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CitySwitch Green Office program

About CitySwitch Green Office

- CitySwitch was originally established by the City of Sydney, North Sydney Council, Parramatta City Council and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage in 2005
- Program partners now include City of Melbourne Council, North Sydney Council, Willoughby City Council, Adelaide City Council, City of Perth and the City of Greater Geelong
- CitySwitch Green Office is a growing partnership between businesses along with local, state and federal governments working together to make a positive impact on climate change
- The program is a high-value no-cost service which supports commercial office tenants to improve office energy and waste efficiency through the provision of a range of services, with the ultimate aim of achieving a 4 star or higher National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) rating
- The program fosters collaboration and leadership among the network of businesses across the country that have committed to environmental excellence

Program aims

- educate and inspire with a respected event series and through the provision of toolkits, workbooks, case studies and site tours, as well as Program Managers to provide free guidance and support
- facilitate links to other programs, information sources, industry bodies and communities of interest by identifying the market expertise signatories might need to build corporate capacity, systems and comply with evolving legislative requirements
- signpost to incentives and financial vehicles available to expedite the uptake of energy efficiency investments
- celebrate and reward environmental leadership and achievement through annual awards and ongoing member promotions to create competitive advantage for its signatories wherever possible

Key achievements

- Signatories to the program have saved 57,891 tonnes and offset a further 323,970 tonnes of Co₂-e emissions across Australia in 2016
- Combined electricity bill savings of \$13.6 million this year
- The program now covers more than 3.4 million square metres, equivalent to 12 per cent of Australia's CBD office space

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- 576 signatories with 801 offices committed to the program from every state and territory in Australia
- In 2016 signatories carried out 1,473 sustainability projects
- Achieved weighted average rating of 4.4 star accredited NABERS, 4.1 stars average for both accredited and indicative ratings

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