present on each light.

All data from the audit was loaded to an SQL database to allow detailed analysis to be undertaken. While there was an active process in the selection of households in order to meet broad demographic targets to match the census, inevitably, the final sample was short of some household types and had over sampled other household types. These factors are very difficult to control in a relatively small sample where there is a high drop-out rate. Based on the overall sample, a weighting factor was developed for each house to ensure that the overall results were a more accurate reflection of the likely national results for all Australian homes, based on the most recent census (2011). Most data included in this report has been weighted in accordance with these national demographic weighting factors (except where noted).

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¹ Approximately 300 households were recruited to take account of withdrawals, difficulties in scheduling and to allow for exclusion of households that were not suitable.

Key Results

The key results from the 2016 lighting audit are included in [Table 1.](#page-11-0)

Average House	Unweighted Weighted	
Number of houses	180	180
Number of Lamps	39.7	36.6
Number of Switches	25.0	23.7
Total Watts	1335	1246
Watts per Lamp - total	33.7	34.1
Number of Rooms - total	14.9	14.5
Total Floor Area (mª)	146.8	140.0
Number of Rooms - indoor	12.4	12.1
Floor Area $-$ indoor m ²	129.7	124.3
Lights/ m^2 - indoor	0.24	0.23
Lights/Room - indoor	2.6	2.4
Watts indoor	921	856
W/m ² total - indoor	6.8	6.6
W/m ² Fixed - indoor	$\overline{6.1}$	5.9
W/m ² Plug - indoor	0.7	0.7
Lumens indoor	21243	19984
Lighting Density Indoor (lm/m^2) (excl. HL)	164	161

Table 1: Average House Summary – key characteristics

Note: All tables and figures in this report exclude heat lamps, except where noted. Weighted values are in accordance with national demographic weighting factors. Gernally only weighted values are reported except where otherwise noted.

The share of lamp technologies found in the 2016 lighting audit is shown in [Figure 1.](#page-12-0) Low efficacy technologies (incandescent and halogens) now make up 45% of the stock of installed lamps while high efficacy technologies now make up 55% of the stock of installed lamps. All figures and tables in this report exclude heat lamps except where noted.

Figure 1: Share of lamp technology (count) in an average house

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns. Excludes heat lamps.

There are several aspects of importance when considering the impact of different lighting technologies:

- Lamp count: this is a rough indicator of how prevalent a particular technology is in the stock – it is a primary indicator of how many lamps are out there;
- Total watts (units: watts (W)): this shows the potential power consumption of all lights $$ it is useful because it shows the relative importance of different technologies in terms of *potential* energy consumption (rather than actual energy consumption)
- Total lumens (units: lumens (lm)): this shows the potential light output of all lights if they were all on at once – it is useful because it shows the relative importance of different technologies on *potential* lighting use
- Daily Energy Consumption (units: watt-hours per day (Wh/day)): This is a very useful parameter as it takes the power consumed by each lamp and multiplies it by the nominated (*actual*) usage time per day (in hours) to give an estimate of energy consumption – this is a very important parameter that determines the economics (energy operating cost) and environmental impact of lighting.
- Daily Light Usage (units: Lumen-hours per day (lm.h/day)): The is a very important parameter as it is a measure of the light output of each lamp multiplied by the nominated usage time per day (in hours) to give an estimate of total amount of light used - this is a very important parameter as it relates to the total energy service provided by lighting.

In order to obtain a clearer picture of how these parameters impact on the provision of lighting services in the home, the main lighting technologies have simplistically been split into two categories: *low efficacy* (mainly incandescent (tungsten) and halogen = red) and *high efficacy* (linear, circular and compact fluorescent and LED = blue). In round figures, the efficacy of the *high efficacy* lamps is about 5 times higher than *low efficacy* lamps (this means they consume 20% of the energy for the same light output). [Figure 2](#page-13-0) illustrates each of the five key parameters listed above in terms of the split between high efficacy and low efficacy lighting technologies in Australian homes.

Figure 2: Overview of key parameters for lighting in Australian homes in 2016

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors. Energy and light usage take into account usage patterns nominated by householders – see Section 6. Excludes heat lamps.

The key observations are as follows:

- High efficacy lamps now make up 55% of the total stock of residential lights;
- High efficacy lamps only account of about 25% of the total installed lamp power, as low efficacy lamps have a much higher power rating for an equivalent light output;
- High efficacy lamps now account for about two-thirds of the potential total light output in homes (not taking usage patterns into account);
- High efficacy lamps are only responsible for just over one third of the estimated energy consumption of lamps in Australian homes once usage patterns are taken into account;
- In contrast to their energy consumption, high efficacy lamps provide more than 75% of the total amount of light used in Australian homes;
- Despite only providing less than one quarter of the total amount of light used in Australian homes, low efficacy lamps still account for over 60% of the total lighting energy consumption.

Detailed analysis reveals that, when weighted by nominated usage levels, the efficacy of lamps that are operated during normal use is somewhat higher than the average efficacy of all lamps that are installed (assuming equal use for each lamp). This means that many householders tend to install high efficacy lamps more often in high use areas. To some extent, the higher level of diffusion of high efficacy lamps into higher use sockets is not surprising as high efficiency lamps generally also have much long lives. Phased-out tungsten filament lamps in high use areas will have long since failed. This trend is also likely to be a reflection of some positive influence of energy efficiency policies to improve lighting efficacy through consumer information campaigns and the removal of some low efficacy options.

There is a huge variation in the overall efficacy of lamps installed in households, irrespective of whether this is weighted by use or not. Many houses are already highly efficient in terms of the lighting technologies they have installed, while other houses are poor. [Figure 3](#page-14-0) shows the total lighting efficiency (weighted by overall use for each lamp, as nominated by the householder) for each of the 180 audit houses. A total lighting efficacy of less than 30 lm/W is poor while a value of over 55 lm/W is very good. This figure illustrates the lack of correlation with the size of the house but also confirms the large potential in energy reduction that could still be achieved by installation of more efficient lighting sources in many homes. It also suggests that a substantial minority of households choose not to use high efficacy lamps or they are uninterested in (or ignorant of) adopting more efficient technologies (irrespective of economics) and that a majority of households could still make substantial improvements to their overall lighting efficacy.

Figure 3: House floor area versus total house lighting use weighted efficacy

Note: Each point represents a participating household. Efficacy values are weighted by use – assumes all lamps are used as stated by householders. Excludes heat lamps. Demographic weightings are not applied to data in this figure.

Average usage per lamp per day by lighting technology, as estimated from the 2016 lighting audit, is illustrated in [Figure 4.](#page-15-0) This clearly shows that in most cases high efficacy lamps tend to be used more than low efficacy lamps (based on stated householder use for each lamp), although the difference is modest. It should be noted that where a lamp could not be definitively identified within a light fixture by the lighting auditor due to various reasons (e.g. sealed, obscured fixture; inaccessible location^{[2](#page-15-1)}), the auditor undertook a number of investigative steps in order to ascertain whether the lamp was a high efficacy (LED, LFL, CFL) or low efficacy (incandescent, halogen) lamp. These lamps are recorded as "cannot identify high efficacy" or "cannot identify low efficacy" and analysed separately to lamps where the technology has been clearly identified. Details on the techniques used to differentiate low and high efficacy technologies that could not be otherwise identified is set out in Appendix A (Detailed Methodology) and Section 5 (Detailed Results by Lamp Technology). Note that "Other" lighting technology was rarely used: there were only 6 in that category out of a total of 7448 lamps covered by the audit.

Figure 4: Average usage per lamp per day by lighting technology

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

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A total of 68 houses in the sample had dimmers present. The average number of dimmers per house was 1 per house across the whole sample (including houses without dimmers), but for houses with dimmers, the average number of dimmers was 2.6 per house. The

² Lighting auditors were under instruction for safety and legal reasons not to attempt to open fixtures or remove lamps in order to identify the lamp type, wattage etc.

average number of lamps per dimmer was 2.5 per dimmer, giving a total of 6.6 lamps per house controlled by dimmers (in those houses with dimmers). The most common technology controlled by dimmers was extra low voltage halogen, while other common technologies were incandescents, halogen mains voltage, CFLs and LED directional (mains voltage). The key dimmer parameters are set out in [Table 2.](#page-16-0) This suggests that some householders may be converting from extra low voltage halogen to LED mains voltage downlights to avoid issues with dimmers or they may remove dimmers with LED lamps. Most extra low voltage halogens and a sizable majority of the LED directional lamps will be flush mounted downlights.

Technology	Share of Dimmers	Lights/ dimmer	
Incandescent (tungsten)	13.6%	1.8	
Halogen - mains voltage	19.4%	1.9	
Halogen - low voltage	37.0%	3.3	
CFL - integral ballast	9.9%	1.5	
Circular fluorescent	1.8%	1.0	
LED directional - mains voltage	11.1%	3.0	
LED directional - low voltage	3.1%	4.6	
LED non-directional	0.3%	2.0	
Mixed technology on dimmer	3.8%		

Table 2: Summary of dimmers and lamps in 2016 audit

At a regional level, there were few significant differences in lamp technologies or total lighting efficacy. Sydney appeared to have significantly more incandescent and ELV halogen lamps in service when compared to other regions. Melbourne had a significantly higher share of LED lamps than other regions, but Newcastle also had more LEDs than average. More than 30% of households in Victoria had participated in VEET lighting replacement programs and analysis of the data found that, on average, these houses had roughly a 50% higher total lighting efficacy than non-participating houses in the same state.

Comparison with 2010 Audit

One of the key parameters of interest between the 2010 and 2016 audits is the change in the underlying share of energy efficient lamps over time. In 2010, LED lamps existed but made up only 1.4% of the lighting stock, mostly in the form of novelty lighting and applications such as night lights for children. Since then, LEDs have become mainstream and have are now the dominant technology in the new luminaire downlight market (common in new homes and major renovations). However, a large stock of extra low voltage halogen lamps still remains and there are still substantial sales of replacement ELV halogen lamps, despite LED replacements being readily available. [Figure 5](#page-17-0) illustrates the changes in the main lighting technology share in houses from 2010 to 2016.

Note: All values are raw sample averages and have not been weighted by demographic factors. Technology categories have been simplified for this comparison.

It is important to note that the survey of lighting stock in 2010 is not necessarily representative of lighting stock prior to the impact of the policy to phase-out inefficient lighting through the introduction of minimum energy performance standards (announced, with some immediate retailer and consumer response in 2007, implemented early 2009), and the impact of state government based energy efficiency obligations schemes that were also active well before 2010. Import data in [Figure 6](#page-18-0) indicates that prior to 2010 there had already been a significant increase in the market share of CFLs and a significant reduction in incandescent lamps. Mains voltage halogens also increased after 2008.

In overall terms, the share of linear fluorescents and CFLs has not changed in the past 6 years with a constant aggregate market share of 40% for these two technologies. There are, however, two important trends that are visible in this data. Firstly, incandescent lamp share has fallen significantly from 23% to 13% share while mains voltage halogen lamps share has increased from 9% to 17%. This shows that incandescent lamps have mostly been displaced by mains voltage halogen lamps since the last survey in 2010 (following the incandescent lamp ban in 2009). Mains voltage halogen lamps are 30% more efficient when compared to incandescents. LED for general lighting (non-directional) still only makes up 3% of the stock (this is included in the LED total share of 15% shown above) even though there has been a significant increase in available models in the market. This data suggests that there has been little improvement in lighting efficacy for general lighting over the past 6 years (noting that this is not representative of the full impact of lighting efficiency policy since 2007). The trends in the stock across the two lighting audits are broadly consistent with the sales data available shown in [Figure 6.](#page-18-0)

Figure 6: Imports of different lamp types from 2002 to 2015

The second important trend is that extra low voltage halogen lamp share has fallen from 26% to 15% while LED lamp share has increased from 2% to 15% (12% is LED directional). This suggests that low voltage halogen lamps are slowly being displaced by LED lamps. Most low voltage halogens, and a sizable majority of the LED directional lamps, will be flush mounted downlights. This data suggests that there has been a significant improvement in lighting efficacy for task and directional lighting due to the halogen to LED transition. LEDs are being installed in new homes/renovations but also under voluntary state schemes like VEET. LED share is significantly higher in Melbourne than other regions. Despite this trend, almost 50 million extra low voltage halogen lamps currently remain installed in Australian homes and sales are still around 5 million ELV halogen bulbs per annum.

In terms of the estimated energy consumption, high efficacy lamps appear to be making a significant impact. Lighting energy consumption in 2010 was estimated to be about 1900 Wh/day, while in 2016, this is estimated to have fallen to 1150 Wh/day, a fall of about 40% (excludes energy used by heat lamps). Detailed analysis suggests that about a 10% of the fall was due to demographic factors (larger share of households in semi-detached housing and apartments, which are smaller and use less lighting energy), while about a 30% of the fall was due to an increased penetration and higher use of lighting from high efficacy lamp technologies.

Figure 7: Estimated changes in lighting energy consumption from 2010 to 2016

An important consideration is that high efficacy lighting supplied 57% of the total amount of light used in 2010 yet only accounted for 20% of the energy consumption. By 2016, high efficacy lighting supplied 76% of the total amount of light used, yet only accounted for 38% of the energy consumption. This means that low efficacy lighting is only providing a small fraction of total amount of light used as shown [Figure 8,](#page-19-1) yet it still dominates energy consumption as shown in [Figure 7,](#page-19-0) indicating a still unrealised large energy saving potential from efficient lighting technologies.

Figure 8: Share of useful light output by technology in 2010 and 2016

Conclusions

Lighting is a complex issue, with householder habits and attitudes, lighting configuration and lamp technology all having a large impact on the potential to reduce residential lighting energy consumption through improved energy efficiency. Lighting in the home is used for a wide range of purposes, and the technical and user requirements vary by installation. Anecdotally, the general knowledge and understanding of lighting technologies and choices also varies greatly at the householder level, and this adds another layer of complexity when attempting to increase the efficiency of installed lighting stock through information and awareness campaigns alone. Many households are keen to be more energy efficient, but a majority of households are unlikely to be able to understand many of the complex issues required to make sound decisions with respect to efficient lighting. A significant minority of households will never have any interest in energy efficiency or economics.

The 2016 audit found a surprising number of incandescent lamps still in the household stock. However, these appear to be mostly in low use areas (there is no suspicion or evidence that there are illicit supplies of new incandescent lamps available). Mains voltage halogens are displacing incandescent lamps as the cheapest lighting technology for general lighting and together these still have a significant penetration. Only a small share of general lighting is currently LED. The share of linear fluorescent and CFL has remained static for the past six years. However, it would appear that extra low voltage halogen downlights are declining in number, driven by a number of factors. These include state government and other agency programs (such as Vic: VEET; NSW: ESS; ACT: EEIS; SA: REES) as well as private replacement schemes, user driven retrofits of LED lamps and the now common use LED downlights in new homes. New downlight luminaires are thought to be now almost exclusively LED (major renovations and new homes), but these only impact on a few percent of the total stock each year. The installed stock of ELV halogen is still significant, with more than 50% of the estimated stock of 100 million downlights Australia being halogen.

Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) are now mainstream and make up about 30% of the household lighting stock. However, the share of CFLs and linear fluorescent lamps has not changed from 2010 to 2016. It appears that a significant minority of users do not like some aspects of CFL lamps, such as their starting characteristics, low initial light output, issues with fitting compatibility and their fragile design. Some users think that they are still too expensive in terms of capital cost, but this suggests a poor understanding of economics. Details of consumer responses with respect to CFL issues are provided in Appendix C.

LEDs are continuing to make significant improvements in efficacy, with mainstream new, off-the-shelf, general lighting lamps able to achieve over 100 lm/W. While the cost of LED downlights are now competitive and are in significant quantities on the retail shelves, LED for general lighting is still relatively expensive and their penetration is still small (even though the lifetime economics in high use areas is very favourable). LED downlights are

competitive in the new downlight luminaire market, but this is a relatively small share of total sales. While consumers perceive that there are fewer technical issues with LED lamps (which may be in part due to lack of experience, as 40% of households still have no LEDs installed) the purchase cost is still seen as a significant barrier penetration. While LED prices are likely to fall in future and their efficacy will no doubt increase, the rate of penetration is likely to be limited by the availability of very cheap halogen lamps.

The 2016 lighting audit gives a comprehensive picture of lighting in households by room type, as well as the power and technology of lamps. Retrofitting of lighting to increase overall efficiency levels is not always a straight forward task, in part due to householder attitudes, knowledge levels and the lack of inter-changeability of some lamp types due to technical limitations with respect to installed lighting systems (e.g. existing dimmers, transformers etc.). However, a very wide range of LED lamp types are now available and this provides a much broader range of high efficacy options, compared to what has been available in the past.

In overall terms, it would appear that there is the potential to increase total lighting efficacy by at least three fold in many houses that currently have lower efficacy lamps and as much as six fold in very low efficacy houses. Less efficient homes have an average total lighting efficacy of around 15 lm/W (when weighted by use), while those categorised as efficient homes have already achieved a total lighting efficacy of over 60 lm/W.

The 2016 lighting audit has provided valuable insight into the complexities of residential lighting. The information in this report will support policy makers as they introduce further lighting policies to facilitate improved energy efficient practices in lighting.

Background

This report documents the results of the second lighting audit of Australian homes, commissioned by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS) and conducted in the first half of 2016. The only other previous comprehensive data collection on household lighting was conducted during the first household lighting audit in late 2010 and early 2011 (EES, 2013). Prior to these studies, not a great deal was known about Australian's lighting energy consumption, or the lighting technologies that made up the lighting stock. It is estimated that lighting in homes consumes between 5% and 15% of the average household electricity budget, although this will differ depending on the makeup of the installed lighting technologies and user behaviour (EES, 2008). The rapid growth of high efficiency LED lighting may be reduce this energy consumption into the future, depending on the rate of penetration.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics publication ABS4602 – Environmental Issues; Energy Use and Conservation, contains some very basic information about the number of fluorescent lights (i.e. total fluorescent lighting, not split between linear and compact types) in homes, but no information on the details of where they are located or their power (ABS4602). Other than this ABS publication, there has been no study that explicitly documents the lighting characteristics of Australian homes. Understanding the stock of lighting is essential when proposing regulations concerning different lighting technologies and it also provides a good baseline that can be used to assess future impacts of regulations and changes in technology.

In 2007, Australia announced a phase-out on the sale of incandescent lamps, with the intention of increasing the general efficiency of the installed lighting stock of Australian homes (DEWHA, 2008). Australia has been working to improve the efficiency of lighting through the introduction of minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for lighting products since 2001. MEPS have been introduced for a range of lighting technologies, including, with the details set out in the relevant standards as follows:

- ballasts for fluorescent lamps AS.NZS4783;
- linear fluorescent lamps AS/NZS4782;
- compact fluorescent lamps AS/NZS4847;
- transformers and electronic step-down converters for electronic extra low voltage lamps – AS/NZS4879; and
- incandescent and halogen lamps AS/NZS4934.

Further efficiency regulations are being contemplated and the information collected by this study provides crucial data to regulators on the characteristics of the stock of lamps in Australia and their usage.

The 2016 audit comes at a fortuitous time. The original household lighting audit was conducted in 2010, a year after the ban on most incandescent (tungsten filament) lamps came into place and shortly after MEPS were introduced for CFLs. Since 2010, further categories of incandescent lamps have been phased out while more recently, LED lighting has become fully commercialised and the efficacy has been climbing rapidly while the costs have been falling. LED lights only appeared on the market in significant numbers in around 2011 and by 2016 they had made a significant (but still modest) impact on the lighting stock installed in households in Australia.

This survey provides a deeper understanding and quantitative data concerning the stock of installed lighting technologies and provides data on trends in the stock of lamps from 2010 to 2016. It provides a comprehensive picture of what types of lighting householders like to install in different rooms, as well as the power and luminous flux (light output) of lamps they use (and therefore installed lighting levels). This data will help policy makers better understand not only the installed residential lighting stock, but also householder attitudes and user behaviour, to allow program improvements and enable better targeting of resources.

Study Objectives

This report documents the second lighting audit of Australian homes. This audit was primarily concerned with quantification of the stock of lamps currently installed in households and the documentation of their characteristics. The results obtained from this audit will greatly assist in providing a basis for a preliminary assessment of the energy efficiency potential of improved lighting technologies.

The general objectives of this audit were to:

- obtain permission from a representative group of Australian households to conduct a detailed lighting audit of their homes;
- document the characteristics (lamp type and technology, lamp shape, fitting type, motion sensor function, dimmer function, cap type, transformer type, power) of all lamps found in each house;
- record usage of each lamp found;
- measure the size and document each room type found in each house;
- identify lighting types that are particularly interesting (now and in the future) when considering their potential usage patterns, lamp power and ownership trends; and
- establish a solid benchmark of lighting characteristics from which to evaluate the impact of future proposed lighting regulations.

The data on lamps, lighting fixtures and rooms were collected by trained auditors during a physical audit of 180 homes in 5 regions. In addition, householders were asked to fill in a

detailed questionnaire regarding a range of lighting issues, including preferences, issues and sources of information. Data on a range of demographic parameters for each household such as house type, tenure, number of residents, income range and work status was also collected. Householders were also asked to estimate the usage of every light in their home.

Another key objective was to document changes in the stock of lamps and their characteristics between the first audit in 2010 and the second audit in 2016.

Project Tasks and Outputs

This report documents the findings of the 2016 lighting audit of Australian homes. The audit covered some 180 houses, including 40 houses in Queensland (Brisbane), 70 houses in New South Wales (30 in Newcastle and 40 in Sydney), and 70 houses in Victoria (40 in Melbourne and 30 in Gippsland). Fieldwork was undertaken in the period February to May 2016. A total of 7448 individual operational lamps were recorded during the survey. In additional there were another 261 lamp sockets where the lamp was blown, missing or not working for some reason (an average of 1.45 per house). Lighting characteristics were identified in the field with the assistance of field identification manuals, and the data was recorded and then later validated. Further discussion concerning the field identification manuals used in the study can be found in Appendix F (separate volume).

The main project tasks and outputs were to:

- Undertake lighting audits on households that were recruited by an independent recruitment agency
- Record all data collected on site electronically and upload to a central server (including household questionnaires)
- Check, clean and load all data to a central database for analysis
- Conduct a wide range of different analysis on the 2016 data to establish key characteristics of the current lighting stock
- Compile and report questionnaire data collected from participants
- Undertake an assessment of key changes since the first lighting of Australian homes in 2010
- Prepare this report for DIIS and E3
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Householders were primarily recruited via Purple Corporation, who was contracted directly by DIIS to undertake this role. Recruited householder details were then provided to the EES team.

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Introduction

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The 2016 lighting audit of Australian homes was contracted by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS) and E3 at the end of 2015. The objective of the audit was to obtain comprehensive data on the lighting systems installed in Australian homes. This audit builds on the first audit of Australian homes conducted in 2010. The main components of the 2016 audit were:

- Recruitment DIIS contracted an independent market research organisation, Purple Corporation, to recruit suitable households to participate in the audit. Participating households were not offered any cash incentive to participate, but were offered a full lighting audit report with recommendations on how to improve their overall lighting efficacy.
- Purple Corporation provided a range of demographic data with details of the recruited households.
- A total of 180 households in 5 regions (Melbourne, Gippsland, Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane) were sought to participate in the audit[3](#page-26-0).
- Three teams of auditors were trained to conduct audits independently in the three states.
- Auditors contacted recruited households to arrange a suitable time for a walk through audit of houses, recording data about every light in the dwelling.
- Householders were asked to complete a questionnaire that provided some household data and other related information such as lighting preferences and issues.
- Householders were asked to estimate the use of each light in the house, which was then recorded as part of the audit data set.

All audit data was recorded in a bespoke audit spreadsheet. This included a wide range of checks and validation of the data. On completion, audit sheets were uploaded to a central data server and were checked by a lighting expert. Where necessary, clarifications and

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adjustments to the data were made in consultation with the relevant auditor. Auditors consulted with lighting experts by phone and using photos in cases where lighting systems that were unusual or identification was unclear. Additional data checks and validation was undertaken as data was loaded to the SQL database.

The lighting questionnaire was loaded into an electronic form for further analysis. Once all data was uploaded and checked, householders were given the detailed results of their lighting audit, including recommendations for replacement of higher use and low efficiency lamps. A sample householder report is included in Appendix E. The remainder of this chapter sets out the detailed data collection instruments and technical information that was collected as part of the lighting audit.

Methodology Overview

The lighting survey required the collection of an extensive range of data and information concerning the lighting in homes. This data was recorded using a spreadsheet, and in most cases used specific validation rules depending on the lamp technology or lamp shape selected. The field auditors were trained in luminaire and lamp identification, and it was rare that issues arose with this aspect of the data collection.

The following data was recorded at a room level:

- Room ID;
- Room type;
- Location (indoor or outdoor);
- Floor area (in m^2);
- Ceiling height (in m);
- Any notes on usage or missing lamps.

Indoor rooms were classified into living and non-living categories (see next section).

The following list of data was recorded for each lamp:

- House ID:
- Lamp number:
- Room ID;
- Switch number;
- Whether the switch controlled several lamps;
- Lamp connection type (fixed or plug in);
- Dimmer function present;
- Motion sensor function present;
- Fitting type:
- Colour (warm white or cool white);
- Lamp technology;
- Lamp shape;
- Lamp cap type (where identified);
- Lamp transformer type (where identified);
- Lamp power;
- Flag to indicate source of lamp power (labelled, measured or estimate);
- Hours of use per day for the lamp (information provided by the householder at the end of the audit); and
- Any comments or notes regarding the specific lamp.

Appendix A sets out in detail the specific considerations and rules concerning classification of both rooms and lamps and the estimation of lamp efficacy by technology.

Sample Households

Household Recruitment and Demographics

The 2010 sample was recruited via a wide range of methods including word of mouth, emails, media (radio), snowball and use of social media. For the 2016 audit, the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science contracted Purple Corporation to recruit households for the lighting audit. No houses from the 2010 audit were to be included in the sample, so no longitudinal comparisons are possible. The brief was for Purple Corporation to provide a balanced sample of households that broadly matched the average demographic profile in each region, based on the 2011 census. It is understood that no fee was to be offered to householders for participation. However, the householders were offered a detailed lighting audit for their home with recommendations for changing inefficient lights that were frequently used.

As Purple Corporation were only providing households that had agreed to the original conditions (no payment, lighting audit provided), it was originally estimated that only an additional 10 houses in each region would be required to attain to sample target. However, after some way through the audits it became clear that there was a significant dropout rate, particularly in Melbourne and Sydney. Despite the agreed conditions of participation, a sizable minority of recruited houses clearly expected payment for participation and declined to participate when it was clarified that there was no cash payment. Another sizable minority of recruited houses were extremely difficult to contact or could never be contacted by the auditors despite multiple phone calls, texts and emails. Purple Corporation were commissioned by DIIS to increase the number of households provided in order to reach the target number in each region. The number of households recruited by Purple Corporation were:

- Brisbane 72 houses (target 40 houses)
- Gippsland 41 houses (target 30 houses)
- Melbourne 81 houses (target 40 houses)
- Newcastle 50 houses (target 30 houses)
- Sydney 73 houses (target 40 houses).

The effective dropout rate in Sydney and Melbourne was more than 50%. The dropout rate in Brisbane was slightly lower (around 40%) and the dropout rate in Newcastle and Gippsland was significantly lower (around 30%). Towards the end of the project, it was

necessary for EES to approach a total of about 30 additional households (with permission from DIIS) because there was still a small shortfall in some regions, despite several additional samples being provided by Purple Corporation. In the end a total of 10 households were audited from these additional households.

Purple Corporation provided basic demographic data collected from the householders as follows:

- Occupation
- Age
- Work suburb
- Household type
- Number of people in the household
- Work status
- Household income range
- Dwelling type
- Tenure.

The number of people living in the household was confirmed via the householder questionnaire with additional data on age split of residents. The dwelling type was confirmed by the auditor at the time of the audit. Around 5/180 dwellings were classified differently by the auditor after the audit was completed, when compared to the house type recorded by Purple (which was provided by the householder).

The recruitment process, although at arms-length in 2016, ended up being much more demanding and resource intensive for the auditors, for reasons set out above. While more random in nature, it is the qualitative opinion of the report authors that the 2016 recruitment process appeared to deliver a dominance of particular types of households that were not necessarily representative of expected mix of household types and attitudes across all Australian households.

Balancing the Household Sample

Another problem that was identified well into the project was that for the audits completed, particularly in Sydney and Melbourne, there were more flats and attached houses than expected and fewer separate houses than expected, as compared to the target proportion by region as defined in the 2011 census. These parameters are difficult to control when there is a high dropout rate of participants. In order to rebalance the sample as far as possible, the final 25% of homes audited in each region were actively selected to balance up the parameters of house type (separate house, attached house or apartment) and tenure (renting, owned with mortgage, owned without a mortgage), as far as was possible within the constraints of available households.

Four dwelling characteristics, with population data available, have been identified as most relevant to control in order to get a representative and balanced sample:

• Number of residents in dwelling

- Household income (corrected for wage changes since 2011 census)
- Ownership status (owned outright, under mortgage or renting)
- Dwelling structure (freestanding house, townhouse/semi, apartment/unit).

A comparison of the participant and population characteristics for these four variables shows that, while the dwelling structure distribution in the sample is very close to that for the Australian population, the survey significantly undercounts single resident dwellings and probably low income dwellings.

In order to further improve the representativeness of the survey results, each response was weighted to more closely align with population parameters for the above four dwelling characteristics. Weights for each household were calculated for both the geographic region surveyed and for Australia as a whole. Given the need to weight all four dwelling characteristics in parallel, the weights were carried out using the RIM weighting method. The population data used for the regional weighting calculations was the ABS 2011 census data for Greater Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney and the appropriate regional data for Gippsland and Newcastle/Central Coast regions. Total Australia census data was used for the overall weighting. Household income data was corrected for changes in average household income since the census. More detail in the RIM weighting approach is included in Appendix B.

The weighting approach calculated a regional and a national weighting for each participant household in the survey. This increases or decreases the weight of individual households to more closely match the prevalence of the individual household characteristics in the census. Depending on the analysis being conducted, a national weighting has usually been applied to the results included in this report. Regional weightings have only been applied where inter-regional comparisons have been conducted (see Section 3). One issue is that the 2010 and the 2016 lighting audits were conducted 4 or 5 years after the most recent census, which does make it difficult to accurately match some of the more rapidly changing characteristics, such as the share of apartments in the large cities.

Householder Questionnaire

In addition to the physical lighting audit of homes, householders were asked to complete a detailed lighting questionnaire. This contained information on the household and the dwelling, recent changes to lighting systems, issues or problems with lighting, purchasing preferences and the main sources of information on lighting issues. A copy of the household questionnaire survey instrument is included in Appendix D. Detailed analysis of the results from the questionnaire are included in Appendix C.

Use of Lighting

During the development of the lighting audit tool for the 2016 survey, a range of alternative methods to quantify usage were tried on several households to assess their salience, simplicity, robustness and ease of understanding. The most effective and simplest approach turned out to ask the householder to nominate the average hours of use per day

for each lamp as a number between 0 and 24 (or any decimal). This is easy to understand for the householder and most were able to quickly nominate a typical usage level for each lamp as the auditor ran through the list of all lamps that were included in the audit in around five seconds for each light (remembering that an average house may have between 10 and 150 lights). The lighting audit sheet was set up so that where there were multiple lights in a single switch, then only a single usage value was required for the first light in the group.

The advantage of the 2016 approach was that it allowed householders to nominate a much finer gradation of use for each light in a format that was simple and was easy to comprehend (when compared to the 2010 audit). It also provides a method to quantitatively estimate the energy consumption of lights in each house as the lamp power for each lamp had already been documented in the audit. Having specific hours of use for each light allowed energy savings to be calculated when a lower efficiency lamp was replaced with a higher efficiency technology option. These types of recommendations were included in the householder report.

Any usage parameter nominated by householders will be prone to some error or subjectivity. Many of the audits were conducted in summer and early autumn during daylight saving (in NSW and Victoria), so this naturally colours the respondents' perception of the hours of use for lighting. A similar survey in winter may yield higher usage results. Auditors found the most considered answers were obtained from couples together that discussed usage of each light (this obviously takes longer). Quite a few single respondents also provided what appeared to be answers in the realistic range. However, around one third of respondents appeared to give answers that were somewhat unrealistic (mostly too low, a couple too high). There is no way to assess the accuracy of the current responses without detailed in house monitoring, which is not practical or realistic for this project. So at this stage, the householder responses have been accepted as being reasonable, with no adjustments made for outliers. However, this approach does provide a very robust assessment of the relative use of lights in the house, which is critical when assessing efficacy "in normal use" in the home (taking account of which lamps are used more and which are used less), even if the absolute usage levels have some uncertainty associated with them.

Key Findings

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The sample was selected on the basis of broad demographic values provided by the recruitment company. However, inevitably, the selected sample does not match the demographic composition desired, so detailed analysis (set out in Section 2) calculated a weighting for each individual household included in the sample to better reflect national characteristics. Generally, results for the nationally weighted sample are reported. Unweighted values are provided where noted. Data that has been regionally weighted is included in the section on that covers inter-regional comparisons. The methodology for sample weighting is set out in Appendix B.

The two important findings for the survey were that the average house had 36.6 lamps each with an average power of 34.1 watts (excludes heat lamps). The average number of rooms per house was found to be 14.5, with a total floor area of a house was 140 m² and 124.3 m² if only indoor rooms and spaces are considered. The number of lamps per m² for indoor areas was found to be 0.23, and the power density was almost 6.6 Watts/ m^2 for indoor areas. Fixed lamps contributed 5.9 Watts/m2 to this total. The average lighting density was found to be 156 lm/m2 for living areas, 132 lm/m2 for sleeping areas and 211 lm/m2 for indoor-other areas (excluding heat lamps), based on total light output for all relevant lights. A weighted average lighting density of 161 lm/m2 is estimated for all indoor areas (excluding heat lamps). Note that these lighting density values assume that all lights are on at once. No account is taken of losses through luminaires and fittings. These figures provide an initial picture of the power and illumination levels of Australian houses (assuming all lights were on) and provide a benchmark of the lighting stock of Australian households in 2016.

For lamp technologies, the findings are also very interesting. The most common lamp type in an average house was compact fluorescent (CFL), at around 31% share. An average CFL had a power of almost 13.7 Watts. The next most common lamp type was found to be mains voltage halogens, with a share of 17% and an average power of 51.6 W. Extra low voltage halogens had 14.6% share with an average power of 39.1 Watts per lamp[4](#page-32-0).

⁴ Note that the average nominal lamp power was 39.1W for all ELV halogen lamps, but the power consumed by these lights is estimated to be 47.6W on average once estimated transformer losses are included. About 60% of ELV halogen lamps installed were estimated to be 35W and about 30% were 50W, with the remaining 10% a mixture of other power values.

Surprisingly, 12.7% of lamps were found to be incandescent (tungsten filament) with an average power of about 72 Watts. Linear and circular fluorescent lamps also had a share of around 8.9%, at an average of around 31.3 Watts each[5.](#page-33-0) In total LED types (directional and non-direction, including extra low voltage) made up a total of around 15% of all lamps, made of up 12.2% LED directional (mostly downlights) and 3% LED non-directional (general lighting). The average power of all LED lamps was 8.2W. These findings paint a stark picture, with relatively inefficient technologies^{[6](#page-33-1)} still making up 45% of the stock of installed lamps found in the average house.

The technology that contributed the highest share of the lumens (total light output) for the average house was CFL, with 30% of total lumens. Linear and circular fluorescent lamps had a lumen share of about 25%. All LED technologies were found to have a lumen share of 11%. Incandescent lamps had a 10% share, while extra low voltage halogens also had a 10% share. Finally, mains voltage halogens were found to have a 14% lumen share. This shows that the share of light output across the four major lighting technologies is more evenly spread than is reflected by the number of lights present by technology.

The majority of lamps in the average Australian house were fixed lamps, at 32.9 per house (90% of all lamps), with the remaining 3.6 per home being plug-in. The plug in lamps were made up of about 0.6 incandescents, 0.8 mains voltage halogen, 0.2 extra low voltage halogen and 1.3 CFL, with most of the remaining 0.4 plug-in lamps being LED.

In summary, comparatively inefficient technologies in fixed lighting points were found, in aggregate, to still make up a significant share of lighting in a typical Australian home. However, the share of total light output is more evenly spread across the four major lighting technologies.

Whole House Overview

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The average number of lamps was 36.6 per house, which operate on an average number of 23.7 switches. The total power with all lights on was 1246 W per house (all values exclude heat lamps). The average number of rooms per house was 14.5, with an average total floor area of 140 m² (including some outdoor areas, 124.3 m² for indoor areas only). The average number of lamps per m² was 0.23 (indoor areas), with an average number of lamps per room found to be around 2.4. The average power density of all lamps was 6.6 Watts/m2 (indoor areas). The average total light output per house was found to be almost 20,000

⁵ Note that the average nominal lamp power was 31.3W for linear and circular fluorescents, but the power consumed is estimated to be 37W per lamp once ballast losses are included.

⁶ For this simplified analysis, incandescent and halogen are considered low efficiency, while fluorescent and LED are considered to be high efficiency.

Lumens (excluding heat lamps and outdoor areas). These overall findings are shown in [Table 3.](#page-34-0)

Average House	Unweighted Weighted	
Number of houses	180	180
Number of Lamps	39.7	36.6
Number of Switches	25.0	23.7
Total Watts	1335	1246
Watts per Lamp - total	33.7	34.1
Number of Rooms - total	14.9	14.5
Total Floor Area (mª)	146.8	140.0
Number of Rooms -indoor	12.4	12.1
Floor Area $-$ indoor $m2$	129.7	124.3
Lights/ m^2 - indoor	0.24	0.23
Lights/Room - indoor	2.6	2.4
Watts indoor (excluding heat lamps)	921	856
W/m ² total - indoor	6.8	6.6
W/m ² Fixed - indoor	6.1	5.9
W/m^2 Plug - indoor	0.7	0.7
Lumens indoor (excluding heat lamps)	21243	19984
Lighting Density Indoor (lm/m^2) (excl. HL)	164	161

Table 3: Average House Summary – key characteristics

Note: All values exclude heat lamps. Weighting is in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

[Table 4](#page-35-0) shows the breakdown of lighting in the major room types of the average house. The most prevalent room type in homes were 'indoor-other' rooms (remembering that this room type is an aggregation of several individual room types, including bathrooms, hallways and a range of other service areas that are used less frequently). This was followed by sleeping and living, with outdoor being the least common. Note that in the case of outdoor spaces, many of these do not have a floor area (e.g. veranda or garden), so the share of spare for outdoor may be understated in many cases. The room type with the largest floor area was found to be living, accounting for almost half of all indoor spaces. Sleeping was the next largest with Indoor-other being the smallest total floor area (but being the most numerous room type).

Living areas also had the largest number of lamps, but not the highest power density or lighting density. Instead, indoor-other rooms had the highest power density at 11.2 Watts/m² as well as the highest lighting density (note that this excludes heat lamps). Sleeping areas had both the lowest power density and lowest lighting density.

Living areas were found to have the highest average number of fixed lamps (12.3), followed by indoor-other, outdoor and sleeping. Almost the opposite was found for plug lamps, with sleeping areas found to have the highest average number (2.2 lamps), followed by living, outdoor and indoor-other.

Average by Room Type	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	All indoor	Outdoor	Total
Number of Rooms	3.2	3.3	5.7	12.1	2.4	14.5
Floor Area $(m2)$	56.7	39.3	28.3	124.3	15.7	140.0
Share Indoor Floor Area	45.6%	31.6%	22.7%	100.0%		
Number of Lamps	13.2	7.8	8.1	29.1	7.4	36.6
Number of Fixed Lamps	12.3	5.6	8.0	25.9	7.1	32.9
Number of Plug Lamps	1.0	2.2	0.1	3.3	0.3	3.6
Power Density Indoor (Watts/m ²)	6.8	5.5	11.2	7.4	N/A	N/A
Lighting Density Indoor (lm/m^2)	156.2	131.5	210.6	160.7	N/A	N/A

Table 4: Average House Summary – room type characteristics

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns. Excludes heat lamps.

Technology Overview

It is useful to initially take a high level overview of the makeup of lighting technologies in a typical home. There are several aspects of importance when considering the impact of different lighting technologies:

- Lamp count: this is a rough indicator of how prevalent a particular technology is in the stock – it is a primary indicator of how many lamps are out there;
- Total watts (units: watts (W)): this shows the potential power consumption of all lights $$ it is useful because it shows the relative importance of different technologies in terms of *potential* energy consumption (rather than actual energy consumption)
- Total lumens (units: lumens (lm)): this shows the potential light output of all lights if they were all on at once – it is useful because it shows the relative importance of different technologies on *potential* lighting use
- Daily Energy Consumption (units: watt-hours per day (Wh/day)): This is a very useful parameter as it takes the power consumed by each lamp and multiplies it by the nominated (*actual*) usage time per day (in hours) to give an estimate of energy consumption – this is a very important parameter that determines the economics (energy operating cost) and environmental impact of lighting.
- Daily Light Usage (units: Lumen-hours per day (lm.h/day)): The is a very important parameter as it is a measure of the light output of each lamp multiplied by the nominated usage time per day (in hours) to give an estimate of total amount of light used
- this is a very important parameter as it relates to the total energy service provided by lighting.

The issue of lighting usage and energy consumption is explored in more detail in Section 6. During the lighting audit, some 14 different lighting technologies were identified, as set out in Appendix A. In order to obtain a clearer picture of how these parameters impact on the provision of lighting services in the home, the main lighting technologies have simplistically been split into two categories: *low efficacy* (mainly incandescent (tungsten) and halogen = red) and *high efficacy* (linear, circular and compact fluorescent and LED = blue). In round figures, the efficacy of the *high efficacy* lamps is about 5 times higher than *low efficacy* lamps (this means they consume 20% of the energy for the same light output). [Figure 9](#page-36-0) illustrates each of the five key parameters listed above in terms of the split between high efficacy and low efficacy lighting technologies in Australian homes (noting that efficacy of each lamp as recorded is used to calculate these aggregate values).

Figure 9: Overview of key parameters for lighting in Australian homes in 2016

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors. Energy and light usage take into account usage patterns nominated by householders – see Section 6.

The key observations are as follows:

- High efficacy lamps now make up 55% of the total stock of residential lights;
- High efficacy lamps only account of about 25% of the total installed lamp power, as low efficacy lamps have a much higher power rating for an equivalent light output;
- High efficacy lamps now account for about two-thirds of the potential total light output in homes (not taking usage patterns into account);
- High efficacy lamps are only responsible for just over one third of the estimated energy consumption of lamps in Australian homes once usage patterns are taken into account;
- In contrast to their energy consumption, high efficacy lamps provide more than 75% of the total amount of light used in Australian homes;
- Despite only providing less than one quarter of the total amount of light used in Australian homes, low efficacy lamps still account for over 60% of the total lighting energy consumption.

[Table 5](#page-39-0) shows the count of lamps, total watts and total lumens by technology an average house (nationally weighted data). As the efficacy of each technology is quite different, the share of lamps, the share of power and share of total light output are all quite different as illustrated in [Figure 10,](#page-37-0) [Figure 11](#page-38-0) and [Figure 12.](#page-38-1)

Figure 10: Share of lamp technology (count) in an average house (weighted)

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns. Excludes heat lamps.

Figure 11: Share of lamp power in an average house (weighted)

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns. Excludes heat lamps.

Figure 12: Share of lamp light output (lumens) in an average house (weighted)

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns. Excludes heat lamps.

Table 5: Average House Summary - lamp number and characteristics by technology

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns. Efficacy in lm/W. Excludes heat lamps. Note that average efficacy of all lighting technologies cannot be calculated directly from average watts and average lumens.

Frequency Distributions of Key Parameters

All figures have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, except where noted.

The average number of lamps per house (X axis), split into frequency bins, versus the number of houses within each bin, is shown in [Figure 13.](#page-40-0) The most common total number of lamps in houses was in the range 15 to 40 lamps, with around 75% of houses having between 10 and 50 lamps. There was a wide range of total lamp numbers, with the highest total found to be 160 lamps.

Figure 13: Distribution of total lamps per house for all houses

[Figure 14](#page-41-0) shows the average number of rooms per house (indoor rooms only). The most common number of rooms per house was 14 (around 15% of all houses). The bulk of houses had between 8 and 18 rooms. The minimum number of rooms in a house was 3 (due to an open space living area in a flat), and the maximum was 27.

Figure 14: Distribution of total indoor rooms for all houses

[Figure 15](#page-41-1) shows the average indoor floor area per house. The most common floor area (around 23% of houses) was greater than 76 m2 and less than 100 m2. The majority of houses had between 60 m² and 200 m² of floor area. The minimum floor area was about 40 m2 and the maximum was about 450 m2.

Figure 15: Distribution of total indoor floor area for all houses

Note: Includes all house types (including attached and apartments).

[Figure 16](#page-42-0) shows the average power density of lighting in W per m² for indoor spaces. About 38% of the houses had a power density between of less than 5 W/m2 (current BCA requirement for new homes), while 44% of houses had a power density of between 5 and 10 W/m². About 18% of the houses had a power density value of above 10 W/m².

Figure 16: Distribution of total indoor power density for all houses

Note: Building Code of Australia (BCA) requirement is a maximum of 5W/m2 for new housing and is shown in red – a total of 38.4% of houses meet this requirement. Excludes heat lamps.

[Figure 17](#page-43-0) shows the range of lumen totals by house. Lighting in houses was found to have a large lumen range, with the most common value found to be 10,000 to 15,000 lumens with all lights on. The minimum number of lumens in a house was less than 5,000 and the maximum was up to 65,000 lumens.

Note: Excludes heat lamps.

One of the key drivers for total watts and total lumens will generally be floor area – larger houses tend to have more lights and therefore these (potentially) consume more energy and produce more light. This effect is illustrated in [Figure 18](#page-44-0) and [Figure 19.](#page-44-1) There is clearly a large variation in watts and lumens for a given house size. However, these figures do not show whether there is any significant correlation between lighting efficacy and floor area at a household level.

Figure 18: Floor area versus total power – all houses

Note: Excludes heat lamps.

Figure 19: Floor area versus total lumens – all houses

[Figure 20](#page-45-0) shows the lighting density (i.e. total lamp lumens per floor area in in Im/m^2) for all indoor areas. The average lighting density had a large range from 50 up to 480 lm/m2,

Note: Excludes heat lamps.

although most houses lay in the range 120 to 220 Im/m^2 . It is important to note that this is based on the total lumen output of all lamps, assuming they are all on (excluding heat lamps) (which would rarely be the case in normal use) and assuming no losses in transmission through the luminaire and onto surfaces. The lighting level on a horizontal surface (more typically the measure of useful light levels in a room in lux) is estimated to be around half of these values (given losses via the luminaire and onto surfaces, as set out in the methodology). So practical lighting levels in a home, given that all lamps are rarely on at the same time, are probably in the range 50 to 150 Lux in most cases. While there are no standards for lighting levels in the residential sector, the AS/NZS 1680 series of standards suggests a range of 40 to 80 lux for general lighting in commercial applications, with an absolute minimum of 20 lux. Task lighting levels (e.g. for reading and writing) are higher at around 240 lux. The AS 1428 set of standards also set out recommended lighting levels for access and mobility. Informal guidelines for the residential sector suggest lighting levels in the range 40 to 100 lux are acceptable for general lighting, and this matches well with the audit findings (noting that householders would rarely use all available lights in an occupied area).

Figure 20: Average house – indoor lighting density

Note: Excludes heat lamps.

Fixed and Plug-in Lamps

Fixed lamps are defined as lamps that are permanently installed and hard wired in the ceiling (normally), walls or floor of a house – these make up the majority of all lamps in an average home – around 90% of lights in the 2016 audit were fixed. Decisions concerning the placement, makeup, technology and mood of the fixed lighting are usually made at the design phase(s) of a house. This can be either when the house is first built or during a renovation. Lighting decisions made during these times make a massive impact on the effectiveness and overall energy consumption of a house's lighting system. Details of fixed and plug-in lights by room are given in [Table 4.](#page-35-0)

Plug lamps are defined as lamps that are connected to a power outlet (general purpose outlet) and may be installed at any location around a house. They are generally placed on flat surfaces (i.e. tables, desks, floors) although they may also be found in a permanently installed form (but can still be disconnected from the mains – range hoods are a good example). Plug lamps can help to alter the light levels or mood of a space. Due to their flexibility, householders may use plug lamps to help alleviate poor fixed lighting design decisions (too much, not enough or not the right type of light) or to provide task lighting (e.g. for reading or on a desk). Plug lamps generally are able to have multiple forms of lamp technology installed (mostly incandescent, halogen, compact fluorescent or LED) depending on cap type and design, although the configuration, power limitations, connectors and available clearance can dictate the type of replacement lamps in certain fittings. This increases the ease of retrofitting choices of generic plugs such as bayonet (B22) and Edison screw (E27) types. B15 and E14 caps were also relatively common for plug in lamps.

The most common location for plug-in lamps is sleeping areas (bedside and desk lamps in bedrooms and study) and the remaining plug lamps are mostly found in living areas (most common being table lamps and standard lamps).

The most common type of plug-in lamp found in the average house is compact fluorescent (1.3 per house). 0.8 plug-in lamps per house were mains voltage halogen, while 0.6 plug-in lamps per house were incandescent. LED represented about 0.4 plug-in lamps per house while extra low voltage halogen lamps had 0.2 plug-in lamps per house.

Overall Lighting Efficacy

An alternative way of looking at data on lamp efficacy is to plot floor area versus total average lumens/watt for each house surveyed, as illustrated in [Figure 21.](#page-47-0) This shows a large spread in efficacy from 10 to 60 lm/W. Larger houses over 200 m2 tend to have a slightly lower efficacy, although this trend is fairly weak. This figure illustrates that the practical potential for improvement in average household lighting efficacy is more than 300%, from less than 20 lm/W in many houses, to around 60 lm/W.

The energy used for lighting in the home will depend on which lights are used, their efficacy and their duration of use. However, there is no doubt that the lighting technologies available for installation in the home (as well as their placement in use) will have a major impact on overall lighting energy consumption. To explore this facet, data on overall house lighting efficacy was calculated by summing the efficacy of each lamp times its use (efficacy times the nominated use in hours per day), divided by the total hours of use for all lamps in the household as illustrated in [Figure 22.](#page-48-0)

Note: values are not weighted by use – assumes all lamps are used equally. Excludes heat lamps. Demographic weightings are not applied to data in this figure.

Figure 22: House floor area versus total house lighting use weighted efficacy

Note: values are weighted by use – assumes all lamps are used as stated by householders. Excludes heat lamps. Demographic weightings are not applied to data in this figure.

The most important observation from this data is that that, when weighted by nominated usage levels, the efficacy of lamps as used is significantly higher than the average efficacy of lamps as installed. The mostly likely explanation for this is that that technologies with lower efficacy tend to have shorter lifetimes, which increases incidence of lamp replacement in high use areas, which in turn creates more opportunity for a householder to choose an efficient lamp (with a longer life). Some householders will also understand the efficacy and operating costs of different lamp technologies and this may influence, to some extent, the use of high efficacy lamps more and low efficacy lamps less where there are alternative options in the same space.

The impact of usage is quite significant on overall efficacy. Based on the unweighted data, most houses have an average efficacy of less than 30 lm/W. However, once the nominated usage levels are applied, the majority of households sit well above 30 lm/W. Quantitatively, the unweighted efficacy (with national sample weighting applied) is 27.7 lm/W, while the use weighted efficacy (with national sample weighting applied) is 42.5 lm/W, an increase of more than 50% (note that these values exclude heat lamps). This improvement in efficacy when weighted by use appears to be very consistent by region. There are of course a large number of households that have few or no high efficiency lamps – in those cases the usage pattern will have little impact on the use weighted efficacy. Conversely, when all lamps in a house are high efficacy, usage patterns also have little impact on the use weighted efficacy.

To illustrate the variation at a house level, which is considerable, a plot of efficacy unweighted by use (X axis) has been plotted against efficacy weighted by use (Y axis) in [Figure 23.](#page-49-0) Many houses exhibit a significant increase in average efficacy when lamp use is taken into account. However, this effect is diminished for houses where the unweighted efficacy is very low (no efficient lamps present) or very high (all lamps are efficient). Surprisingly, many houses with only moderate average unweighted efficacy can achieve very high efficacy values during normal use.

Note: Brown line represents equal efficacy for unweighted versus efficacy weighted by use.

Houses in [Figure 23](#page-49-0) that have an efficacy weighted by use that lies well above the red line must have a small number of high efficacy lamps (because the average efficacy is low) that are used for longer periods (because the use weighted efficacy is high). This suggests that just a few lamps in each house dominate total use (and energy) and that the efficacy of these lamps is very important. Analysis of audit data for each light confirms that only 23% of all lamps are used more 2 hours a day – these will have a significant impact on the overall efficacy weighted by use. There are around 6 houses where the efficacy weighted by use is lower than the average efficacy of all lights, so a decline in use weighted efficacy (compared to average efficacy) is possible, but rare. This figure also illustrates the value of targeting efficiency programs at higher usage lights and the value of raising the overall efficacy of the lighting stock. As noted above, high efficacy lamps may find their way into higher usage areas of the homes as most of CFLs and LEDs have much longer lives than incandescent and halogens. Also, some householders understand the economic benefits of actively selecting and installing high efficacy lamps in higher use areas. However, the cost

of LEDs at this stage is likely to be limiting their diffusion rate, despite their very long life. And despite the availability of a wide range of high efficacy lamp options and the economic benefits that arise from their use, many households appear to overlook these technologies when replacing lamps.

Comparison by Region

The 2016 lighting audit covered five regions as follows:

- Brisbane: 40 houses
- Gippsland: 30 houses
- Melbourne: 40 houses
- Newcastle: 30 houses
- Sydney: 40 houses.

This section sets out a comparison of the characteristics of these houses by region. Given the relatively small sample size by region, there will be some uncertainty in the regional parameters calculated for comparison, as the mix of houses in each region cannot be fully controlled or balanced, even when regional weightings are applied (see Appendix B). To some extent, the sample bias within each region has been partly redressed by the application of regional weighting factors, although there are limitations given the small sample size. Limits have been placed on the range of weightings that have been generated by the analysis.

There are also some fundamental and inherent differences between these regions, which to some extent are reflected in the comparative results of the lighting audit. For example, the proportion of apartments and semi-detached dwellings is very high in Sydney and, to a lesser extent, Melbourne. These house types are considerably smaller than separate houses, so this will impact on the regional average floor area. Newcastle has strong working class origins and the average house size for separate houses is considerably smaller than for other regions. Share of house type by region from the 2011 census is shown in [Table 6.](#page-50-0) Each region is quite different and none are precisely representative of the national average. A range of other demographic factors also vary by region, such as income, tenure and household size. Each of these factors will exert some influence on the regional averages.

House type	Brisbane	Gippsland		Melbourne Newcastle	Sydney	National
Separate house	79%	90%	72%	88%	60%	75%
Semi-detached, terrace house, townhouse	9%	3%	12%	7%	13%	10%
Flat, unit or apartment	12%	7%	16%	5%	27%	15%

Table 6: Share of house type by region from the 2011 census

Given these caveats and limitations on the direct comparison between regions, some headline data at a regional level has been compiled. Both unweighted (raw sample averages) and data weighted by regional and national demographic weighting factors (see Appendix B) has been shown for comparison.

Parameter	Weighting	Count	No. Lights	No. Switches	Sum Watts	No. Rooms	Floor Area
Brisbane	None	40	40.0	27.8	1431	16.1	185.3
Gippsland	None	30	40.2	26.0	1267	15.5	145.2
Melbourne	None	40	42.2	25.8	1356	14.5	139.3
Newcastle	None	30	37.6	23.3	1327	15.3	142.6
Sydney	None	40	38.0	21.8	1274	13.3	120.2
Total	None	180	39.7	25.0	1335	14.9	146.8

Table 7: Headline parameters by region from the 2016 lighting audit (unweighted)

Note: Floor area includes outdoor areas.

Table 8: Headline parameters by region from the 2016 lighting audit (weighted by region)

Note: Floor area includes outdoor areas.

Table 9: Indoor parameters by region (unweighted)

Table 10: Indoor parameters by region (weighted by region)

The next obvious parameter to examine is the overall share of lamp technology by region. This has been somewhat simplified into seven basic lighting categories as set out in [Table](#page-52-0) [11](#page-52-0) and [Table 12.](#page-52-1)

Table 11: Share of lighting technologies by region (unweighted)

Parameter	Weighting	Incandescent	Halogen mains	Halogen ELV	CFL	Linear Fluorescent	LED	Other
Brisbane	None	12.7%	18.9%	11.3%	29.7%	11.8%	12.9%	2.8%
Gippsland	None	10.0%	16.8%	12.0%	35.2%	9.2%	16.5%	0.3%
Melbourne	None	13.6%	17.7%	12.8%	25.9%	6.5%	22.9%	0.8%
Newcastle	None	10.3%	12.8%	17.6%	30.3%	10.0%	19.1%	0.0%
Sydney	None	17.3%	14.9%	23.3%	28.7%	5.7%	10.1%	0.0%
Total	None	13.1%	16.4%	15.3%	29.6%	8.5%	16.2%	0.9%

Table 12: Share of lighting technologies by region (weighted by region)

The results on technology share show a remarkably uniform penetration by technology across the states. The noticeable points of difference are that Sydney appears to have significantly higher incandescent and halogen penetration when compared to other regions as well as lower linear fluorescent and lower LED. This trend is not evident in Newcastle. Melbourne has a significantly higher LED share, but the CFL share is lower, which means that the average efficacy is similar to other regions. The final comparison is the overall

efficacy of lighting by region. Both average efficacy of all lamps (not weighted by use) and average efficacy weighted by use is shown in [Table 13.](#page-53-0)

Table 13: Lighting efficacy by region

Note: All efficacy units are in lm/W.

The householder questionnaire asked whether any organisations had come to visit in the last five years to replace light bulbs. The questionnaire also asked householders whether had been any major changes to the lighting systems in the past five years. [Table 14](#page-53-1) sets out the headline results at a regional level.

Notes: Efficacy values are lm/W. Weighted values take into account householder nominated usage of each lamp. All values exclude heat lamps.

There are a number of key points of interest in [Table 14.](#page-53-1)

- Around one third of all houses appear to have been visited in Victoria (presumably under the VEET scheme) whereas only about 10% of houses have been visited in the other states (there is no formal scheme in NSW or Queensland but private and NGO operators may be present).
- The average number of lamps replaced in Victoria was about 20 to 25, whereas this is 5 to 11 in the other states.
- Houses that claim to have had a visit in Victoria are on average 40% to 50% higher efficacy (unweighted and weighted) when compared with houses that had not had a visit.
- Houses that claim to have had a visit in Newcastle are on average 25% higher efficiency (unweighted and weighted) when compared with houses that had not had a visit (note that this is a small sample of just 3 houses or 10% so there may be some sample bias).
- Houses that claim to have had a visit in Sydney and Brisbane showed no improvement in efficacy (unweighted and weighted) when compared with houses that had not had a visit (again note the relatively small sample for each).
- Houses that indicated that they had undertaken major renovations in the past 5 years in Victoria are on average 30% higher efficacy (weighted) when compared with houses that had not had a visit.
- Houses that indicated that they had undertaken major renovations in the past 5 years in Brisbane are on average about 15% higher efficacy (weighted) when compared with houses that had not had a visit.
- Houses that indicated that they had undertaken major renovations in the past 5 years in NSW are on average about 5% higher efficacy (weighted) when compared with houses that had not had a visit.

This data suggests that programs such as VEET, which have reached more than 30% of Victorian households, are having a significant impact on the overall lighting efficacy in the residential sector. The impact of major lighting upgrades also appears to have the potential to improve overall efficacy to some extent. The result in Victoria for renovations may reveal some cross correlation between VEET visits and the interpretation of major lighting changes (7 out of 24 respondents in Victoria answered yes to both questions) rather than a state specific improvement in lighting efficacy from renovations in Victoria, but the rate of renovation was lower than in other states.

4. Detailed Results by Room Type

Overview

Results are reported for the room aggregations as outlined in Section 2. It is important to understand not only the results for the whole house, but also for these individual room types, as key trends and findings may only become apparent after analysis has been completed for this level. Detailed results from the survey are split into several sections:

- Living rooms;
- Sleeping rooms;
- Indoor-other rooms; and
- Outdoors.

A range of characteristics are reported for each room type, corresponding with the key interests concerning lighting (note that usage related aspects are reported in Section 6):

- Numbers and electrical connection:
	- —Lamp numbers;
	- —Switch numbers;
	- —Lamp numbers fixed, plug;
	- —Lamp share fixed, plug.
- Room and area:
	- —Number of rooms;
	- —Floor area;
	- —Room share;
	- —Area share;
	- —Lamps per m^2 ;
	- —Lamps per room.
- Watts:
	- —Total Watts;
	- —Power Density (Watts/m2);
	- —Power Density (Watts/m²) fixed, plug.
- Lumens:
	- —Lumens total;
	- —Lighting Density (lm/m2);
	- —Lighting Density (lm/m^2) fixed, plug.

These key parameters are set out in [Table 15](#page-56-0) and [Table 16.](#page-57-0)

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor Other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	36.6	13.2	7.8	8.1	7.4
Number of Switches	23.7	6.7	6.1	6.3	4.6
Number of Fixed Lamps	32.9	12.3	5.6	8.0	7.1
Number of Plug Lamps	3.6	1.0	2.2	0.1	0.3
Number of Rooms	14.5	3.2	3.3	5.7	2.4
Floor Area (m ²)	140.0	56.7	39.3	28.3	15.7
Share of all Rooms	100%	21.9%	22.6%	39.2%	16.4%
Share of all Floor Area	100%	40.5%	28.1%	20.2%	11.2%
Lamps per $m2$ (indoor)	0.23	0.23	0.20	0.29	N/A
Lamps per Room	0.10	4.3	2.4	1.4	N/A
Total Watts	1246.2	385.9	214.2	255.6	390.4
Power Density (Watts/m ²) – Fixed Lamps indoor	6.7	6.3	4.1	11.1	N/A
Power Density (Watts/m ²) – Plug Lamps indoor	0.7	0.6	1.4	0.1	N/A
Lumens	29279	8859	5172	5954	9295
Lighting Density (lm/m^2) – Fixed Lamps indoor	157.0	149	107	243	N/A
Lighting Density (lm/m^2) – Plug Lamps indoor	15.1	12	28	$\overline{2}$	N/A

Table 15: Key lighting parameters by location

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns. Excludes heat lamps.

Average Per House	Incand- escent.	Halogen ΜV	Halogen ELV	CFL integral	CFL plug-in	Linear Fluor- escent	Circular Fluor- escent	LED Direct- ional	LED Direct- ional ELV	LED Non Direct- ional	Other	Cannot identify low eff	Cannot identify high eff	Total
Whole house count	4.6	6.1	5.3	11.2	0.1	2.7	0.6	2.9	1.6	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	36.6
Living lamp count	1.2	2.3	2.8	3.4	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.5	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	13.2
Sleeping lamp count	0.9	1.4	0.9	3.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.8
Indoor-other count	1.0	1.3	1.1	3.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	8.1
Outdoor lamp count	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.7	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.4
Whole house Watts	335.9	315.1	254.0	154.1	1.8	103.5	20.5	21.0	13.8	12.6	0.4	12.9	0.6	1246
Living Watts	45.1	108.8	133.6	45.1	0.7	15.8	11.4	10.4	7.7	5.1	0.0	2.1	0.1	386
Sleeping Watts	40.1	68.4	43.5	42.0	0.0	6.6	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.8	0.4	2.9	0.1	214
Indoor-other Watts	72.7	57.1	52.7	42.5	0.7	12.5	5.1	4.7	3.0	0.7	0.0	3.8	0.1	256
Outdoor Watts	178.0	80.8	24.3	24.5	0.4	68.6	1.5	3.2	0.7	4.0	0.0	4.1	0.2	390
Whole house Lumens	2999	4084	2875	8730	78	6282	1042	1364	784	822	$\mathbf{3}$	176	40	29279
Living Lumens	399	1359	1515	2551	26	945	581	678	441	329	\mathbf{O}	27	8	8859
Sleeping Lumens	365	906	486	2367	$\mathbf{1}$	385	128	170	134	182	3 ¹	38	6	5172
Indoor-other Lumens	631	706	598	2419	31	733	253	306	167	48	\mathbf{O}	52	10	5954
Outdoor Lumens	1604	1114	277	1392	19	4219	79	210	42	262	\mathbf{O}	59	16	9295

Table 16: Average House Summary - lamp number and characteristics by technology and location

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns.

Living

These are generally the high use areas of a house, and as such, are one of the most interesting areas in terms of lighting technologies and lighting levels. It is expected that householders would spend the largest amount of time in these areas, both during the day and evening hours. Unlike sleeping areas, living areas are focal points of household activity for the purposes of cooking, eating, entertainment and family activities. The living area is an aggregation of the:

- Dining:
- Kitchen;
- Lounge:
- Kitchen/Living; and
- Living-other.

The living area analysis presented here has been split into two sections – average values and frequency distributions – for different lamp and room characteristics.

Living Areas - Key Parameters

[Table 15](#page-56-0) and [Table 16](#page-57-0) show all the key parameters. The average number of lamps in living areas was just over 13 per house, with 12.3 of these being fixed lamps. Lamps in living areas were found on 6.7 switches, indicating that around 2 lamps were controlled by each switch.

The average number of living rooms per house was just over 3 per house, although this includes open space living areas as well. The average living room floor area per house was found to be 57 m2, a sizeable proportion of the total space in a house. The share of all floor area shows this more clearly, as living areas made over 40% of the average house. There were around 4.3 lamps per room, with 0.23 lamps per m2.

Total watts in living rooms was 386 per house, with the majority due to fixed lamps (almost 90%). Plug lamps only contributed around 10% of the share of total Watts. The power density for living rooms was found to be 6.3 Watts/m2. Again, most of this average was due to fixed lamps.

The average lumen output in living areas was almost 9,000, with the majority due to fixed lamps (over 90%). Lighting density in living areas had an average of 160 lm/m2, with the majority of this (almost 149 lm/m2) being due to fixed lamps.

Of the houses sampled, some 43 had a separate kitchen. A separate kitchen is defined as a space that is separate from adjacent living areas (usually with its own walls and often a door). 139 houses had open plan kitchens (noting that 2 houses in the sample had 2 kitchens). Open plan kitchens often had no clear boundary or delineation between the kitchen itself, and the adjacent living area. Lights were often providing illumination to both spaces, so it was not always possible to allocate a specific light to one space or the other. In some cases, kitchens and adjacent living areas were counted as a single space

(kitchen/living). While it is possible to calculate specific lighting parameters for separate kitchens, this only represents less than 25% of households, so is of limited value.

Living Areas - Frequency Distributions

[Figure 24](#page-59-0) shows the number of lamps (both fixed and plug) in the living areas of houses. The highest percentage of houses (around 13%), had more than 6 and up to 8 lamps. Although numbers ranged significantly, the majority of houses were found to have more than 4 and up to 22 lamps in living areas. A smaller number of houses had more than 30 lamps.

Figure 24: Distribution of lamps counts in living areas for all houses

[Figure 25](#page-59-1) shows the number of fixed lamps found in living areas in houses. Around half of houses were found to have less than 10 fixed lamps in living areas. Only a handful of houses had more than 30 lamps in living areas.

Figure 25: Distribution of fixed lamps in living areas for all houses

[Figure 26](#page-60-0) shows the number of plug lamps found in living areas in houses. Most houses (77%), had none or only 1 plug lamp. Another 13% of houses were found to have 2 plug lamps, with a smaller number having either 3 or 4. A small percentage of houses had between 5 and 9.

[Figure 27](#page-61-0) shows the number of living rooms per house. About 34% of houses were found to have 3 living areas (most probably a kitchen and a lounge). About 25% had 2 or 4 living areas, with about 10% having 5 or more. When comparing to the 2010 audit, it should be noted that in most houses with an open plan kitchen, the kitchen/living was counted as a single space whereas in 2016 the kitchen was usually separately recorded from any open plan living area (even though in practical terms these were the same space).

Figure 27: Distribution of living rooms per house for all houses

[Figure 28](#page-61-1) shows the average living room floor area per house. Living area floor areas from 25m2 to 75m2 were common. The minimum floor area was around 20 m2, and the maximum was found to be around 150 m².

Figure 28: Distribution of living area floor area (m2) for all houses

[Figure 29](#page-62-0) shows the average power density for living areas. About two thirds of houses had a lower power density (up to $7W/m^2$) centred on about 4 W/m², while the remaining third had half of houses a higher power density (above $7W/m^2$) centred on about 12 W/m². This suggests very different diffusion of efficient lighting technologies in each group.

Figure 29: Distribution of living area power density for all houses

[Figure 30](#page-63-0) shows the range of total lumens in living areas in houses. This is of limited value as the total lumens will be strongly correlated to floor area. Most houses lay in the range 6,000 to 18,000 lumens. When comparing these values to the 2010 audit, it needs to be understood that lumen output was probably somewhat overestimated in 2010 due to fairly simplistic assumptions on efficacy by technology. In general terms, lighting levels from 2010 need to be scaled by about 0.8 to be equivalent to 2016 levels (although this varies by technology). This is discussed in more detail in the section that compares 2010 to 2016 results (Section 8).

[Figure 31](#page-63-1) shows the lighting density for the living areas in houses. The majority of houses had an average lighting density in the range 100 and 200 lm/m². About 16% of houses were below these lighting density levels and about 22% of houses were above these levels.

Figure 31: Distribution of living area lighting density for all houses

Sleeping

It is expected that householders would spend a reasonably large amount of time in sleeping areas, although in differing periods of the day/night. Many of the hours will be during sleep periods with no lighting. The sleeping area is an aggregation of the:

- Bedroom; and
- Study (this was included as these spaces were assumed to have a similar interest and use profile as bedrooms and often these were used interchangeably).

Bedroom lighting use may differ from study lighting use, although it is not expected to affect the analysis as the prevalence of these rooms is fairly low.

[Table 15](#page-56-0) and [Table 16](#page-57-0) show all the key parameters for sleeping areas. The average number of lamps was found to be just about 8 per house, with 5.6 of these being fixed lamps (around 75%). These lights were found on 6.1 switches.

The average number of sleeping rooms per house was found to be 3.3 (almost 23% of all rooms). The average sleeping room floor area per house was 39.3 m², almost 30% of the average house. There were just over 2.4 lamps per room, with 0.2 lamps per m2.

Sleeping rooms had a total average of 214 Watts per house, with the majority of these due to fixed lamps (around 75%). The power density for sleeping rooms was found to be 5.5 Watts/m², with 4.1 Watts/m² of this being due to fixed lamps.

The average lumen output was around 5100, with around 80% this from fixed lamps. Sleeping areas had a lighting density of 135 lm/m^2 , with the majority of this (80%) being from fixed lamps.

Indoor-other

These are a collection of 'intermediate use' areas of a house, which for lighting may mean 'on/off' type use for short durations in many cases. It is not expected that there would be any strong pattern to this usage (time of day or otherwise), even by room type, except for bathrooms.

The indoor-other area is an aggregation of the:

- Bathroom:
- Foyer-inside;
- Hallway;
- Laundry;
- Stairwell;
- Storage Room;
- Toilet;
- Walk-in Robe; and
- Other-inside.

This rather eclectic mix of rooms has been aggregated into one space, as it is expected that analysis at an individual room level (for any room type) would not provide useful or meaningful results. Compared to living or sleeping areas, these are normally small sized rooms, probably with a lower number of lamps per room and on average are likely to have fairly low usage. However, this category of room type is the most numerous in an average home.

[Table 15](#page-56-0) and [Table 16](#page-57-0) show all the key parameters for indoor-other areas. The average number of lamps was just 8 per house, with most being fixed lamps (around 99%). These lights were found on 6.3 switches.

On average there were almost 6 indoor-other rooms per house, with a total average floor area of around 28 m2. The share of all rooms was almost 40%, with the share of floor area found to make up just over 20% of the average house. There were 1.4 lamps per room, with 0.29 lamps per m2.

Total lamp power was 256 W per house, with the majority of these due to fixed lamps (99%). Indoor-other rooms had a power density of 11 Watts/m2, with almost all of this being due to fixed lamps. These figures exclude heat lamps.

The average lumens in indoor-other spaces was almost 6,000, with most of this being due to fixed lamps (around 99%). Indoor-other rooms had a lighting density of 243 lm/m2, with almost all of this being due to fixed lamps. These figures exclude heat lamps.

Outdoor

These are a collection of probably rare and intermediate use areas of a house, which for lighting may mean either 'on/off' type use for short durations (including through sensors), or infrequent use in many cases. The outside area is an aggregation of:

- Garage;
- Other-outside;
- Outside-general; and
- Veranda.

[Table 15](#page-56-0) and [Table 16](#page-57-0) show all the key parameters for outdoor areas. The average number of lamps was 7.4 per house, with around 7.1 of these being fixed lamps (95%). Outdoor area lights were controlled by 4.6 switches.

There was an average of 2.4 outdoor 'spaces' (distinct areas in which lamps were located) per house. However, in many cases these included large areas or areas they were not well defined (garden, backyard, front of house etc.). The average floor area per house was about 15.7 m2 (garages, some sheds and under house areas), but it needs to be noted that the floor area of many outdoor spaces was not recorded as there was no logical or distinct boundary that could be measured, so the outdoor floor area is often not measured (or may be ill defined) and the values that are recorded needs to be treated with some caution as they are incomplete. The share of all floor area for outdoor areas was 11% of the average house (noting the above caveats). There were just over 3 lamps per space.

Outdoor areas had an average total power of just over 390 W per house, with the majority due to fixed lamps (almost 95%).

The average Lumens was around 9,000 with 95% being due to fixed lamps. The results for this space type are influenced by the prevalence of higher power incandescent and halogen (mains voltage) spotlights (not currently subject to MEPS), which are often used to light up outdoor areas for short periods and occasionally for entertainment.

Overview

The mix of lamp technology has a large influence on the lighting energy consumption of a house. Different technologies have differing efficacy levels and sometimes different dominant fitting types. Size, lamp shape and direction of light output are the most important factors that impact on the ability to retrofit when attempting to increase the general efficiency of lighting. They also impact on the ability of the householder to alter the lighting makeup or mood of their house. [Figure 10,](#page-37-0) [Figure 11](#page-38-0) and [Figure 12](#page-38-1) give a detailed breakdown of lamp count, power and lumens by technology. This section provides more detail on each of the main lighting technologies found in Australian homes.

The values reported in this section give the average number of lamps per house, when averaged across all houses. The number of lamps per house varies considerably by technology. Some of the headline data in terms of the count of houses by number of lamps per house is given in [Table 17.](#page-67-0) The distribution by technology needs to be considered when analysing each technology. For example, only 7% of houses do not have any CFLs, while about 40% of houses have no LED lamps at all. Almost 60% of houses now have no halogen ELV lights installed.

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns. All columns add to 100%.

Incandescent

Incandescent lamps are the original technology for producing light using electricity. They produce light by heating a tungsten filament to a high temperature until it glows. In terms of the general conversion of energy to light, this technology is low efficacy due to the high amount of heat produced by the process. Australian Governments introduced regulations to phase out incandescent as a mainstream lighting technology in 2009, however some types (MV reflector, and candle, decorative and fancy round \leq 25W) are currently outside the scope of MEPS and remain available.

[Table 18](#page-68-0) shows the findings for incandescent lamps, by household area. Incandescent lamps made up about 12% of lamps, with 4.6 lamps per house.

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	4.6	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.5
Watts Total	335.9	45.1	40.1	72.7	178.0
Watts per Lamp	72.4	38.9	43.2	72.3	115.3
Lumens Total	2999	399	365	631	1604
Lumens per lamp	647	343	394	628	1039
Estimated Efficacy lm/W	8.9	8.8	9.1	8.7	9.0

Table 18: Detailed results – incandescent technology

Halogen

Halogen lamps produce light by heating a metal filament to a high temperature until it glows (similar to incandescent lamps), although they also contain a small amount of halogen gas inside a sealed capsule to increase filament lifetime and which allows operating temperature to increase (and therefore intensity). Halogen lamps are also similar to incandescent lamps in that electrical energy to light conversion is relatively poor due to the amount of heat produced. However, halogen lamps are slightly more efficient than incandescents.

Many householders appear to hold misconceptions concerning halogen lamps that they are an energy efficient form of lighting. This was found in a significant minority of households.

Halogen downlights (MR16) were very popular in the 2010 audit, but they are starting to be replaced by LED options. In the 2010 audit, mains voltage halogens (both MR16 types and more general lighting service lamps) were fairly unusual, however mains voltage halogen for general lighting are now fairly common in houses, being the cheapest replacement lamp type.

This section outlines the findings for both mains voltage and extra low voltage halogen lamps.

[Table 19](#page-69-0) shows the findings for mains voltage halogen lamps, by household area. Mains voltage halogen lamps made up 16% of all lamps in houses, with just over 6 per house. The majority of these were general lighting lamps.

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	6.1	2.3	1.4	1.3	1.1
Watts Total	315.1	108.8	68.4	57.1	80.8
Watts per Lamp	51.6	47.0	48.6	44.9	73.0
Lumens Total	4084	1359	906	706	1114
Lumens per lamp	669	587	643	555	1007
Estimated Efficacy lm/W	13.0	12.5	13.2	12.4	13.8

Table 19: Detailed results – mains voltage halogen technology

[Table 20](#page-69-1) shows the findings for extra low voltage halogen lamps, by household area. Extra low voltage halogen lamps made up 14% of all lamps in houses, with 5.3 per house, which is a significant decline since 2010. Most of this technology will be flush mounted downlights, with some being desk lamps and applications such as range hoods.

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	5.3	2.8	0.9	1.1	0.5
Watts Total	254.0	133.6	43.5	52.7	24.3
Watts per Lamp	47.6	47.5	47.3	47.4	48.6
Lumens Total	2875	1515	486	598	277
Lumens per lamp	539	539	529	538	554
Estimated Efficacy lm/W	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.3	11.4

Table 20: Detailed results – extra low voltage halogen technology

Note: The power and efficacy values include the power associated with transformer losses. The average nominal power of all ELV halogen lamps (before transformer losses are added) is 39.1W.

Compact Fluorescent

Compact fluorescent lamps use standard fluorescent technology. Compact fluorescent lamps have both electrical connections at one end (so called 'single ended' lamps, which have at least several, and sometimes many, bends in the tube), while linear fluorescent lamps have electrical connections at each end (so called 'double-ended' lamps, usually straight tubes, but they can be circular). Fluorescent lamps use an electric discharge to excite mercury vapour atoms inside a tube, which in turn emits ultraviolet light. The UV light interacts with the surface of the tube, which is coated with a phosphorescent substance, causing it to fluoresce, and thereby creating visible light on the outside of the tube. Unlike incandescent and halogen lamps, this physical reaction is substantially more efficient at converting electricity to visible light.

Fluorescent lamps can produce different colours of light, ranging from warm colours similar to incandescent lamp technologies (2700k to 3000K colour temperature – warm white) to cool white (usually around 4500K or more – so called daylight). The colour depends on the mix of phosphors used in the lamp coating. Most fluorescent lamps may take a little bit of time to reach full light output, especially in cold ambient conditions. The light distribution may also be different, depending on the tube configuration and lamp orientation.

Compact fluorescent lamps have much lower power use compared to both incandescent and halogen lamps (lower running costs), and therefore generally have lower associated $CO₂$ emissions. They also have increased lifetimes. For these reasons, there has been a push by both energy retailers and government (at all levels) to increase household ownership and installation of compact fluorescent lamps.

[Table 21](#page-70-0) shows the findings for integral compact fluorescent lamps, by household area. Integral lamps are where the lamp and the ballast cannot be separated. [Table 22](#page-71-0) shows the findings for separate compact fluorescent lamps (a separate ballast and plug in replacement lamp). These were found in some houses, but were relatively rare. Compact fluorescent lamps in aggregate were found to make up almost 30% of all lamps in houses, with over 11 per house.

Table 22: Detailed results – compact fluorescent technology (separate lamps)

Linear Fluorescent

Linear fluorescent lamps, colloquially known as 'tubes', work in the same manner as compact fluorescent lamps. They are also much better at the general conversion of energy to light, due to the low amount of heat produced (currently better than most other domestic technologies, except newer LED). In general terms, linear fluorescent lamps are more efficient than CFLs due to the larger tube surface area and the straight tube configuration. For this study, straight and circular double ended lamps are separately reported, but are generally referred to as linear fluorescents.

The technology has been in service for a long time, and historically they were widely used in kitchens and living areas in homes, although they are less common in newer homes. Linear fluorescents are widely used in commercial settings such as offices and shops. Linear fluorescent lamps tend to produce a cool white light compared to an incandescent lamp, which householders can view as 'harsh', although warm white models are now common. This lighting technology appears to be more often installed in spaces where task lighting rather than mood lighting is required (kitchens and garages are good examples).

[Table 23](#page-72-0) shows the findings for linear fluorescent lamps (straight tubes), by household area while [Table 24](#page-72-1) shows the findings for circular fluorescent lamps by household area. Linear fluorescent lamps (straight tubes) made up 7% of all lamps in houses while circular fluorescent lamps made up 1.5%.

Table 23: Detailed results – straight linear fluorescent technology

Table 24: Detailed results – circular linear fluorescent technology

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0
Watts Total	20.5	11.4	2.4	5.1	1.5
Watts per Lamp	35.9	38.0	34.2	33.0	33.6
Lumens Total	1042	581	128	253	79
Lumens per lamp	1825	1933	1795	1651	1740
Estimated Efficacy lm/W	50.9	50.8	52.5	50.0	51.9

LED

Light Emitting Diodes, commonly known as LED lamps, are relative new comers to lighting in the residential sector. Historically, this technology has been used for signalling (i.e. in appliances – mode lights) and they have tended to be red, yellow or green in colour, rather than as a pure white light source. Technical development of blue LED lights in recent years has meant that LED lights are now widely available for domestic and commercial applications. LEDs can work by mixing 3 coloured LEDs together to make white light (less common and lower efficacy due to lower efficacy of red and greed LEDs), or more commonly use a blue LED (with significant output in the UV spectrum) in combination with a fluorescent material to make white light (similar to fluorescent lamps). While the assumed efficacy of the stock of LEDs in this report is around 65 lm/W, the newest commercially available mainstream products are over 100 lm/W. A range of commercially available systems can now achieve 150 lm/W and it is expected that mainstream products will exceed 200 lm/W by 2020 (laboratory results are already at about 350 lm/W).

LED lamps are now a realistic alternative to other types of general domestic lighting. Costs have been falling rapidly and efficacy has been climbing steeply. LED lamps are still

relatively expensive for general service lights, but they are rapidly becoming more affordable as sales volumes increase. New installations of downlights (new luminaires) are now almost all LED. The technology is continuing to go through rapid developments (both in terms of efficacy improvements and price reductions).

The following tables show the findings for LED lamps by household area. LED lamps made up 14.5% of all lamps in houses, with an average of 5.6 per house. LED lamps have been split into LED directional mains voltage [\(Table 25](#page-73-0) - mostly downlights), LED directional extra low voltage [\(Table 26-](#page-73-1) mostly downlights, usually a replacement for an ELV halogen downlight) and LED non-directional [\(Table 27](#page-74-0) - a mixture of general lighting service and a range of fluorescent replacements, usually mains voltage). The assumed efficacy of extra low voltage systems is lower due to transformer/driver losses.

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	2.9	1.5	0.4	0.6	0.4
Watts Total	21.0	10.4	2.6	4.7	3.2
Watts per Lamp	7.3	7.1	6.6	7.3	8.8
Lumens Total	1364	678	170	306	210
Lumens per lamp	474	460	430	474	574
Estimated Efficacy lm/W	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0

Table 25: Detailed results – LED directional (mains voltage)

Table 26: Detailed results – LED directional (extra low voltage)

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	1.6	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.1
Watts Total	13.8	7.7	2.4	3.0	0.7
Watts per Lamp	8.8	9.0	8.8	9.7	5.3
Lumens Total	784	441	134	167	42
Lumens per lamp	499	519	492	543	298
Estimated Efficacy lm/W	56.7	57.4	55.9	55.7	56.8

Table 27: Detailed results – LED non-directional

Other lighting technologies

A range of other lighting technologies were present in households. Heat lamps were present in about 50% of homes and all were located in bathrooms. These use an incandescent reflector lamp to provide heat in the shower recess. Typically these have a rated power of 275W, although some other power levels were present in some cases. Typically these were in banks of 2 (one switch) or 4 (two switches). Details for heat lamps are shown in [Table 28.](#page-74-1) Note that the primary purpose of these lamps is heating rather than lighting.

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0
Watts Total	473.9	0.0	0.0	473.9	0.0
Watts per Lamp	277.4	0.0	0.0	277.4	0.0
Lumens Total	4849	$\mathbf 0$	Ω	4849	Ω
Lumens per lamp	2838			2838	
Estimated Efficacy lm/W	10.2			10.2	

Table 28: Detailed results – heat lamps

In a few cases, it was not possible to definitively identify a lighting technology. This was usually where a lamp was located in an inaccessible position or behind a diffuser or cover than could not be readily removed. In these cases, auditors went through a series of steps to identify whether the lighting technology was likely to be low efficacy (incandescent or halogen) or high efficacy (fluorescent or LED). Parameters such as colour, switch-on characteristics, switch off characteristics, heat emitted, brightness, power (for plug-in lamps) and light frequency (flicker meter) were all assessed. In cases where the lamp was probably and incandescent or halogen, the lamp was assigned as *Cannot Identify Low*

Efficacy and where the lamp was probably LED or fluorescent, the lamp was assigned as *Cannot Identify High Efficacy*. Compact fluorescent lamps with an electronic ballast can be definitively identified with a flicker meter (high frequency signal). Low frequency signals were either CFLs in magnetic ballasts or LEDs (linear fluorescents were generally readily identifiable by their shape). Low efficacy lamps were assumed to be halogen and high efficacy lamps were assumed to be LED. Appendix A provides more detail and background on identification. The results are shown in [Table 29](#page-75-0) and [Table 30.](#page-75-1)

Table 30: Detailed results – cannot identify high efficacy

Parameter	Whole house	Living	Sleeping	Indoor- other	Outdoor
Number of Lamps	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Watts Total	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Watts per Lamp	11.4	8.8	7.5	13.1	15.5
Lumens Total	40	8	6	10	16
Lumens per lamp	741	574	488	849	1010
Estimated Efficacy lm/W	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0

Cap types, lighting technology and fittings

The lamp cap connects the lamp to the light fitting and the electricity supply. Understanding lamp cap types is important when considering retrofit options for lighting in homes. A wide range of cap types are available, dependent to a large extent on the

technology and the light fitting (see Appendix A). This section sets out the available information collected during the 2016 audit.

As a general rule, auditors did not touch or remove lamps from the light fitting, so there were many cases where the lamp cap was not definitively identified. However, in a significant number of cases, the lamp cap could be identified where the base was visible, or where the householder was able to identify the cap type (through knowing or showing a replacement lamp). Cap types are mainly of interest for mains voltage lamps where different technologies can provide the same service in the same light fitting using a compatible cap. Some lamp types require specific input voltage requirements, so cap types can be used to limit the type of lamp that can be used in a luminaire or fitting to ensure that they are compatible (e.g. low voltage halogen, various fluorescent lamps). Therefore the cap type can also be used to determine whether the lamp is ELV or mains power and in some cases, the lighting technology.

The following lamps types all use the same cap type, so there is no value in separately reporting the audit findings:

- Halogen extra low voltage and LED extra low voltage all use G4-5.3 (12V) caps
- CFL plug in lamps with separate ballasts all use standard caps (depending on the lamp power and size) (the more common caps include 2G11, G24q, G24d and GR10q – see AS/NZS4783.1)
- Linear fluorescent lamps (and LED replacements in a fluorescent lamp luminaire) all use G13 caps (double ended FD lamps)
- Circular fluorescent lamps (and LED replacements in a fluorescent lamp luminaire) all use G10q caps
- Virtually all heat lamps use E27 caps.

[Table 31](#page-76-0) shows the share of cap types that were identified by lighting technology. The share of cap type, where identified by lighting technology, is shown in [Table 32.](#page-77-0) A total of 61/1160 LEDs were integrated lamps (i.e. had no cap) across the three LED technologies.

Table 31: Identified cap types by lamp technology

Note: Sample is not weighted to take account of demographic factors.

Table 32: Share of identified cap types by lighting technology

Note: No cap is for integrated LED lamps with no replacement parts. Sample is not weighted to take account of demographic factors. Rows add to 100%.

[Table 33](#page-78-0) shows identified cap types by lamp fitting type. This is useful information with respect to lamp retrofits.

Note: No cap is for integrated LED lamps with no replacement parts. Sample is not weighted to take account of demographic factors. Total lamps = 7,448.

[Table 34](#page-79-0) shows lamp fitting by lighting technology.

Table 34: Count of lamp fitting type by lighting technology

Note: Sample is not weighted to take account of demographic factors. Total lamps = 7,448.

Lamp shapes

Lamp shape is an important consideration when attempting to retrofit a specific technology in a luminaire. The overall results of lamp shape by major lighting technologies are included in [Table 35.](#page-80-0)

Lamp shape	Incandescent (tungsten)	Halogen mains	Halogen ELV	LED non- directional
A shape	36%	33%	0%	42%
Candle	14%	6%	0%	10%
Fancy Round	7%	4%	0%	3%
Globe	1%	0%	0%	3%
Filament	1%	0%	0%	1%
Capsule/pilot	8%	12%	8%	5%
Reflector	31%	39%	92%	0%
Other	2%	7%	1%	34%
Total lamps	932	1172	1085	205

Table 35: Summary of lamp shapes by lighting technology

Note: Sample is not weighted to take account of demographic factors.

Around 70% of integral ballast CFLs were found to spirals while 23% were bare sticks. The remaining CFLs were a range of shapes, including candles, globes and reflectors.

Number of lamps blown or no lamp present

It wasn't unusual to find fittings in houses with blown or no lamp installed. There is a mix of reasons why this occurs:

- householders intended to change the lamp, but hadn't got around to it;
- the lamp was in an area where light wasn't needed and therefore a lamp hadn't been installed or replaced, or there was too much light (intentional de-lamping);
- the lamp was inaccessible (this occurred in spaces with very high ceilings, for example)
- the fitting was a multi-lamp array, and the householders had made a conscious decision not to install all lamps (due to energy, light requirements or other reasons).

[Table 36](#page-81-0) shows the findings for missing or blown lamps by number and space. There was 1.45 missing or blown lamp on average per house, equating to about 4% in addition to all working lamps in a house. During the audit, the room where the missing/blown lamp was found was always recorded. However, details of the light flitting type were not usually recorded and such details were not ported into the database.

Table 36: Missing or blown lamp - number by space

Note: Sample is not weighted to take account of demographic factors. Sample share shown is percentage of missing/not working lights in addition to all working lamps in a house.

A review of regional data showed that the number of lamps blown or missing in Brisbane was significantly higher than other regions at 2.6 per house. Data for other regions was Gippsland 1.8, Melbourne 1.1, Newcastle 1.3 and Sydney 0.45 lights per house blown or missing. It is unclear why there would be any difference between regions.

Overview

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User behaviour is the largest driver of energy consumption in lighting: if a light is switched off, it isn't using any energy (there are some exceptions, but generally this is true[7](#page-82-0)). Investigating and understanding user behaviour is generally a difficult task. For the 2016 audit, householders were asked to nominate the usage (in hours per day on average over a year) that each light was on for every light in the house. This usage data was then recorded against each lamp by the auditor in the audit instrument. While this took a little while to complete, it did provide excellent quantitative data on usage. The auditor was able to systematically ask about every light that had been logged during the audit.

While this method is considered to be reasonably robust, there are a number of caveats and limitations that need to be noted. Firstly, this type if survey, while comprehensive, relies on recall to provide an accurate answer. This type of recall can be quite inaccurate in some cases as it is difficult to make such an assessment over a whole year. There is also probably some inherent bias in the responses as householders are aware that the lighting audit is examining energy and efficiency, so there may be an unconscious tendency to understate the hours of use to look as environmentally friendly as possible. Another factor is that most of the audits were conducted in summer and early autumn when days are longer – this may bias householder responses to some extent.

The general impression, after discussion with auditors, was that some householders appear to underestimate the use of the main lights in the house by a considerable margin, while others appear to give what appear to be fairly realistic assessments of usage. While there is no quantitative data to support our view, it is estimated that hours of use may be underestimate by as much as 50% in some houses and about 25% overall. Note that no overall adjustment to the lighting use has been made in the values reported. The underestimation (where it occurs) appears to be most important on the higher usage lights in living areas. Nominated usage of low usage lights is probably reasonably accurate.

⁷ Lamps that use an extra low voltage transformer where the user switch is on the low voltage side will use some power when the light is off. There may also be some power consumed in cases where lights are turned off with a dimmer (rather than a mains switch). Some plug-in lamps have only a dimmer control and no off switch. Some LED 'smart' lamps can be switched off remotely via a mobile phone or dedicated controller. If these lamps are left on at the wall switch in order to take advantage of this functionality, they will consume standby power.

Some auditors found that when usage of each light was asked of couples together, that this elicited some discussion and generally a consensus value (that appeared to be more realistic) was eventually recorded. However, this did make this part of the audit a little slower (typically 5 sec per light without discussion, around 15 sec per light with discussion).

Despite the obvious limitations of this method in terms of absolute accuracy, it does provide an extremely robust assessment of the relative use of each light in each house. This is very important in assessing the efficacy of lighting as used (rather than as installed). Applying data on usage allows an estimate of the lighting energy consumption to be made, as well as a quantitative assessment of the lighting service provided. These are very valuable pieces of data that were not available from the previous lighting audit in 2010.

Usage results

Usage is most usefully broken down into frequency distribution tables. This provides a better sense of the variation in use than can be provided by mean usage values (which are important, but provide little insight). The key results (unweighted) are set out in [Table 37,](#page-84-0) while the results weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors for whole house and by location are set out [Table 38](#page-85-0) to [Table 42.](#page-89-0)

This data shows that about half of all lamps are used less than 0.5 hours a day, while 22% of lamps are used two hours or more per day, as illustrated in [Figure 32.](#page-83-0)

Figure 32: Distribution of lamp usage in an average home (all lamps)

Note: Includes all lamps, usage in hours per day, data has been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

Average Usage Per House (h/day)	Incand- escent.	Halogen MV	Halogen ELV	CFL integral	CFL plug-in	Linear Fluor- escent	Circular Fluor- escent	LED Direct- ional	LED Direct- ional ELV	LED Non Direct- ional	Other	Cannot identify low eff	Cannot identify high eff	Total
$0 \le h < 0.05$	252	232	192	380	11	124	13	91	64	15	3	4	\mathbf{O}	1381
$0.05 \leq h \leq 0.25$	321	337	265	429	\mathbf{O}	141	19	129	44	28	\mathbf{O}	17	$\overline{2}$	1732
$0.25 \le h \le 0.5$	71	57	63	142	\mathbf{O}	29	$\overline{4}$	33	$\overline{2}$	10	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$		413
$0.5 \leq h \leq 1$	87	183	123	338	$\overline{2}$	60	12	75	28	39	$\mathbf 0$	7	4	958
$1 \leq h < 2$	102	155	147	284	$\overline{7}$	38	17	135	30	43		5	4	968
$2 \le h < 24.1$	99	208	302	516	5	107	44	224	100	70	$\overline{2}$	8	$\overline{2}$	1687
Sum of lamps	932	1172	1092	2089	25	499	109	687	268	205	6	42	13	7139
Average h/day/lamp	0.60	0.90	1.23	1.24	0.96	1.31	2.02	1.59	1.43	1.87	1.17	0.92	2.57	1.20
Watt-hours/day	167	279	362	201	$\overline{2}$	135	45	45	19	23		9	$\overline{2}$	1290
Lumen-hours/day	1473	3391	4118	11421	111	8366	2254	2951	1084	1492	$\overline{5}$	125	161	36952
Houses with tech.	151	153	79	166	7	117	46	70	28	53	4	21	9	

Table 37: Average House Summary – usage distribution by technology: whole house (unweighted)

Note: Valves in this table are raw unweighted values. Rows 2 to 7 are a lamp count by technology for the given usage levels in column 1. Apart from this table, all remaining tables in this section have been been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors. Excludes heat lamps.

Average Usage Per House (h/day)	Incand- escent.	Halogen MV	Halogen ELV	CFL integral	CFL plug-in	Linear Fluor- escent	Circular Fluor- escent	LED Direct- ional	LED Direct- ional ELV	LED Non Direct- ional	Other	Cannot identify low eff	Cannot identify high eff	Total
$0 \le h < 0.05$	239	215	178	392	6	127	10	74	67	12 ²	3	6	\mathbf{O}	1330
$0.05 \leq h \leq 0.25$	288	308	249	406	\mathbf{O}	135	18	111	49	25	$\mathbf 0$	18	$\overline{2}$	1608
$0.25 \le h < 0.5$	57	62	55	146	\mathbf{O}	32	5	18	3	11	\mathbf{O}	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	390
$0.5 \leq h \leq 1$	76	172	105	321		54	15	53	37	37	$\mathbf 0$	$\overline{7}$	3	883
$1 \leq h < 2$	97	153	125	280	5	38	15	91	31	36	\mathbf{O}	6	3	880
$2 \le h < 24.1$	78	188	249	474	5	97	41	172	95	79	$\overline{2}$	10	$\mathbf{1}$	1489
Sum of lamps	835	1098	961	2019	17	482	103	519	283	199	6	48	10	6580
Average h/day/lamp	0.53	0.86	1.18	1.20	1.16	1.27	1.79	1.57	1.35	1.99	1.21	1.02	1.81	1.15
Watt-hours/day	141	254	306	187	$\overline{2}$	127	38	33	18	26	1	12	$\mathbf{1}$	1145
Lumen-hours/day	1250	3195	3477	10618	103	7782	1900	2160	1053	1661	$\overline{5}$	153	79	33437
Houses with tech.	151	153	79	166	$\overline{7}$	117	46	70	28	53	4	21	9	

Table 38: Average House Summary – usage distribution by technology: whole house (weighted)

Average Usage Per House (h/day)	Incand- escent.	Halogen MV	Halogen ELV	CFL integral	CFL plug-in	Linear Fluor- escent	Circular Fluor- escent	LED Direct- ional	LED Direct- ional ELV	LED Non Direct- ional	Other	Cannot identify low eff	Cannot identify high eff	Total
$0 \le h < 0.05$	81	46	72	95	$\overline{4}$	5	6	21	22	6	Ω	6	Ω	363
$0.05 \leq h \leq 0.25$	50	90	105	89	\mathbf{o}	15	3	41	12	7	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{O}	$\mathbf 0$	413
$0.25 \le h \le 0.5$	17	28	20	36	$\mathbf 0$		$\mathbf 0$	11	\mathbf{o}	$\mathbf{1}$	\mathbf{O}	$\mathbf 0$	1	116
0.5≤ h < 1	9	62	57	74		8	7	11	30	3	$\mathbf 0$	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{O}	263
$1 \leq h < 2$	29	68	64	69	3	7	5	41	15	10	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{O}	1	313
$2 \le h < 24.1$	22	122	187	240	\mathbf{O}	45	33	140	73	47	$\mathbf 0$	4		915
Sum of lamps	209	417	506	604	$\overline{7}$	82	54	265	153	73	\mathbf{O}	10	3	2383
Average h/day/lamp	0.69	1.32	1.61	1.80	0.44	3.80	2.60	2.42	1.82	3.16	1.00	1.54	5.26	1.86
Watt-hours/day	28	128	220	86	\mathbf{O}	62	29	26	14	16	\mathbf{O}	4	1	613
Lumen-hours/day	242	1426	2508	4919	13	3806	1490	1660	816	1024	\mathbf{O}	51	64	18019
Houses with tech.	80	116	61	132	$\overline{4}$	43	33	48	21	30	1	6	$\overline{4}$	

Table 39: Average House Summary – usage distribution by technology: living areas (weighted)

Average Usage Per House (h/day)	Incand- escent.	Halogen MV	Halogen ELV	CFL integral	CFL plug-in	Linear Fluor- escent	Circular Fluor- escent	LED Direct- ional	LED Direct- ional ELV	LED Non Direct- ional	Other	Cannot identify low eff	Cannot identify high eff	Total
$0 \le h < 0.05$	42	70	31	109	\mathbf{O}	9	$\mathbf{1}$	19	11	3	3	\mathbf{O}	Ω	297
$0.05 \leq h \leq 0.25$	45	56	48	69	\mathbf{O}	10	1	9	18	$\, 8$	\mathbf{O}	$\mathbf{1}$		265
$0.25 \le h \le 0.5$	11	3	7	33	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{o}	$\overline{2}$	3	6	$\mathbf{0}$	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{O}	67
$0.5 \leq h \leq 1$	23	44	17	99	\mathbf{O}	$\overline{2}$	5	11	6	9	$\mathbf 0$	3	\mathbf{O}	219
$1 \leq h < 2$	16	40	23	116	\mathbf{O}	1	1	18	$\mathbf 0$	23	\mathbf{O}	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{2}$	242
$2 \le h < 24.1$	29	41	39	137	\mathbf{O}	12	6	12	11	18	$\overline{2}$	6	\mathbf{o}	312
Sum of lamps	167	253	165	563	\mathbf{O}	34	13	71	49	67	5	13	$\overline{2}$	1403
Average h/day/lamp	0.73	0.80	1.07	1.25	4.00	1.61	1.86	0.94	1.03	1.56	1.22	2.08	0.72	1.10
Watt-hours/day	28	57	46	53	\mathbf{o}	11	5	3	1	$\overline{4}$		6	\mathbf{O}	213
Lumen-hours/day	256	776	507	2986	$\overline{4}$	657	228	175	76	247	$\overline{5}$	72	3	5992
Houses with tech.	77	85	41	149		15	10	23	10	30	3	6	$\overline{2}$	

Table 40: Average House Summary – usage distribution by technology: sleeping areas (weighted)

Average Usage Per House (h/day)	Incand- escent.	Halogen MV	Halogen ELV	CFL integral	CFL plug-in	Linear Fluor- escent	Circular Fluor- escent	LED Direct- ional	LED Direct- ional ELV	LED Non Direct- ional	Other	Cannot identify low eff	Cannot identify high eff	Total
$0 \le h < 0.05$	24	20	45	76	$\overline{2}$	22	3	14	11	$\mathbf{1}$	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{O}	219
$0.05 \leq h \leq 0.25$	57	85	68	137	\mathbf{O}	9	10	32	18	$\overline{4}$	$\mathbf 0$	9	\mathbf{O}	431
$0.25 \le h \le 0.5$	15	14	19	61	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{O}	$\overline{4}$	4	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$	\mathbf{o}	$\mathbf{1}$	Ω	118
$0.5 \leq h < 1$	31	51	23	98		13	4	26	1	3	$\mathbf 0$	$\overline{2}$		253
$1 \leq h < 2$	35	38	28	84	3	15	5	23	16	3	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$		252
$2 \le h < 24.1$	19	21	18	84		11	$\overline{2}$	17	9	6	\mathbf{o}	\mathbf{O}	\mathbf{o}	187
Sum of lamps	181	229	200	541	$7\overline{ }$	70	28	116	55	18	\mathbf{O}	13	$\overline{2}$	1460
Average h/day/lamp	0.66	0.61	0.58	0.96	1.00	0.82	0.56	0.75	0.89	1.37	NULL	0.25	0.66	0.77
Watt-hours/day	45	38	33	39		10	3	4	3	$\mathbf{1}$	\mathbf{o}	$\mathbf{1}$	\mathbf{o}	177
Lumen-hours/day	396	477	372	2221	28	574	150	244	147	48	\mathbf{o}	14	6	4676
Houses with tech.	85	79	42	142	3	40	22	33	14	11	\mathbf{o}	8	3	

Table 41: Average House Summary – usage distribution by technology: indoor other areas (weighted)

Table 42: Average House Summary – usage distribution by technology: outdoor areas (weighted)

Once usage has been weighted against individual lamp characteristics such as power consumption and light output, an interesting pattern emerges. The first observation is that inefficient lighting technologies (primarily incandescent and halogen) account for around two thirds of the lighting energy consumption in an average home. In contrast, these technologies only provide less than one quarter of the useful light output (in lumen-hours). While low efficacy technologies are present in significant numbers in the stock, they tend to be used much less than high efficacy technologies. Despite this, they still dominate total lighting energy consumption. This illustrates that there is still a significant energy saving potential for lighting in the residential sector.

Figure 33: Share of energy consumption (Wh/day) in an average house

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

Figure 34: Share of light used (lm-h/day) in an average house

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

Average usage per lamp per day by technology is illustrated in [Figure 35.](#page-91-0)

Figure 35: Average usage per lamp per day by lighting technology

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

Overview

A wide range of data was collected during the 2016 lighting. Some of these parameters do not directly affect lighting efficacy, but many are of general interest from a policy perspective. These include:

- Fixed and plug in lamps by technology and location
- Number of switches and lamps per switch
- Motion sensors
- Dimmers
- Heat lamps
- Ceiling height.

This data is set out in the following sections.

Fixed and plug-in lamps

Lighting in homes is made up of two primary connection types – fixed (hard wired) and plug-in type lamps. Fixed lamps are permanently installed in the ceiling (normally), walls or floor of a house and are connected to mains electricity. Plug lamps are defined as lamps that can be moved and installed in any free power outlet. They are generally placed on flat surfaces (i.e. tables, desks, floors) although they may also be found in a permanently installed form (although still able to be disconnected from the mains).

Overwhelmingly, fixed lamps made up the bulk of connection types for all technologies and locations around the home. The exception was in sleeping areas, where plug-in lamps tended to have a higher share of the total lamp count, mainly due to the presence of beside lamps and desk lamps in a study. A detailed breakdown of fixed and plug-in lamps by technology and location is set out in [Table 43.](#page-93-0)

Table 43: Number of fixed and plug-in lamps by technology and location

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors, but have not taken into account usage patterns.

Number of switches and lamps per switch

The number of switches in a house has an impact on lamp use and behaviour. Multiple lamps on single switches in a space will increase overall energy consumption, compared to the same lights on multiple switches (depending on how those lamps are used). This is especially important for high use areas like living spaces. Individual lamp switching enables the user to have greater flexibility, depending on their lighting requirements. The highest ratio of lamps per switch was for halogen downlights (2.5 lamps per switch), compounding the energy impact of this technology. Extra low voltage halogens are being actively replaced by LED downlights (a more balanced mixture of mains voltage and extra low voltage) and the lamps per switch for these technologies were found to be the same.

[Table 44](#page-94-0) show the number of switches per lamp by space type. For the average house, 23.7 switches were found for around 38.2 lamps, giving an average of 1.6 lamps per switch. Living areas had the highest number of lamps per switch at 2, with outdoor areas just under 2 lamps per switch. Indoor-other areas had 1.3 lamps per switch, while sleeping areas had 1.4 lamps per switch.

Table 44: Number of switches and lamps per switch by technology (weighted)

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

Motion sensors

Motion sensors are generally installed on lights for security or ease of use reasons (reduces the requirement to use a switch). As an external security measure they are quite common and are usually sold as a package with one or more lamps controlled by a single sensor. They are rare on internal lamps, although may be found in areas like the pantry or toilet, where householders go regularly but for short periods.

[Table 45](#page-96-0) shows the share of motion sensors by location (for all lamps). Note that only three areas of the house have been reported here (as well as the whole house), as motion sensors were not found in sleeping areas. It would appear that motion sensors are a management tool sometimes used by householders, mostly in outdoor situations.

Table 45: Sensor switches by location

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

[Table 46](#page-96-1) lists the lamp types that are controlled by motion sensors. The most common technologies are incandescent and mains voltage halogen, with CFL and LED less common. Negligible numbers of other lamp technologies appear to be used with motion sensors.

Technology	Count	Share
Incandescent (tungsten)	64	39%
Halogen - mains voltage	41	25%
Halogen ELV	4	2%
CFL - integral ballast	24	15%
CFL - separate ballast	Ω	0%
Linear fluorescent	$\overline{4}$	2%
Circular fluorescent	Ω	0%
LED directional	21	13%
LED directional ELV	$\mathbf{1}$	1%
LED non-directional	4	2%
Other	Ω	0%
Cannot identify low eff	$\mathbf 0$	0%
Cannot identify high eff	Ω	0%
Total	163	100%

Table 46: Lamps controlled by sensor switches by technology (unweighted)

Note: Raw data - no demographic weighting factors have been applied to these values.

Dimmers

Dimmers can be an important lighting control tool that householders use to adjust lamp brightness levels to their requirements. Dimmers reduce the power of the lamp and thereby similarly reduce the light intensity. Most operate by chopping the voltage waveform to the lamp using a thyristor or TRIAC – this technology works well on incandescent and quartz halogen technologies (resistance based lamps). Fluorescent technologies for dimming require specialised internal electronics. This generally means

that many existing dimmers may not work with some compact fluorescent. Some LED lamps are designed for use with dimmers, but sometimes require specific lamp and dimmer combinations to avoid flicker. Experience of householders with dimmers is set out in the questionnaire responses in Appendix C.

A total of 68 houses in the sample had dimmers present. The average number of dimmers per house was 1 per house across the whole sample (including houses without dimmers), but for houses with dimmers, the average number of dimmers was 2.6 per house. The average number of lamps per dimmer was 2.5 per dimmer, giving a total of 6.6 lamps per house controlled by dimmers (only in houses with dimmers). The most common technology controlled by dimmers was extra low voltage halogen, while other common technologies were incandescents, halogen mains voltage, CFLs and LED directional (mains voltage). The key dimmer parameters are set out in [Table 47.](#page-97-0) This suggests that some householders may be converting from halogen extra low voltage to LED mains voltage downlights to avoid issues with dimmers or they may remove dimmers with LED lamps. Most extra low voltage halogens and a sizable majority of the LED directional lamps will be flush mounted downlights.

Technology	Share of Dimmers	Lights/ dimmer	Std dev lights/ dimmer	Max lights/ dimmer
Incandescent (tungsten)	13.6%	1.8	2.1	10
Halogen - mains voltage	19.4%	1.9	$1.5\,$	7.5
Halogen - low voltage	37.0%	3.3	1.6	7
CFL - integral ballast	9.9%	1.5	0.6	3
Circular fluorescent	1.8%	1.0	0.0	1.0
LED directional - mains voltage	11.1%	3.0	$1.3\,$	5
LED directional - low voltage	3.1%	4.6	1.8	7
LED non-directional	0.3%	2.0	0.0	$\mathbf{2}$
Mixed technology on dimmer	3.8%			

Table 47: Summary of dimmers and lamps in 2016 audit

Notes: The values for maximum lights per dimmer and standard deviation of lights per dimmer are calculated on a per house average for those house with one or more of the light technology that are controlled by a dimmer. In some houses, the number of lamps per dimmer will certainly be larger than the maximum values shown, but these are representative of likely range to be expected.

[Table 48](#page-98-0) shows the average number of lamps on dimmers and the number of dimmers by location and technology. An average of 2.5 lamps controlled by 0.96 dimmers were found per house, predominately in living areas (1.4 lamps and 0.4 dimmers in the average house). Sleeping areas had an average of 0.6 lamps on dimmers and 0.3 dimmers per

house, while indoor-other and outdoor areas were found to have less than 0.3 lamps on dimmers and less than 0.15 dimmers per house each on average.

Dimmers were found most commonly on extra low voltage halogen lamps, at 1.2 lamps per house and 0.36 dimmers per house. The majority of dimmers on these halogen lights were in living areas and sleeping areas. Extra low voltage halogen lamps in indoor-other and outdoor areas had dimmers, although they were less common than other areas.

Incandescent lamps were also found to have dimmers, with mains voltage halogen lamps found to have dimmers at similar levels. Compact fluorescent and LED lamps had dimmers, although these were rare at a household and individual room level.

Table 48: Average House Summary - dimmer location and number of lamps per dimmer

Note: Values for lamps on dimmers and dimmer count by location in the home are averaged across all houses (including those without dimmers). Total includes some technologies not listed in this table; occurrence of dimmers on these other technologies was rare. Lamps per dimmer are for those houses that have dimmers for that technology. Dimmer counts have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors. House counts are raw and have not been weighted by demographic factors.

Table 49: Breakdown of dimmers and lamps for flush mounted downlights and indoor spotlights

Note: These values are unweighted, so do not exactly match the values in [Table 48.](#page-98-1) All values are per house averaged across the whole sample. Mains voltage halogens were predominantly GU10 cap for these fittings while extra low voltage halogen were mostly G4-5.3. Se[e Table 32](#page-77-0) for a detailed breakdown of lamp cap by technology. For LED flush mounted downlights, about one quarter were GU10 caps and about three quarters were G4-5.3. For LED indoor spotlights, about two thirds were GU10 caps and about one third were G4-5.3. Multiplying the values in the table by 180 will yield an estimate of the total number of lamps and dimmers by type in the sample.

Figure 36: Distribution of lamps per dimmer for ELV technologies

Note: Includes raw count of houses in the sample of 180 houses – no demographic weighting is applied.

Heat lamps

Heat lamps are normally found in bathrooms. They have been included as a separate lighting technology in this report, but it should be noted that their main function is as a source of radiant heat. Heat lamps are generally not included with lighting and lamp totals. Where present, there were normally two or four 275 Watt lamps installed in a fitting, often with a separate general light source lamp installed at their centre (especially where four heat lamps were found). The light source lamp (where present) usually had a separate switch. Most heat lamps were switched in pairs of lamps. Anecdotally, it appears that these lights may be sometimes used as a source of light in addition to heat, depending on user behaviour. As a heat source they are probably seasonal in use, with the highest use periods likely to correspond with the colder months.

A total of 80 out of 180 houses had heat lamps installed in bathrooms, and there were a total of 309 heat lamps recorded in the survey, an average of 1.7 for every house or 3.8 per house counting only those with heat lamps. All heat lamps were found in indoor-other areas and they were exclusively in bathrooms. On average, 2 heat lamps were found per switch (heat lamp switches only).

House ceiling height and air volume

The 2016 auditor used a laser ruler to measure room size. This enabled the dimensions to be quickly and accurately assessed and recorded in the audit survey instrument. A range of validation rules were developed that put up flags where room sizes were outside the expected range (too small or too large). This enabled the auditor to double check measurements on site before departure.

One additional piece of information that was collected in the 2016 audit (not collected previously) was ceiling height. A laser ruler allowed this to be quickly recorded for each room. The overwhelming majority of indoor rooms in houses have flat ceilings, so this number is very robust and accurate. In the few cases where there was a sloped ceiling (most commonly cathedral ceilings, but occasionally step changes in ceiling height), the auditor took a ceiling height measurement that was representative of the average height or at the height where the ceiling lights were installed. For multi-level ceiling, rooms were broken into sub-rooms with a fairly uniform ceiling height.

[Table 50](#page-101-0) sets out the results of floor area, internal air volume and ceiling height by location in an average home. The air volume does not take into account the volume of furniture or other fixtures in the room, so this may be a slight overestimate. This data may be useful for a range of purposes such as building shell modelling and estimates of lighting performance in-situ.

Table 50: Summary of indoor floor area, volume and ceiling height by location

Note: All valves have been weighted in accordance with national demographic weighting factors.

8. Comparison with the 2010 Audit

Overview

The first lighting audit of Australian homes was undertaken in 2010. This provided the first in-depth snapshot of the stock of lighting used in Australian homes. The 2010 audit was conducted by EES for the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and covered some 150 homes in four regions: Melbourne, Gippsland, Sydney and Brisbane. A few houses in the 2010 sample included Central Coast of NSW, although this was not formally identified as a separate region in that study. The 2010 lighting audit was also conducted in conjunction with a standby audit, which measured the low power model electrical characteristics of every plug-in appliance in the home. This section sets out the key similarities and differences between the 2010 lighting audit and the 2016 lighting audit.

Sample Comparison

Recruitment

The 2010 audit sample was recruited through a wide range of approaches, including contacts through government officers, utilities, radio interviews and announcements and newspaper advertisements. This ensured that a wide range of household types nominated themselves for the audit. About 250 household volunteered for an audit, with a final selection of 150 households that were picked to closely balance the sample to the 2006 census (the latest data available at the time). Despite this process, there was some shortfall of low income households. Because households had volunteered for the lighting audit (and a standby audit at the same time), generally households were cooperative and there was only a small drop-out rate. There were some concerns that self-selection for such an audit may bias the sample to some extent. No demographic weighting factors were developed or applied to the 2010 sample.

For the 2016 audit, households were recruited by a market research organisation called Purple Corporation. The mix of households was supposed to be controlled to broadly match the 2011 census. The drop-out rate was unclear at the start, so an additional 10 spare households were provided for each region. Well into the audit a number of issues became apparent. The drop-out rate was much higher than originally anticipated (more than 50% in the large cities) so Purple Corporation had to increase the list of recruited houses substantially (this was done in several bites). Despite the increased size of the recruited list, some shortfall at the end was still apparent. EES recruited around 10 households overall to make up the final sample.

The other issue was that the mixture of sample households recruited was not particularly representative of the regions, especially in Sydney and Melbourne, where too many apartments and attached dwellings were provided and insufficient separate houses. So towards the end of the audit, there was active selection of households that best matched the mix of demographic factors in the census. The main demographic variables that were controlled in the household selection were house type (separate, attached or apartment) and tenure (owned, mortgage or renting). Income and household size were not controlled.

Despite active control of the selection process during the 2016 audit, there was still a shortfall of single person households and low income households in the overall sample. In order to correct for this to some extent, statistical weighting factors were developed for each household to boost the impact of under-represented household types and reduce the impact of over-represented household types. However, it is very hard to control multiple parameters in a sample with high drop-out rates. See Appendix B for more details the demographic weighting procedure. Demographic weighting of the sample was not undertaken in 2010 so all values reported from that survey are raw sample averages.

Sample Size

The most obvious difference between the 2010 and 2016 audits was the sample size and composition. [Table 51](#page-103-0) sets out the sample details for both audits.

Table 51: Sample composition for 2010 and 2016 audits

The most striking difference is the increased share of apartments and attached houses in Sydney in 2016. The 2011 census shows that these types of housing now make up about 40% of all housing in the greater Sydney region (attached houses were somewhat overrepresented in the final sample and separate houses somewhat under-represented). Data for the 2011 census by audit region is set out in [Table 52.](#page-104-0)

Census	Brisbane		Gippsland Melbourne Newcastle Sydney		
Separate house	79%	90%	72%	88%	60%
Attached house	9%	3%	12%	7%	13%
Apartment	12%	7%	16%	5%	27%

Table 52: Census 2011 breakdown of house type by audit region

Housing stock characteristics

The housing stock characteristics can be compared between the 2010 sample and the 2016 sample. Because the mixture of housing types is changing over time, it is more useful to compare the attributes of the different house types as set out in [Table 53.](#page-104-1)

Table 53: Comparison of indoor house floor area for 2010 and 2016 audits

Region	Total 2010	Separate houses 2010	Attached houses 2010	Apartments 2010	Total 2016	Separate houses 2016	Attached houses 2016	Apartments 2016
Brisbane	149.1	157.7	84.0	83.4	140.0	151.5	100.5	62.1
Melbourne	131.4	150.9	101.4	80.4	133.4	154.7	123.2	64.7
Gippsland	147.3	147.3			135.9	143.4	87.3	
Newcastle					124.5	132.5	62.8	47.0
Sydney	134.9	156.2	110.9	57.4	115.1	152.9	79.3	75.5
Total	139.2	153.7	100.7	72.9	129.7	146.9	95.2	67.7

Note: all values are raw sample averages and have not been weighted by demographic factors.

The changes from 2010 to 2016 are set out in [Table 54.](#page-104-2)

Table 54: Changes in indoor house floor area between 2010 and 2016 audits

Region	Change separate houses 2010-16	Change attached houses 2010-16	Change apartments 2010-16
Brisbane	-3.9%	19.6%	$-25.6%$
Melbourne	2.5%	21.4%	$-19.5%$
Gippsland	$-2.7%$		
Newcastle			
Sydney	$-2.1%$	-28.5%	31.7%
Total	$-4.4%$	$-5.5%$	$-7.1%$

Note: all values are raw sample averages and have not been weighted by demographic factors.

Interestingly, there was little change in the average indoor floor area for separate houses between 2010 and 2016 for the four common regions, with all houses being within 4% of the previous averages. Note that the average size of houses in Newcastle and the NSW

Central Coast appear to be about 10% smaller than separate houses in capital cities and Gippsland homes are about 5% smaller than separate houses in capital cities. This is not surprising given the working class background of Newcastle as a region and the generally lower income of regional areas.

For attached houses, the 2016 sample was about 20% larger in Brisbane and Melbourne and about 30% smaller in Sydney. These are based on relatively small numbers of dwellings in Brisbane so there may be some sample bias. In contrast, apartments were about 20% to 25% smaller in Brisbane and Melbourne and about 30% larger in Sydney when compared to the 2010 sample averages. It is unclear whether these are real trends that are being reflected by region.

Lighting Comparison

Overview

One of the key parameters of interest between the 2010 and 2016 audits is the change in the underlying share of energy efficient lamps over time. In 2010, LED lamps made up only 1.4% of the lighting stock, mostly in the form of novelty lighting and applications such as night lights for children. Since then, LEDs have become mainstream and have are now the dominant technology in the new luminaire downlight market (common in new homes and major renovations). However, a large stock of low voltage halogen lamps still remains and there are still substantial sales of replacement ELV halogen lamps, despite LED replacements being readily available. [Table 55](#page-106-0) and [Figure 37](#page-105-0) illustrate the changes in the main lighting technology share in houses from 2010 to 2016.

Note: all values are raw sample averages and have not been weighted by demographic factors.

Technology	2010	2016
LED	1%	15%
Halogen ELV	26%	15%
Incandescent	23%	13%
Halogen Mains	9%	17%
CFL	31%	31%
Linear Fluorescent	9%	9%

Table 55: Share of lighting technologies in 2010 and 2016

Note: all values are raw sample averages and have not been weighted by demographic factors.

It is important to note that the survey of lighting stock in 2010 is not necessarily representative of lighting stock prior to the impact of the policy to phase-out inefficient lighting through the introduction of minimum energy performance standards (announced, with some immediate retailer and consumer response in 2007, implemented early 2009), and the impact of state government based energy efficiency obligations schemes that were also active well before 2010. Import data in [Figure 38](#page-106-1) indicates that prior to 2010 there had already been a significant increase in the market share of CFLs and a significant reduction in incandescent lamps. Mains voltage halogens also increased after 2008.

In overall terms, the share of linear fluorescents and CFLs has not changed in the past 6 years with a constant aggregate market share of 40% for these two technologies. There are, however, two important trends that are visible in this data. Firstly, incandescent lamp share has fallen significantly from 23% to 13% share while mains voltage halogen lamps share has increased from 9% to 17%. This shows that incandescent lamps have mostly been displaced by mains voltage halogen lamps since the last survey in 2010 (following the incandescent lamp ban in 2009). Mains voltage halogen lamps are 30% more efficient when compared to incandescents. LED for general lighting (non-directional) still only makes up 3% of the stock (this is included in the LED total share of 15% shown above) even though there has been a significant increase in available models in the market. This data suggests that there has been little improvement in lighting efficacy for general lighting over the past 6 years (noting that this is not representative of the full impact of lighting efficiency policy since 2007). The trends in the stock across the two lighting audits are broadly consistent with the sales data available shown in [Figure 38Figure 6.](#page-106-1)

The second important trend is that extra low voltage halogen lamp share has fallen from 26% to 15% while LED lamp share has increased from 2% to 15% (12% is LED directional). This suggests that low voltage halogen lamps are slowly being displaced by LED lamps. Most low voltage halogens, and a sizable majority of the LED directional lamps, will be flush mounted downlights. This data suggests that there has been a significant improvement in lighting efficacy for task and directional lighting due to the halogen to LED transition. LEDs are being installed in new homes/renovations but also under voluntary state schemes like VEET. LED share is significantly higher in Melbourne than other regions. Despite this trend, almost 50 million extra low voltage halogen lamps currently remain installed in Australian homes and sales are still around 5 million ELV halogen bulbs per annum.

Lamp Count

The lamp count in 2016 appears to have declined to some extent, through both changes in the demographic drivers (smaller householders, more apartments) and the sample composition (better balanced and larger sample in 2016). This difference is even larger when demographic weighting is applied to the 2016 (this boosts the prevalence of low income and single person households, which reduces the weighted sample averages slightly). Lamp counts by house type for 2010 and 2016 audits are set out in [Table 56.](#page-108-0)

Table 56: Comparison of lamp counts for 2010 and 2016 audits

Note: All values are raw sample averages and have not been weighted by demographic factors. Excludes heat lamps.

It appears that the lamp count for all house types and regions has decreased between 2010 and 2016 except for separate houses in Sydney and Gippsland, which have remained roughly stable. There appears to be a large increase in the lamps in attached houses in Melbourne, but this may be influenced by one particularly large attached house (out of a total of 8), which was in fact the largest house surveyed in Melbourne.

Table 57: Changes in lamp counts between 2010 and 2016 audits

Region	Change separate houses 2010-16	Change attached houses 2010-16	Change apartments 2010-16
Brishane	$-21.1%$	$-22.4%$	$-23.7%$
Melbourne	$-12.7%$	43.1%	-12.3%
Gippsland	-3.1%		
Newcastle			
Sydney	3.5%	$-20.8%$	-13.2%
Total	$-13.9%$	-6.0%	-21.7%

Note: all values are raw sample averages and have not been weighted by demographic factors.

Differences in lighting parameters

It is useful to compare data for all of the key lighting parameters such as count (stock), power consumption and light output. Other parameters that are of key interest are energy consumption and lighting energy service. The changes in these parameters are illustrated in [Figure 39](#page-109-0) to [Figure 43.](#page-110-0) All values exclude heat lamps.

Figure 39: Comparison of technology share from 2010 to 2016 audits

Figure 40: Comparison of watts share by technology for 2010 and 2016 audits

Figure 42: Comparison of energy share by technology for 2010 and 2016 audits

Figure 43: Comparison of light usage share by technology for 2010 and 2016 audits

The key point of interest is that in 2010, efficient lighting supplied about 57% of the total light usage requirements in homes. By 2016, this had increased to 76%. Using the estimated conversion factors set out in the next section, the energy consumption for lighting is estimated to have declined from 1890 Wh/day in 2010 to 1145 Wh/day in 2016, a decrease of about 40% (note that this excludes heat lamps and a proportion will be due to sample and demographic changes). While there is some uncertainty surrounding this number, it does seem to suggest that there has been a significant decline in energy consumption for lighting in the residential sector between 2010 and 2016. The average efficacy of all lamps in 2010 (ignoring usage patterns) was 21.1 lm/W (using revised efficacy values set out below) and the average efficacy of all lamps in 2016 (ignoring usage patterns) was 27.7 lm/W, suggesting a 30% increase in average efficacy without taking usage patterns into account. It is important to note that average efficacy for all houses is a non-linear value and cannot be readily estimated from the average lumens and average power for an average house. Note also that some energy savings over this period would also have been achieved through the transition from tungsten filament to mains voltage halogen lamps and the phasing out of ELV halogen lamps above 37W.

The lumen output values in [Figure 39](#page-109-0) have been adjusted slightly from the values published in the 2010 report. This is because the assumed efficacy assigned in 2010 was based on a fairly simplistic approach, rather than detailed laboratory and test data used in the 2016 audit. The result was that light output was somewhat over-estimated for some technologies. [Table 58](#page-111-0) sets out the original assumed efficacy and the revised efficacy for the calculation of light output and light energy service. In overall terms, the revised values result in a 20% reduction in assumed light output when weighted across the product mix present in 2010. The adjustments mainly affect incandescent, halogen and linear fluorescent technologies.

Parameter	Incandescent Halogen CFL fluorescent LED			Linear	
Original lm/W	12	16	55	90	60
Revised lm/W	8.9	12	56.7	61	60

Table 58: Assumed 2010 efficacy by technology and revised values for comparison

Interestingly, after this lumen adjustment, the total lumen-hours and the lumen-hours per square meter have remained fairly consistent across the two audits, which provide some confidence that the energy improvement estimated above is based on real changes in the efficacy of the lighting stock.

Differences in recording usage

In the 2010 audit, householders were asked to nominate the usage of each light in the home according to one five usage levels as listed in the dot points below. While this does provide a relative measure of how much each light is used, it is quite a subjective and fairly coarse way of recording usage by lamp. The approach was selected in 2010 as it was thought that a more detailed gradation would be too onerous on the householder. A detailed study by Harrington (2011) looked at individual lamp monitoring data for 15 lamps in each of 5 houses over a year and matched this to the 2010 audit usage responses to determine an equivalent hours of use as follows:

- Frequent Long (2.5 hours per day)
- Frequent Short (0.8 hours per day)
- Occasionally (0.7 hours per day)
- Rare (0.35 hours per day).

This approximate conversion has been used where comparison of usage is made between the 2010 and 2016 audits.

As noted elsewhere in this report, auditors asked the householder to record the typical usage in hours per day for each lamp in the house. This is necessarily a somewhat subjective assessment, but it does provide a reasonable basis for estimating energy and lighting energy service requirements and provides a robust basis for determining which lamps are used more heavily during normal use.

Other parameters

A range of other parameters have been compared between the 2010 and 2016 audit. These are set out in [Table 59.](#page-112-0) It appears that there has been a decline in the number of lamps controlled by motion sensors and dimmers and the number of motion sensor and dimmers in the stock. There also appears to be a decline in the number of heat lamps, which may be partly due to an increases share of attached houses and flats, which tend to have fewer heat lamps. The number of lamps per switch has remained constant across the two audits. The number of switches has declined in part because of the higher share of share of attached houses and flats, which tend to have fewer total lamps.

Other parameters		2010 2016
Switches per house	30.0	24.5
Lamps per switch	1.6	1.6
Motion sensors per house	0.96	0.48
Lamps on motion sensors	1.6	0.8
Dimmers per house	1.66	0.96
Lamps on dimmers	4.4	2.5
Heat lamps per house	2.2	1.7

Table 59: Changes in other lighting parameters between 2010 and 2016 audits

ABS2004.0 - *Census Place of Enumeration Profiles*, Australian Bureau of Statistics, www.abs.gov.au

ABS4602 - *Environmental Issues: Energy Use and Conservation, Mar 2014*, Australian Bureau of Statistics, www.abs.gov.au

ABS6523.0 - *Household Income and Wealth, Australia, 2013-14*, Australian Bureau of Statistics[, www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au/) Se[e https://infostore.saiglobal.com](https://infostore.saiglobal.com/) for more details on AS/NZS standards

AS 1428 (series), *Design for access and mobility*

AS/NZS 1680.1, *Interior and workplace lighting - General principles and recommendations*. Other parts of this standard cover specific applications and locations.

AS/NZS 4782.1, Double*-capped fluorescent lamps - Performance specifications - General (IEC 60081)*

AS/NZS 4782.2, *Double-capped fluorescent lamps - Performance specifications - Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS)*

AS/NZS4783.1, *Performance of electrical lighting equipment - Ballasts for fluorescent lamps - Method of measurement to determine energy consumption and performance of ballasts lamp circuits*

AS/NZS4783.2, *Performance of electrical lighting equipment - Ballasts for fluorescent lamps - Energy labelling and minimum energy performance standards requirements*

AS/NZS 4847.1, Self ballasted lamps for general lighting services - Test methods - Energy performance

AS/NZS 4847.2, *Self ballasted lamps for general lighting services - Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) requirements*

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This appendix sets out the detailed methodology used to classify rooms and lamps during the 2016 audit. It also provides technical background in how lamp efficacy for each lamp type and size was calculated.

Classification of Rooms

Upon entering a room, the first step was to correctly identify the use of the space and note its characteristics. The householder was consulted if this was unclear from observation. A laser tape measure was used to accurately calculate the floor area of the room (Bosch PLR30 or better), with the final measurement noted in the data collection spreadsheet. Irregular shaped rooms were broken into segments. The room height was also measured and recorded. A room ID was assigned (according to the order that rooms were entered).

Room identification during the field research was undertaken according to the following list of rules:

- Bathroom: contains a shower and/or bath (may contain a toilet);
- Bedroom: contains a bed and/or is clearly intended as a space for a bed;
- Dining: contains a table and/or chairs that could be or is intended to be used for meals;
- Foyer-inside: used as an entryway to the house;
- Garage: used for car storage and/or as a work space;
- Hallway: used primarily as a passageway to other rooms;
- Kitchen (separate): contains cooking appliances and/or refrigerator and/or sink and/or pantry space as a separate room;
- Kitchen (open plan): contains cooking appliances and/or refrigerator and/or sink and/or pantry space as part of a continuous space that is a combination of both a kitchen and lounge, dining or living-other;
- Laundry: contains a washing machine and/or clothes dryer and/or spaces clearly intended for the installation of these appliance types;
- Living-other: may contain a lounge suite and/or similar chairs and/or home entertainment equipment, but is additional to the main lounge or dining space (includes games rooms, gym etc.);
- Lounge: contains a lounge suite and/or similar chairs and/or home entertainment equipment;
- Media room: space dedicated to screen or sound entertainment systems;
- Other-inside: a space that is inside the house that does not meet the criteria for any other internal space listed;
- Other-outside: a space that is outside the house that does not meet the criteria for any other external space listed;
- Outside-general: a space that is external to the house and is neither a garage or veranda and doesn't have an obvious and defined use (i.e. shed – which would be identified as Other-outside);
- Pantry: used as a space for storing food and/or kitchen appliances, usually adjoining a kitchen;
- Stairwell: space around stairs for multi-level dwellings (often has high ceiling height);
- Storage Room: a space used only for storing items (not suitable for other uses);
- Study: contains a working space with a computer and/or desk and/or home office equipment (may contain a guest bed);
- Toilet: contains a toilet, but does not contain a shower/bath (may contain a sink);
- Veranda: an area covered by roofing that is clearly attached to the house, may be used as an external entryway to the house (there may be more than one veranda for a house, although only spaces that have installed lighting are noted);
- Walk-in Robe: used as a space for storing clothes that includes hanging and/or shelving for clothes (needs to be large enough to walk in), usually attached to a bedroom.

These rules provided a simple identification system of room types. For kitchens, the general rule was if there was a clear structural divide in the space (i.e. a part wall) the room was classified as a separate room. In an open plan kitchen that had no partition, it was assumed that lights in one space would be used to illuminate the other space (e.g. kitchen lights on while watching television, etc.).

The other room naming and identification issue involved 'unusual' spaces (e.g. under house, multi-purpose rooms). Spaces under the house were generally classified as outdoor except where they were connected to the main part of the house and had a floor and ceiling. Each was dealt with on a case by case basis. Generally, the 'dominant' space type was selected and a note was made in the data collection sheet.

In the analysis of the collected data, room types (and therefore data) were aggregated into the following classifications:

- Living: Dining, Kitchen, Lounge, Living-other, Media-room, Pantry;
- Sleeping: Bedroom, Study;
- Indoor-other: Bathroom, Foyer-inside, Hallway, Laundry, Other-inside, Stairwell, Storage Room, Toilet, Walk-in Robe;
- Outdoor: Garage, Other-outside, Outside-general, Veranda.

This classification enabled more detailed analysis by broad usage type. A cross tab of lighting type for all individual room types recorded would be too fine to draw useful conclusions (as there would be too few room and lights for many of the room types). However, the raw data has been retained so that more detailed analysis might be undertaken as required. This data also allow information on the distribution of house floor area by room type, which may be useful for other applications. House air volume was also calculated.

Classification of Lamps

Lamp classification followed a series of steps, governed by experience, within the requirements of speed and accuracy. The basic steps in the classification process are detailed below.

Fitting and Connection Classification

The first step in lamp classification was to identify the fitting in which the lamp was installed. Fitting types have a major influence on the type of lamp technology, the globe shape and cap that can be installed, and the options for lamp retrofit. Lamp fitting types fall into a range of categories, as outlined in [Table 60](#page-116-0) below. While identification for most fitting types is relatively self-evident, there are similarities between a number of fittings that can complicate this process. More details on fittings are included in the Lighting Field Guide (Appendix F).

Technology Type	Connection Type	Identification Notes
Batten Holder	Fixed	A bare fitting, normally fixed directly to the ceiling. Only the lamp holder and lamp will be present. May have more than one lamp.
Batten Holder with Shade	Fixed	A bare fitting, normally fixed directly to the ceiling, with the lamp surrounded with a shade - this may be solid, translucent or opaque. May have more than one lamp.
Bedside Lamp	Plug	Reading lamp normally found in bedrooms next to a bed.
Chandelier	Fixed	Usually a ceiling mounted pendant but with 3 or more lamps
Desk Lamp	Plug	A multi-purpose task lamp, may have swivels, hinges or flex to allow repositioning of the lamp spot. May have a lamp shade or reflector. Differentiated from a table lamp through appearance - task orientated rather than decorative and omnidirectional. May have more than one lamp (rare).
Downlight/Flush Mounted	Fixed	Recessed and flush with ceiling. Gimble mounts can rotate to direct light at an angle (can also shine all walls – called wall washers).
Fan Light	Fixed	Light built into the base/hub of a roof fan (variation of a pendant)
Fixed Floor Light	Fixed	Recessed and installed flush with the floor surface. Normally include a hard opaque or translucent cover to protect the lamp from damage.
Floodlight/External Spotlight	Fixed/Plug	Installed outside the house, may be directional through the use of a hinge, swivel or gimbal. May have more than one lamp, normally high power.
Floor/Standard Lamp	Plug	May be decorative or task orientated, may have swivels, hinges or flex to allow repositioning of lamp spot. May have lamp shade or reflector. Total fitting length disallows placement on a table or desk. May have more than one lamp.
Garden Light	Fixed/Plug	Installed outside the house, decorative rather than task orientated. May provide light for movement a night, not intended for task lighting.

Table 60: Fitting and connection classification and identification notes

Connection type was an important factor to identify, as it denotes whether the lamp can be disconnected from the mains and/or moved. The connection types noted in [Table 60](#page-116-0) are the most common type by fitting type, but the actual connection type for each lamp was recorded based on an assessment by the auditor on site. Plug fittings obviously provide a larger degree of user flexibility in terms of providing useful (task) lighting and changing the ambience, intensity, energy consumption or mood of lighting in a space. Plug fittings allow householders to configure the lighting in a space to suit their personal preference, without the need to undertake any resource intensive changes to the fixed lighting.

Lamp Technology Classification

Once the fitting type was established, the second step was to identify and document the lamp technology. Understanding the prevalence of different lamp technologies was one of the key objectives of this project. Different technologies have different energy profiles, and therefore the overall lighting efficiency of a house will vary.

Technologies fall into a range of types as outlined in [Table 61.](#page-118-0) 'Other', 'Cannot Identify Low Efficiency' and 'Cannot Identify High Efficiency' were also valid choices for the auditors in cases that it was not possible to establish the exact lighting technology. 'Other' was rarely used (6 in total). In most cases where a cover could not be removed, it was possible to identify the lamp as low or high efficiency through start-up characteristics, heat, colour, and light modulation frequency. Differentiation of low and high efficiency options provides more useful information for policy makers. Validation rules were used when inputting data into the data collection sheets, meaning that incorrect cap or transformer combinations could not be selected for a given lighting technology. More details on lighting technology and cap types are included in the Lighting Field Guide (Appendix F).

Technology Type	Common Cap Types	Transformer Type	Identification Notes
Incandescent (tungsten)	E14, E27, B ₁₅ , B ₂₂	N/A	No halogen capsule – large filament. If frosted envelope (wire cannot be seen), incandescent have a longer, linear light source as the wire becomes hot. Always warm yellow colour. Almost always mains voltage.
$Halogen - mains$ voltage	E ₁₄ , E ₂₇ , B ₁₅ , B ₂₂ , GU ₁₀	N/A	Look for small halogen capsule at centre of lamp. If frosted envelope (capsule cannot be seen), halogens have a smaller point source of light. Always warm yellow colour.
Halogen – extra low voltage (ELV)	GU/GX5.3, G ₄	Magnetic or electronic transformer	Look for small halogen capsule at centre of lamp. Lamps marked as "12 V" or connected to transformer (lamp age can also give some indication on transformer type). Check pin connectors with the householder.
Compact Fluorescent- integral ballast	E14, E27, B ₁₅ , B ₂₂ , GU ₁₀	N/A	Look for fluorescent tube (FB*).
Compact Fluorescent- separate ballast	$2-Pin, 4-Pin$	Magnetic or electronic ballast	Pin cap (single cap) (FS*). Ballast type identified by flicker meter.
Linear Fluorescent	G ₅ , G ₁₃	Magnetic or electronic ballast	Double ended cap (FD [*]), electronic or ferromagnetic ballast, T12, T8 or T5 lamps. Ballast type identified by flicker meter.

Table 61: Technology type, cap, transformer and identification

*Notes: * Codes as per AS/NZS61231: International lamp coding system (ILCOS).*

For all fluorescent lamp technologies, (linear, circular and compact fluorescent), a so called "flicker meter" was used to establish whether the ballast was ferromagnetic (mains frequency) or electronic (high frequency). Each auditor used an Osram Discriminator, which was a piece of equipment that analyses the underlying modulation frequency of the light waveform to establish the ballast type. A red signal indicates low frequency (ferromagnetic) (50Hz or 100Hz) and a green signal indicates high frequency (electronic, >2kHz). This provides a definitive and non-intrusive assessment of the ballast type for all fluorescent systems. Some investigation found that incandescent and halogen lamps always appeared to give a red signal on the flicker meter (low frequency), even when an electronic transformer is used on extra low voltage halogen. For LED lights, the signal could be red or green, so this is somewhat indeterminate. The flicker meter results do provide some information on the likely technology in cases where the lamp could not be directly viewed.

[Table 62](#page-120-0) shows the lamp shape and the likely technologies plus some identification notes. Some shapes have a range of technologies that are applicable, complicating identification in the field. Although there are a limited number of technologies that can use a particular shape, these are often very similar looking when installed in a fitting. A good example of this is the halogen reflector types (MR16). Fitting types can also cause the identification of technology shapes to be problematic – oyster fittings (complete coverage) are a good example of this, as it is usually impossible to view the lamp inside. Note that some LED lights have integrated lamps that cannot be replaced, so there is no lamp as such for these fittings. Validation rules were used when inputting data into the data collection sheets, meaning that shape types were limited by the lamp technology selected. More details on lamps shapes are included in the Lighting Field Guide (Appendix F).

Shape	Typical Technology	Shape Notes
A-Shape	Incandescent, Halogen, LED	Pear, tubular and mushroom shaped. Clear or frosted.
Fancy round or globe	Incandescent, Halogen, LED	Spherical shape, can be small or large, <50mm classified as fancy round, ≥50mm classified as globe, can be clear or frosted
Candle	Incandescent, Halogen, LED	Lamp tapers to a point. Clear or frosted.
Reflector - PAR	Incandescent, Halogen, CFL, LED	Large diameter, even shaped cone
Reflector - MR	Incandescent, Halogen, CFL, LED	MR (multi-facetted reflector) lamps - highly reflective metal reflector in a cone shape, common in halogen downlights, diameter in eighth's of an inch (MR16 is 50mm diameter, MR10 is 30mm). LEDs may not have a reflective cone, but these are still classified as MR
$Reflector - R$	Incandescent, Halogen, LED	Any type of directional lamp that is not PAR or MR type (heat lamps are normally this shape) - other types of reflector are also included in this type for the audit
Pilot	Incandescent, Halogen, LED	Small size.
Double ended	Halogen, LED	Lamp is installed on fittings at both ends.
Capsule	ELV Halogen, LED	Pin type fitting installation.
CFL Bare Stick	Compact fluorescent	Specific technology shape.
CFL Bare Spiral	Compact fluorescent	Specific technology shape.
Filament Lamps	LED or Tungsten filament	Large bulbs, decorative, typically lower light output
Linear or circular tubes	Fluorescent, LED replacement battens	Standard lengths and diameters

Table 62: Lamp shape and identification notes

Notes and assumptions during audits

There are a number of assumptions that were applied during audits and analysis of the data survey. These helped with data validation and to keep the analysis procedures relatively simple. The key assumptions and standards used are outlined below.

Technology and shape field identification: generally, identification of lamp technology was a straight forward task. When a lamp had a fitting that completely enclosed the globe, this was more difficult. Turning the switch on and off at times helped to show the overall shape of the lamp (especially in the case of stick or spiral compact fluorescent

lamps), or helped to indicate the filament type (usually apparent in the case of incandescent lamps).

Unknown technology: fixed lamps with a technology that could not be ascertained with certainty were classified as either high or low efficacy. A range of parameters, such as on and off behaviour, colour, light output and light frequency (flicker meter), was used to make a judgement. The householder was also consulted. Plug lamps had their power consumption measured, which provided some information on the likely technology.

Cap identification: cap identification was sometimes difficult due to ceiling heights and fitting types. Generally auditors were not to touch lamps or fittings (due to safety considerations) so there were many cases where the cap was not identified. Householders were consulted in cases where the cap was not visible.

Transformer identification: identifying the transformer type of extra low voltage halogen lamps was a difficult task. Transformers are installed in the ceiling cavity for downlights and these were not accessible. Where there was definitive evidence that the transformer was magnetic or electronic (information from the householder, transformer visible), this data was included in the audit. Otherwise the transformer was marked as unknown. Many ELV LED retrofit lamps used the existing luminaire and transformer.

Ballast identification: the use of a flicker meter (that assesses the underlying supply frequency of the light) gave a definitive assessment of ballasts for virtually all plug-in compact, linear and circular fluorescent lamps. Of the 633 plug-in CFL and linear/circular fluorescent lamps, only 70 could not have their ballast identified. Integral CFLs were assumed to have an electronic ballast (this was not routinely checked).

Halogen voltage and power: For flush mounted downlights, it is not possible to visually distinguish extra low voltage (ELV) from mains voltage MR16 lamps. The householder was consulted and shown a lamp with GU10 pins (240V) and a lamp with G4- 5.3 pins to assess whether the lamp was mains voltage or extra low voltage. For indoor spotlights, a transformer is usually visible on or near tracks or rails if extra low voltage, otherwise mains voltage is assumed. For the power of MR16 lamps, recent installations and new houses were assumed to be 35W, while older systems were assumed to be 50W. Householders were asked whether they had any spare bulbs and how recently lamps had been replaced in order to estimate the power.

Default power levels: for all technologies, standard power levels for all lighting technologies were included in lamp identification sheet. Default values were included for a range of applications and room sizes by technology where marking on the lamp were not present or not visible. These assumptions were reviewed and revised with advice from lighting experts during data validation. For unusual or strange light fittings, audits took photos and consulted lighting experts before finalising the audits.

Assumed Efficacy Values by Technology

Efficacy is the amount of light emitted by a lamp, measured in lumens, as a ratio of the watts consumed to produce it. This is a measure of lighting effectiveness and essentially 'replicates' the notion of efficiency (as found in appliances). The higher the lumens/watt, the higher the efficacy level of a particular lighting technology and the better it is at providing useful light for a given energy input. However, the amount of useful light emitted from a lamp will depend on a range of factors such as the luminaire in which it is housed (impact of diffusers or covers, reflectors etc.) and the direction of the light emitted will vary depending on the lamp shape, the type of lamp and its orientation.

In the 2010 study, an assumed fixed efficacy for each lighting technology was assigned, based on typical values for the stock. For the 2016 study, a more sophisticated approach was adopted, based on an analysis of typical efficacy values from a wide range of lamp testing conducted over several years. This takes into account efficacy changes that occur with changes in the size of the lamp - for many lamps types efficacy improves as lamp output increases. The main factors are set out in [Table 63.](#page-123-0) The generalised equation for determining luminous efficacy is as follows:

Luminous efficacy $(\text{Im}/\text{W}) = [EM \times \text{ln}(Power) + EA] \times B$

Where:

EM is the efficacy log multiplier given in [Table 63](#page-123-0)

EA is the efficacy log adder given in [Table 63](#page-123-0)

Power is the nominal power marked on the lamp and "ln" is the natural log (Base e)

B is a factor of 0.7 for mains voltage reflector lamps (to take account of reflector optical efficiency), otherwise 1.0 for all other lamps.

The overall lumen output is then the luminous efficacy times the lamp power.

Because some lamps use ballasts or transformers for extra low voltage supply, the power consumed by the lamp may need to be adjusted to take into account fixed or variable losses from the associated lamp control gear in order to estimate the power and energy consumption. The adjusted lamp power is given as follows:

Adjusted Power = $Power \times PM + PA$

PM is the efficacy multiplier given in [Table 63](#page-123-0)

PA is the efficacy adder given in [Table 63](#page-123-0)

Power is the power marked on the lamp.

The resulting efficacy for a range of different lamp technologies across a range of typical power levels available are illustrated in [Figure 44.](#page-124-0)

In some cases, the lamp power could be measured directly via a plug in power meter (AD-Power Wattman model HPM-100A, compliant with IEC62301). This was particularly useful where a lamp had no markings or where the lamp was sealed in a case. Of course this was only possible for plug type lamps. The plug in power meter recorded total power for the lamp and any associated control gear. Where a measured value was recorded, this was used in preference to any marked value. In a handful of cases, extra low voltage halogen lamps and some extra low voltage LED lamps were measured via the plug in meter (mostly desk lamps). The power reading therefore includes the transformer losses. In these cases, the nominal lamp power was estimated by rearranging the adjusted power equation

above before the lumen output was calculated. A similar approach was also taken for the one plug in CFL lamp measured during the audit.

Figure 44: Assumed efficacy value for lamps recorded in the 2016 lighting audit

Note: Values plotted are as set out i[n Table 63.](#page-123-0) All values include impact of control gear such as ballasts or ELV transformers, where present.

The values assumed are typical of the stock of lamps installed. This should also be representative of new products for most products other than LED, where the efficacy is still increasing rapidly and is expected to do so into the future. *Cannot identify low efficiency* was assumed to be equivalent to mains voltage halogen while *Cannot identify high efficiency* was assumed to be equivalent to LED.

If the lamp was blown, not working or missing, then this was recorded as no lamp in the audit sheet (effectively a separate lamp type with no power consumption and no light output). Where the householder indicated that a blown lamp had only recently failed and that they intended to replace it soon, the lamp was counted as if it were working normally and that the lamp would be replaced as like for like. There were two methods of recording blown or missing lamps. The first was to include the lamp in the audit sheet but with the technology *No lamp*. The second method was to enter a value into the room sheet that indicated how many lamps in a specific room were not working. So data is available on the room type where lamps were not working, but no specific data on the fitting or technology

type were recorded in the final database. All data that quotes the number of lamps relates to lamps that were functioning (or would be once short term replacements are completed).

The details of heat lamps were recorded during the survey. These have been excluded from the overall audit results as they are considered to be heaters rather than lamps for illumination. Section 8 does include some technical detail on the heat lamps that were found during the audit.

The effective amount of useful light that falls onto a surface on the floor is likely to be about half of the total lumen output for each lamp (the reduced light output is due to luminaire losses and absorption onto other surfaces). The lumen values reported in this study are the total light output for the assumed lamp technology efficacies and do not include any assumed losses from luminaires. While the lighting intensity is normally measured in Lux (units lm/m2), the values of light density calculated and reported in the remainder of this report use the total light about per m² of floor area in a room. This has been called lighting density (rather than Lux) and the practical Lux levels achieved are likely to be somewhat less than these reported values.

Where lighting density values are reported for a particular room type, then this is the calculated lighting density level assuming that all lights are on. Of course, this is somewhat higher than normal use as all lights are rarely on at the same time, so typical lighting density levels during normal use will be somewhat lower than the values reported. While some outdoor spaces had a measured floor area, generally outdoor lights were higher power and most had no practical floor areas associated with them, so lighting density values cannot be sensibly determined for these spaces. Therefore, all reported lighting density values in this report exclude lights and spaces classified as outdoor type.

Data was recorded on the number of light switches in a house. Where more than one light was activated by a single switch, this was recorded as a single switch. No data was recorded on two way or three way switches as these do not affect the energy consumption. Lights on a common switch were all tagged with the same usage level when this was nominated by the householder. Where data on missing lamps was recorded in the Light sheet, then data on the relevant switch was also included in the total switch count. Where missing lamps were recorded in the Room sheet only, no data on switches for these specific lights was recorded. However, in many cases missing lamps were often part of a bank of lights or a chandelier, so the relevant switch was included in the total switch count.

It should also be noted that where average values are reported in this study, then underlying these values is a range or distribution of values. For some parameters the distribution of values has been examined in some detail, but for many parameters no attempt has been made at characterising the shape of these distributions. This may be a fruitful area for further analysis.

Data Validation

All data was recorded electronically during the audit with a range of filters and validations built into the data collection instrument. A wide range of standard lamp power values for different technologies were provided to auditors in the survey instrument to assist them in selecting the correct values. Each audit file was independently checked by the project manager as they were loaded to the central server and any anomalies or outstanding issues were resolved with the auditor within a few days. Additional data cleaning and validation was also undertaken on the dataset as it was loaded to the central database for analysis. Data validation rules during database import were very strict to ensure that anomalies were eliminated from the data as far as possible. This involved standardising each data component (lamp shape, cap type, etc.) according to what the most probable entry should have been. Unlikely combinations were reviewed again manually and the auditor was consulted where necessary. Such inconsistencies were generally rare. There were also a range of checks on total of number of lamps, watts and lumens in each of the standard room classifications to ensure that all records for all houses were included in the overall and house level analyses.

Appendix B: Sample Weighting

The sample for this survey is geographically stratified and is derived from survey respondents recruited to interview panels managed by Purple Corporation. The response rate for participants provided was about 60% overall, but the rate was less than 50% in large capital cities and as high as 70% in regional areas. As auditing is an expensive undertaking, cost considerations and the labour involved in each household survey have meant that the overall sample size is relatively small (total 180 households). As far as possible, households were selected to broadly match household type and tenure to the 2011 census values for the relevant region. The final sample is as follows:

- Brisbane 40
- Gippsland 30
- Melbourne 40
- Newcastle/Central Coast 30
- Sydney 40.

Four dwelling characteristics have been identified as most relevant to this study:

- Number of residents in dwelling $-1,2,3,4$ or more
- Household income four categories, corrected for wage changes since census
- Tenure owned outright, under mortgage or renting
- Dwelling structure freestanding house, townhouse/semi, unit/apartment.

A comparison of the participant and population characteristics for these four variables shows that, while the dwelling structure distribution in the sample is very close to that for the Australian population, the survey significantly undercounts single resident dwellings and low income dwellings.

In order to further improve the representativeness of the survey, results for each household was weighted to more closely align with population parameters for the above four dwelling characteristics. Weights have been calculated for Australia as a whole and for each geographic region surveyed.

Given the need to weight using all four dwelling characteristics, the calculation of weights was carried out using the RIM weighting method in the survey package of R statistical software [\(http://r-survey.r-forge.r-project.org/survey/\)](http://r-survey.r-forge.r-project.org/survey/). No significant correlation was found in the sample data between any of the four weighting variables.

Given the relatively small sample, it was found that RIM weighting, in line with common practice where maximum weights that were trimmed to no more than the median plus 6 x the interquartile range, generated some large weighting values for some houses that were

under-represented at a regional level. This appeared to unduly skew the regional sample results to some extent. So weights were trimmed to the range 0.3 to 3.0 to avoid domination by a few extreme weights in these relative small samples. This restriction had little impact on the national weighting as the overall sample was more balanced and few weighted were outside of the range 0.3 to 3.0 in any case, but it did appear to improve the regional weighting to some extent (which is only used for inter-regional comparisons in 2016). The results of the sample before and after national weighting has been applied is shown in [Table 64.](#page-128-0)

The population data used for the weighting calculations is from the 2011 Census Place of Enumeration Profiles (ABS 2004.0) for national weighting was for all Australian households. For regional weightings, data for Greater Brisbane (3GBRI), Melbourne (2GMEL) and Sydney (1GSYD) and for Gippsland (CED215) and Newcastle/Central Coast regions (UCL102004 & UCL102002) was used. Household income data from the Census was updated using the post 2011 changes to the national proportion in each income category reported in ABS6523.0.

Parameter	Value	Total sample	Australia (2011 Census data)	Sample after weighting
Residents	$\mathbf{1}$	11%	26%	22%
Residents	$\overline{2}$	40%	33%	35%
Residents	3	21%	16%	17%
Residents	4 or more	28%	25%	26%
Income	$<$ \$30 k	7%	16%	15%
Income	\$31k to \$50k	10%	16%	14%
Income	\$51k to \$90k	32%	21%	22%
Income	>\$90k	52%	46%	48%
Tenure	Outright ownership	39%	33%	33%
Tenure	Mortgage	34%	36%	37%
Tenure	Renting	27%	31%	30%
Structure	Freestanding house	74%	75%	75%
Structure	Townhouse/semi	13%	10%	10%
Structure	Apartment/unit	13%	15%	15%

Table 64: National sample characteristics before and after weighting

Similar weighting values were calculated for each region as well. However, these were generally only used to make inter-regional comparisons in Section 3.

Introduction

Each householder was given a paper questionnaire to complete while the auditor undertook the physical audit of lights in the house. The questionnaire consisted of 23 questions, with some having multiple parts. A copy of the survey instrument is included as Appendix D. This should be consulted to check on the exact wording of each question and the type of responses permitted. On completion of the questionnaire, the auditor provided any assistance that the householder needed to complete the questionnaire. The auditor then checked the questionnaire and entered the results electronically into an on-line form. This Appendix shows the results of analysis of this questionnaire. All data in this Appendix is based on raw responses and no demographic weighting factors have been applied.

Results

Demographics

Questions 1 to 7 covered basic demographic and building shell data for the household. Some additional demographic data was supplied by Purple Corporation.

Figure 45: Question 2 – what year was your house built?

Question 3 asked whether the householder moved into this house as a new home: 11% = yes. The remaining 89% of respondents indicated the year they moved in.

Figure 46: Question 4 – in what year did you move into this house (if not a new home)?

Figure 47: Question 5 – in what year were the last major renovations or additions?

Figure 48: Question 6 – how many people live in your home?

Figure 49: Question 7 – age breakdown of residents in your home

Figure 50: Breakdown of household structure

Note: Share of households where income data was provided. 29 households (16%) of households did not nominate a total household income range and these are excluded from the distribution.

Figure 52: Dwelling type and tenure

Changes to lighting

Questions 8 to 11 explored whether there had been any significant changes to the lighting systems in the house, including renovations and visits of state efficiency schemes. Question 8 asked whether there were any major renovations in the past 10 years that impacted on lighting: 28% of households said yes. Question 9 allowed selection of multiple rooms.

Note: Includes only those houses that responded yes to Question 8.

In response to Question 10, 21% of household had had a visit in the past 5 years to replace light bulbs. However, this varied considerably at the state level. About one third of

Victorian houses had been visited, with much lower rates in NSW and Queensland. More discussion on regional and state comparisons is included in Section 3.

Figure 54: Question 10 – have any organisations visited in the past 5 years to replace lights?

Figure 55: Question 10c – how many lamps were replaced?

Question 10d asked whether lamps were free: 81% were free, 3% subsidised and 16% were full price. Question 10e asked what type of lamps were targeted: 33% said halogen

downlights, 59% said incandescents and 7% said both. Question 10f asked what type of lamps were installed: 31% said LED, 58% said CFL and 12% said both.

Question 11 asked whether there were any many changes to lighting in the past 5 years: of the 161 responses 23% yes, 68% no and 9% unsure. More discussion on regional and state comparisons is included in Section 3. Q11a and Q11b allowed multiple responses.

Figure 56: Question 11a – rooms affected by recent major lighting changes

Figure 57: Question 11b – reasons for recent major lighting changes

Lighting preferences

Questions 12 to 22 covered lighting preferences and information sources. Many of the questions permit multiple responses – see the survey instrument in Appendix D.

Figure 58: Question 12 – main information sources for lighting

Question 14 asked whether householders had any dimmers: 33% said yes (59 out of 178 responses, auditors actually recorded dimmers present in 68 houses = 38%).

Figure 60: Question 14a – how often do you adjust the light level using dimmers?

Table 65: Question 14a – how often do you adjust the light level using dimmers?

Note: n = 58

Question 14b found that 51% (of 57 responses) said that certain lights did not work with dimmers.

Table 66: Question 14c – types of lamps found to not work with dimmers

Note: n = 59

Figure 61: Question 15 – what lighting technologies do you have in your home?

Figure 63: Question 17 – issues with LED lamps

Figure 64: Question 18 – how do you normally purchase replacement lamps?

Figure 65: Question 19 – where do you normally purchase replacement lamps?

Figure 66: Question 20 – where do you normally purchase new light fittings?

Figure 67: Question 21 – what factors are important when selecting new lamps?

Question 22 asked whether householders had ever returned a lamp for a refund: 26% yes.

Figure 68: Question 22a – why was the lamp returned?

Selected comments by householders and auditors

Householders were provided the opportunity to make comments on lighting issues. Auditors were also able to add comments on particular issues or misunderstandings that the householder appeared to have with respect to lighting. A small selection of comments is included below. These provide a feel for the key issues and drivers for some houses.

Householder comments

Each dot point is for a different house. The comments are in a random order in terms of house and region.

- LEDs provide a nice light we haven't had them long enough to see a difference in bills. A shame they don't work with dimmers.
- We are most concerned with energy savings.
- As we are renting we do not have a choice of light fittings except for our own lamps.
- Wish to replace all lamps with LEDs. Cannot source B15 candle LEDs which are dimmable.
- Planning to change all downlights to LED.
- Long life is important.
- It's too complicated! I just want the light to work and for it to be efficient, effective and environmentally friendly.
- We have basically used what has always been there.
- Very keen to be more energy efficient and to save money on bills.
- We mainly use compact fluorescent and don't turn on the halogen lights.
- We like the new 10W LED downlights.
- I find that the lights these days last longer than normal and save people money in the long run, and don't break easily.
- A simple web site with easy to understand information would assist in selection and use of lamps.
- Gradually changing to LEDs.
- Still have a chandelier and prefer to run on original globes (25 watt candle globes x 12).
- We tried to go with the best, most environmentally friendly, efficient lighting as recommended by our electrician 6 years ago. Not sure that we would make the same choices today.
- Not too fussy about aesthetical appeal as long as it does its job and is not excessive in energy consumption.
- Renting so light fittings out of our control except for table, floor and bedside lamps.
- I would rather pay extra for quality and safety.
- Packages should explain the difference between lumens and watts or at least why bother putting both on the pack.
- Do LED's and CFL's use more amperage than incandescents?
- Have looked into LEDs but price and word of mouth about heat/reliability meant none were purchased.

• Try to replace with LED lights if fittings are compatible.

Auditor comments

Each dot point is for a different house. Three different auditors made the comments, which are in a random order in terms of house and region.

- Saw LEDs as expensive and could not be put on dimmer lights, which was important.
- Was not aware that LEDs with B22 fittings now exist.
- Very conscious of turning lights off whenever possible.
- Relies heavily on electricians, had all dimmers removed by electricians.
- Very conscious of light technologies, constantly replaces old lamps with more efficient options & keeps up with latest technologies, prefers cool light.
- Very enthusiastic about lighting efficiency.
- Very low understanding of lamp technology. It appears that blown lamps are only replaced by an electrician.
- Very conscious of usage and power costs.
- Little understanding of lamp tech and "trust" electricians and retail outlets on supply and install.
- Extremely frugal with light use. Understands that there is little point in changing low use lamps to high efficiency.
- The householder is confused about the lighting.
- Did not know that mains halogen drew so much power. Buying LEDs when on special.
- Waiting for relative to come and change lights.
- Installed all the downlights because they are planning to sell the house and believe downlights will increase the value. They never used downlights themselves. Installed CFL MR16s because they were significantly cheaper than the LEDs.
- Rented apartment so no choice for fixed fittings.
- Appeared to be little interest in changing technology unless there was a failure or new fitting installed.
- Household very conscious about electricity usage.
- Householder very keen to be more efficient.
- Very conscious about being energy efficient.
- The householder has no idea whatsoever about lighting technology and simply replaces lamps with what was fitted.
- Seemed to be relatively unaware of lamp technologies, but was pleased to hear about the LED lamp they had. Eager to learn more.
- Very into energy efficiency of virtually everything in the dwelling.
- Very interested in energy efficiency.
- No idea about lamp types.
- No idea about technologies.
- A little knowledge of technology but had a large collection of lamp types.
- No understanding of lighting technology. Highly unlikely any changes would be made to fittings or technology.
- Somewhat interest in technology. Low light usage. Watch TV with lights off.
- Seemed to be aware of lamp technologies.
- Technology and savings appear to be of low interest.
- Openly stated that they know nothing about the type of lamps installed.
- Thinking about selling, so may not be overly concerned with report results.
- Not really aware of technology; replace with like for like.
- No idea about technology.
- Seems genuinely interested in lighting and technology. Chose LEDs for colour and energy saving.
- Very interested in savings on energy bills.
- Interested in energy efficient information.
- House owner very conscious of energy efficient lighting.
- Very interested in saving energy.
- Not really aware of technologies. Has not changed a lamp since moving in.
- Interested in options. The downlights blow annoyingly frequently.
- Interested in energy efficiency, would like to save more.
- Mentioned that she has had trouble with finding a more energy efficient globe for the chandelier in the dining room, takes 12 candles.
- Did not seem overly concerned about lighting technologies and would probably just follow any advice.
- Seemed interested in efficiency in general.
- Lots of lights left on all the time little regard for use.
- Scant knowledge of technologies, but interested to learn.
- Seems concerned with the poor lighting from the CFL downlights.
- Extremely knowledgeable about lighting technologies. Plans to change halogen downlights to LEDs but needs scaffolding.
- Is aware that LEDs are better and will probably swap out halogen downlight to LED in the future.
- Interested in energy efficiency and likely to follow recommendations.
- Interested in learning more and looking forward to the report.
- Not particularly aware of technologies.
- Said many of the LEDs and halogens intermittently flicker and a bang on the ceiling fixes it!
- Owner not familiar with lighting. Replaces any globe in any fitting as required.
- Did not seem to be aware of technologies or what was in fittings.
- Owner very interested in the program.
- Owner didn't like double ended halogens in fan, difficult to replace, broke easily.
- Not really concerned about fixed lighting and were not particularly aware of what was in them.
- Owner is really interested in energy efficiency.
- Fixed lighting fixtures are managed by the retirement village operator.
- Will probably swap out all downlight to mains LEDs and reduce quantity rather than replace existing fittings.
- Not aware of power differences between technologies.
- Finds the LEDs installed quite dim. These are clustered conventional LEDs.
- Very interested in the program. Is very conscious of turning lights off when not in use.
- Is aware of lighting technologies.
- They know the existing downlights are "bad". Did not realise there were LED replacements that could be used with existing transformers.
- Seemed aware of technologies.
- Was quite aware about LEDs and those installed were a conscious decision with new fittings and replacement lamps.

The following eight pages set out the lighting questionnaire that audit participants were asked to complete. Responses were digitised by auditors and were compiled for analysis. The results are set out in Appendix C.

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Australian Government Department of Industry, **Innovation and Science**

 House ID_________ *(entered by auditor)*

Introduction

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Lighting Energy Efficiency Audit and Survey, which is designed to deliver a better understanding of lighting energy and lighting technologies used within Australian homes. It has been commissioned by Australian Governments. This short questionnaire will help us to understand recent changes in lighting in your home as well as your preferences for different types of lighting.

Note: All information collected in this survey will be stored separately from any personal information (name, address etc.) so it will not be possible to identify you from this survey data. Please fill in this survey to the best of your ability without assistance. The auditor can provide any guidance once you have completed the survey, if required.

LIGHT PREFERENCES AND USAGE

12. In general, what are the most important sources of information in relation to how you would like lighting in your home to look and work? *[Tick all that apply]*

Others (please list)

13. Thinking about lamps (light bulbs) you have recently installed, what made you select them?

18. How do you normally purchase replacement lamps (light bulbs) for your house? *[Tick all that apply]*

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⁸ How accurately colours appear when illuminated by the lamp

Thank you for your participation in this important research.

You will be sent a lighting audit for your house within 7 working days. Would you prefer the audit report to be sent by: [Select one option]

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End of questionnaire

The following 18 pages set out three sample lighting audits that were provided to householders. The identity and location of the households has been masked.

- The following houses are examples of:
- X01 high efficacy lighting
- X02 average efficacy lighting
- X03 low efficacy lighting

Your Site

Comparison with other sites

Estimated Energy Consumption

Based on the usage information you provided:

Note: Heat lamps are generally excluded from overall statistics on light and power except where noted
Energy and cost of operation for all lamps is included in energy total and lighting cost (includes heat lamps)

Residential Lighting Audit 2016 - Individual Site Report - Page 2 Lighting Technology Count and Usage-Energy Data for this site $x₀₁$

Generally we would recommend these lamps be replaced with LED or CFL lamps - see http://www.energyrating.gov.au/document/factsheet-light-bulb-buyers-guide

Please check with your electrician when fitting lights where dimmers are present. Care is also required when selecting buibs for "touch lamps". LED power ranges are based on an assumed efficacy of 65-100 im/walt - better quality products should last longer and save you more energy Please take care when selecting replacement lamps to ensure that it is compatible with the existing fitting and suitable for the application Any change in a lighling component that necessitates any change or alteration to the electrical wiring must be underlaken by a qualified electrician

Your Site

Comparison with other sites

Estimated Energy Consumption
Based on the usage information you provided:

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Residential Lighting Audit 2016 - Individual Site Report - Page 2 Lighting Technology Count and Usage-Energy Data for this site X02

Estimated break down of lighting energy by technology

Generally we would recommend these lamps be replaced with LED or CFL lamps - see http://www.energyrating.gov.au/document/factsheet-light-bulb-buyers-guide

Please check with your electrician when fitting lights where dimmers are present. Care is also required when selecting buibs for "touch lamps". LED power ranges are based on an assumed efficacy of 65-100 im/walt - better quality products should last longer and save you more energy Please take care when selecting replacement lamps to ensure that it is compatible with the existing fitting and suitable for the application Any change in a lighling component that necessitates any change or alteration to the electrical wiring must be underlaken by a qualified electrician

Your Site

Comparison with other sites

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Residential Lighting Audit 2016 - Individual Site Report - Page 2 Lighting Technology Count and Usage-Energy Data for this site X03

to the nominal lamp power

Estimated break down of lighting energy by technology

You can save energy by changing incandescents and halogens to CFLs and LEDs The most heavily used low efficiency lamps that we would recommend be changed are listed below.

Generally we would recommend these lamps be replaced with LED or CFL lamps - see

http://www.energyrating.gov.au/document/factsheet-light-bulb-buyers-guide

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The following 18 pages are the Lighting Field Guide.

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Lighting Field Guide – Lamp Fittings

Lighting Field Guide – Lamp Technology

What is the technology of the LIGHT SOURCE at the centre of the lamp? In many cases the shape of the lamp's outer envelope is not important.

Lighting Field Guide – Lamp Shape

What is the SHAPE of the lamp's outer envelope?

Lamp Cap

Transformer

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