

Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council position on the Commercial Building Disclosure Program

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The Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) supports the objectives of the Commercial Building Disclosure (CBD) Program and the National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) that supports this program.

The CBD Program facilitates transparency of energy efficiency information, using the robust NABERS methodology. This is an important program that addresses the vast number of office accommodation in cities around Australia, using market forces to drive better performing, energy efficient buildings.

Raising awareness of a building's performance creates a market incentive for tenants to look for higher-performing buildings and for building owners to upgrade stock. This leads to improvements in energy efficiency, reductions in GHG emissions, improved industry capacity and can act as an ongoing industry stimulus.

ASBEC was involved in the development and launch of the initial NABERS program and we encourage the Government ensure the CBD Program is continued and improved, to ensure greater efficiency and effectiveness.

ASBEC notes that there are some differences at a technical level, including the tenancy lighting assessment, between industry stakeholders and encourages the Government to consult with individual professional and industry organisations to ensure that alignment can be found on these technical elements.

About ASBEC

ASBEC is the peak body of key organisations committed to a sustainable built environment in Australia.

ASBEC's membership consists of industry and professional associations, non-government organisations and government observers who are involved in the planning, design, delivery and operation of our built environment, and are concerned with the social and environmental impacts of this sector.

ASBEC provides a forum for diverse groups involved in the built environment to gather, find common ground and intelligently discuss contentious issues as well as advocate their own sustainability products, policies and initiatives.

ASBEC is a non-profit volunteer organisation. Members commit their time, resources and energy to developing practical opportunities for a more sustainable built environment.

