



the green building partnership

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MELBOURNE BUILDING WINS TOP GREEN AWARD

The *60L Green Building* in Melbourne's University district yesterday won a major Victorian award for Business Sustainability.

In presenting the Premier's Business Sustainability Award 2003, Premier Steve Bracks paid tribute to both the outstanding technical performance of the four-storey office building, and also to its commercial success.

The *60L Green Building* opened twelve months ago at 60 Leicester Street, Carlton. The project sets new benchmarks in commercially viable environmentally-responsive office construction.

The building is expected to use about one tenth of the mains water of a conventional building and one-third of the energy. It treats waste water on site, uses natural ventilation and lighting to reduce air conditioning and the demand for artificial lighting, and has virtually zero greenhouse emissions.

More than 225 people work in the fully-tenanted office building, enjoying the benefits of a healthy, low-energy, resource-efficient workplace that has minimal impact on the environment.

The Premier's Business Sustainability Award, now in its second year, celebrates Victorian-based companies that use innovation to reduce their impact on the environment, while adding to social and economic dividends.

The Project Developer, Mark Wootton, said, "We're tremendously pleased with the way this building has been received by tenants, the public, and now the Government. Our aim from the outset was to show that it is now possible to build a healthy, commercially viable office development that has market-comparable rents yet has an extremely low impact on the environment."

"60L is not just an environmental project, it is also a social project that gives people a healthy, positive working space, and an economic project that focuses on costs, performance and return on investment."

The Premier, Steve Bracks, especially commended the developers for their, "tremendous leadership by making the intellectual property around the design of 60L available, enabling others to adopt a similarly sustainable approach."

60L is now the leading example of green commercial building in Australia. It achieves its success through a holistic design approach that integrates environmental performance measures at all stages of the building process, from original design through construction to fit-out and on-going operation.

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For more information on the 60L Green Building, see the website at www.60Lgreenbuilding.com

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