Recognising leadership and innovation in business sustainability
To enter

Applicants need to select the appropriate award category and address the general and award-specific criteria.

2008 Categories and judging criteria

General criteria for all categories

1. Demonstrated leadership and innovation in environmental best practice and/or resource efficiency.
2. Demonstrated commitment to make sustainability a priority for business development at the organisational, product and market level.
3. Demonstrated understanding of the value chain opportunities in business sustainability.

Award-specific criteria

Industrial Eco-efficiency Award

Awarded to a business for outstanding performance in eco-efficiency.

Key criteria:

1. Demonstrated improvements in eco-efficiency.
2. Demonstrated achievement of environmental best practice and integration with business strategy.

Corporate Sustainability Award

Awarded to an organisation for outstanding performance in making corporate sustainability the cornerstone of its business development strategy.

Key criteria:

1. Demonstrated leadership and innovation in developing and implementing management practices that lessen the ecological impact of a business and deliver outcomes consistent with corporate social responsibility.
2. Demonstrated improvements in the financial performance of a business as a result of sustainable management practices.
3. Evidence of market profile and development as a result of the corporate sustainability strategy.
**Innovation in Sustainable Technologies Award**
Awarded to an organisation or individual for the development of technology (systems, equipment and/or infrastructure) that delivers resource conservation and/or enable sustainability innovation within a business.

**Key criteria:**
1. Demonstrated environmental benefits, in the form of water or energy savings, waste reduction, or reduced environmental impact as a result of a new technology or technological process improvement.
2. Potential for the new technology or process improvement to be adapted or adopted by other businesses.

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**Rural Sustainability Award**
Awarded to a primary producer for sustainable primary production and stewardship of the natural capital underpinning the business.

**Key criteria:**
1. Demonstrated environmental benefits and enhanced farm functionality and sustainability in an agribusiness or rural enterprise.
2. Demonstrated commitment to leadership and innovation in the advancement and development of sustainable agribusiness.
3. Demonstrated land and waterway stewardship for environmental sustainability.

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**Sustainability Partnerships Award**
Awarded to an individual or business for a sustainability outcome achieved in partnership with either a government (any level) and/or community organisation (non-government organisation).

**Key criteria:**
1. Demonstrated value to a business working in partnership with government and community stakeholders to achieve stakeholder benefit through sustainability.
2. Demonstrated community value of a sustainability partnership with business.

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**Resource Industries Sustainability Award**
Awarded for outstanding innovation in the mining industry that results in reduced environmental impact in that sector.

**Key criteria:**
1. Demonstrated uptake of sustainable development principles and practices as business strategy at both a corporate and project level.
2. Demonstrated leadership in environmental practices and performance based on continual improvement and excellence.
3. Demonstrated commitment to progressive rehabilitation and long-term sustainability.

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**Sustainability in the Built Environment Award**
Awarded to an innovative organisation showcasing the sustainability business opportunity in urban development.

**Key criteria:**
1. Demonstrated environmental benefits and function in an urban development or built environment project.
2. Demonstrated leadership and innovation in developing and promoting built design and development solutions that improve eco-efficiency and advance sustainable living.
3. Integration of natural amenity with the built form in a way that enhances the quality of urban life.

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**Minister’s Award for ClimateSmart Leadership**
Awarded to a business or individual for leadership and innovation in greenhouse gas emissions abatement and/or climate change adaptation as part of the business strategy.

**Key criteria:**
1. Demonstrated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the business value chain.
2. Demonstrated innovation and leadership in applying business sustainability principles and practices as a business strategy for addressing climate change.
3. Demonstrated participation in increasing awareness about climate change in the community and promoting efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by all stakeholders.
Entries must be received online at www.epa.qld.gov.au/siawards by close of business on Monday 14 April 2008

Submissions should include the following:
1. Entry form — completed and submitted online.
2. Project submission (maximum 800 words) — including:
   - short summary of project including description, background and achievements
   - statements addressing general and award-specific criteria
   - Be sure to tick the box on your application if you have supporting documentation — such as statistics, photographs, media coverage, letters of endorsement, etc.

All entries will become the property of the Environmental Protection Agency and will not be returned to entrants. Entrants may be asked to provide additional information to the judging panel.

Entrants must be willing to participate in publicity activities, and information contained in submissions may be reproduced for promotional purposes. Applicants may be asked to provide photographs or other materials for promotional activities.

Entrants who have been misleading in their submissions or whose activities are not compliant with current Queensland legislation may be withdrawn from the judging process or have awards revoked.

All decisions and recommendations of the judging panels are binding and final and no correspondence will be entered into.

While the EPA Sustainable Industries Awards are focused on recognition and reward for organisations and individuals, the EPA will not endorse specific commercial products or companies.

Key dates
14 April 2008: Closing date for entries
31 October 2008: Presentation of 2008 Environmental Protection Agency Sustainable Industries Awards at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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