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## SMART BUILDING WINS BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

A cutting edge office building in Carlton that uses a tenth of the mains water of a traditional development has won the 2003 Premier's Business Sustainability Award.

The Premier, Steve Bracks, said the 60L Green Building was chosen from a range of entries that spanned the automotive sector, financial services, fast moving consumer goods and heavy engineering.

"Good environmental credentials are becoming passports to international markets, making it critical for Victorian business to embrace the concept of sustainability," Mr Bracks said.

"The cross section of industries represented in this award demonstrates an increasing acceptance by Victorian businesses that what's good for the environment is often also sound business practice."

Now in its second year, the award celebrates Victorian-based companies that are using innovation to reduce their impact on the environment, as well as paying social and economic dividends.

Mr Bracks said the total project cost of 60L was only 5 per cent above that of a conventional building of a similar size and standard.

"As the tenants of 60L have discovered, using less electricity and lowering water consumption not only helps the environment, it reduces overheads and improves the bottom line."

Some of the innovations that made 60L a model of sustainability include:

- a natural ventilation system that reduces its need for artificial climate control, by maximising sunlight in winter and the nightly purging of hot air in summer;
- collection of rainwater and on-site treatment of grey water to reduce its draw on mains water, together with highly efficient taps to minimise overall consumption and
- generation of some of its own power through rooftop solar panel array and purchase of wholly green power, virtually eliminating any greenhouse gas emissions.

"The developers, the Green Partnership, have shown tremendous leadership by making the intellectual property around the design of 60L freely available, enabling others to adopt a similarly sustainable approach," Mr Bracks said.

Two other entries received honourable mentions from the Premier – VicSuper's world-first sustainability covenant with the EPA and Muller Industries' hybrid 3C Cooler, which uses less water and electricity than conventional cooling systems, and greatly reduces the risk of Legionella. More information on the Premier's Business Sustainability Awards is available from [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)

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