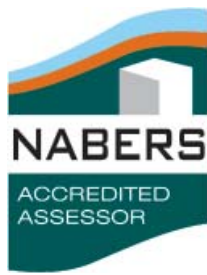


# NABERS Assessment Services – Delivering Cost Effective Buildings



The National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) scheme is a national program that benchmarks the environmental performance of buildings by awarding a star rating

on a scale of one to six. A building with a high star rating will be more efficient, more cost effective to run, and will result in a lower environmental impact. NABERS ratings are currently available for office buildings, hotels or shopping centres.

## Use NABERS to identify cost savings across your portfolio.

Having your buildings assessed under the NABERS scheme will help you to understand your energy and water consumption in order to devise effective strategies to reduce operational costs. Buildings with a 1 to 3 star rating will often have significant, cost effective opportunities for energy and water savings. NABERS can also be used to track improvements in performance over time as building management strategies are implemented and capital works carried out.

## Demonstrate your commitment to the environment.

The environmental performance of buildings is becoming increasingly important to the wider business community. NABERS gives companies the confidence to promote their green initiatives and report building performance with reputable government certification.

Building owners and managers can use NABERS to promote the environmental performance of a building in attracting and retaining tenants.

## Who needs to know about this?

Building owners, facility managers, commercial real estate agents, architects & building designers and good corporate citizens.

## Make your property more desirable.

NABERS rates a building on the basis of its measured operational impacts on the environment to provide you with a simple indication of how well you are managing these environmental impacts compared with your peers and neighbours. In a tight property market, NABERS provides a means of distinguishing your building from the rest. A NABERS rating above the median creates the potential for enhanced capital value and an opportunity to improve rental returns. NABERS provide formal recognition for your commitment to triple bottom line accounting. Investors and savvy tenants are increasingly more dutiful in their consideration of energy and environmental performance of buildings, forecasted capital expenditure and reduced life cycle costs.

## What is mandatory?

From November 1, 2011, it will be mandatory when selling, leasing or sub-leasing office space over 2000 square metres to have a NABERS assessment as part of an overall Building Energy Efficiency Certificate (BEEC) under the Commercial Building Disclosure Scheme (CBD). BEEC's are valid for 12 months.

## How can GIW help?

GIW are a multi-disciplinary energy and environmental consultancy with an expertise in sustainable design and sustainable engineering disciplines.

GIW provide NABERS Assessments, Commercial Building Disclosure Certification, energy audits and retrofitting solutions.



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