

Can you afford *not* to save energy?

International awareness of global warming has increased significantly over the past few years. Extremes in weather patterns and rising temperatures substantiate growing scientific data that accelerated greenhouse gas emissions are a major contributor to climate change.

Here in Australia we must act now. There is still time to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, if we all take action. Office buildings have a major part to play in meeting Australia's international greenhouse targets.

If your office uses electricity, it has a climate change impact

CitySwitch Green Office is a national tenant energy efficiency program run in partnership between the cities of Sydney, North Sydney, Parramatta, Willoughby, Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth, and state government agencies the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water and Sustainability Victoria. These councils cover approximately 70 per cent of Australia's office space.

The program works with office tenants to improve their energy efficiency, thereby reducing carbon pollution. One of the main reasons for choosing this way to save energy is that tenants directly account for almost half the electricity consumed in office buildings.

Why your business should get involved

All tenants can benefit from improving the environmental performance of their office.

Businesses that benchmark their performance and plan for improvement can reduce operating costs and gain a competitive advantage by promoting their tenancy or building as a cost-effective, greenhouse-friendly place to work.

Your participation in CitySwitch will send a positive message to your staff, customers and suppliers that you are serious about taking control of your greenhouse impact.

CitySwitch gives your business:

- positioning and promotion as an environmental leader
- a structured way to commit to improving energy efficiency
- a formal assessment and reporting process
- a website resource containing energy efficiency information and industry updates
- a dedicated program manager
- networking opportunities with like-minded companies
- public recognition of your achievements.

Achieving energy efficiency

CitySwitch Signatories commit to achieve and maintain an accredited 4 stars or higher NABERS Energy tenancy rating. NABERS Energy measures and rates a tenancy's actual yearly greenhouse gas emissions using 12 months of energy bills.

The commitment is achieved via low or no-cost energy efficiency improvements such as turning off lights when not in use, or actions that require a capital outlay.

Become a Signatory

Businesses interested in becoming a Signatory send a Commitment Letter from the CEO or Managing Director to the Lord Mayor where their tenancy is located to:

1. Undertake a benchmark NABERS Energy rating within 3 months of joining.
2. Develop and implement an Energy Action Plan to achieve and maintain a 4 star or higher accredited NABERS Energy rating.
3. Appoint an Energy Manager to monitor performance.
4. Request a NABERS Energy base building rating from the building owner/manager.
5. Promote energy efficiency to staff and other stakeholders, and share energy efficiency knowledge with CitySwitch Signatories.
6. Obtain an annual NABERS Energy rating and provide feedback on achievements at the annual Progress Report event.

Find out more at: cityswitch.net.au

CitySwitch program partners

Join the growing list of organisations committed to office energy efficiency!

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 North Sydney Council
 Northrop Consulting Engineers
 Norton Rose Australia
 NSW Fire Brigades
 NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water
 NSW Department of Health
 NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet
 NSW Department of Services, Technology & Administration
 NSW Office of Water
 NSW Public Transport Ticketing Corporation
 NSW State Property Authority
 O'Donnell Griffin
 Parramatta City Council
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 Public Transport Ombudsman
 Queensland Nurses' Union
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 S3G Victoria
 SA Health
 SA Department of Families & Communities
 SA Department of Premier & Cabinet
 SA Department of Trade & Economic Development
 Santos
 Savings & Loans
 SA Water
 South East Queensland Catchments
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