



# SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) was established to drive the adoption of green building practices through market-based solutions. Since our inception in 2002, we have grown to become Australia's leading authority on green building.

The GBCA's sustainability policy is based on the idea of meeting "present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs" (World Commission on Environment and Development, 1987).

Our commitment and leadership to environmental sustainability can be demonstrated not only by our Green Star environmental rating system but also by how we operate as an organisation.

We commit to the following:

- Follow the principles of Green Star in the fit out of any new office space, by improving resource efficiency and minimising waste.
- Establish targets for the reduction of: CO2 emissions; consumption of potable water; and waste going to landfill.
- Give preference to leasing office space with a Green Star certified base building rating.
- Achieve a minimum 5 Star Green Star – Office Interiors certified rating on leased or owned premises larger than 600m2.
- Achieve and maintain a 5 Star NABERS Energy and 5 Star NABERS Waste rating for environmental performance in office space over 600m2.
- Measure and report on our energy, waste and water performance annually.
- Purchase 100 per cent Green Power in all offices, where available.
- Favour suppliers who have implemented an environmental policy and action plan.
- Favour the purchase of environmentally certified, reused or recycled materials.
- Use efficient transport modes and networks and set targets to reduce business-related flights. Offset all unavoidable business-related air travel.
- Favour the purchase of locally produced organic food and fair trade products for office consumption and external events.
- Provide staff with the best possible indoor environment quality in accordance with the principles of Green Star.
- Provide employees with the information, training and support they require to meet the objectives of our environmental sustainability policies and foster their personal commitment and involvement.
- Formulate and implement a Sustainability Action Plan structured under this policy.
- Report annually on actions and progress through an environment report.
- Review this policy at least every two years and update as necessary.