

The Green Building Movement in Australia/NZ.

The Australian Federal Government is actively supporting a move towards sustainable buildings through the introduction of Commercial Building Energy Disclosures. From the 1st November 2011, most sellers or leasers of office space of 2,000 square metres or more will be required to obtain and disclose an up-to-date energy efficiency rating. BEECs must be publicly available and include:

- a NABERS Energy star rating for the building
- an assessment of tenancy lighting in the area of the building that is being sold or leased and
- general energy efficiency guidance

More information, www.cbd.gov.au

In addition, the government is proposing to introduce legislation for a tax break scheme, ie that from 1st July 2011 businesses that invest in eligible assets or capital works to improve the energy efficiency of an existing building may be eligible to apply for a one-off bonus tax deduction [tax-breaks-for-green-buildings](#)

NABERS:

NABERS is a performance-based rating system for existing buildings. NABERS rates a building on the basis of its measured operational impacts on the environment, and provides a simple indication of how well you are managing these environmental impacts compared with your peers and neighbours.

For more Information visit www.nabers.com.au

GREEN STAR:

Green Star is a comprehensive, national, voluntary environmental rating system that evaluates the environmental design and construction of buildings. Green Star covers the physical aspect of the building, as opposed to its operations.

Green Star was developed for the property industry in order to:

- Establish a common language;
- Set a standard of measurement for green buildings;
- Promote integrated, whole-building design;
- Recognise environmental leadership;
- Identify building life-cycle impacts;

For more information visit www.gbca.org.au or <http://www.nzgbc.org.nz>

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Other interesting links:

<http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/enterprisemelbourne/environment/Pages/1200buildings.asp>

www.cityswitch.net.au

<http://www.climatechange.gov.au>