

BUILT ENVIRONMENT SECTOR WELCOMES NSW RESILIENCE GRANTS

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The Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) welcomes the NSW Government's announcement of a \$1 million scheme, which will help local government and communities to address extreme weather events and the impacts of climate change.

The NSW Government "Building Resilience to Climate Change grants", are aimed at improving coordination and collaboration at local government level, and supporting the development of regional alliances and shared resources. The grants will also provide an opportunity for local government and communities to engage with government and industry experts and practitioners to develop climate change adaptation strategies.

The Chair of ASBEC's Resilience Strategy Task Group, Kirsty Kelly said "The NSW Government's commitment to tackling building resilience at a local level is a positive step."

"If Australia is to meet the challenges of a changing climate, all levels of government must commit to taking action and work together with industry, academia and the community to plan and deliver the best strategies and solutions."

"We encourage the NSW Government to continue this effort and lead by example in ensuring that adaptation strategies are incorporated into all State operations and facilities, whilst integrating resilience strategies into their planning systems."

For more information about ASBEC's Built Environment Climate Change Adaptation Framework, go to www.asbec.asn.au.

About ASBEC

The Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) is a collective of leading industry organisations committed to a sustainable built environment in Australia. ASBEC's membership consists of a range of key industry government and academic organisations who are involved in the planning, design, delivery and operation of our built environment and who are concerned with the economic, social and environmental performance of the sector.

ASBEC's activities, including research and policy development on built environment issues, are an example of a collaborative, co-ordinated approach undertaken across all segments of the built environment. ASBEC works actively to develop and promote leading practice in the design, planning and operation of our cities, at a buildings, precincts and citywide scale.

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