

MEDIA RELEASE

Nine Local Government Super-owned buildings awarded 6-star environmental rating by NABERS

SYDNEY, August 31, 2011 – In a recent announcement by the Office of Environment and Heritage, nine Local Government Super (LGS)-owned commercial buildings have had their environmental credentials upgraded.

With Australian buildings becoming so much more efficient, the Office of Environment and Heritage announced that the NABERS rating scale was being extended from 5 to 6 stars. The nine Local Government Super (LGS)-owned buildings, which include commercial offices and shopping centres, have been awarded the top 6-star rating.

The LGS-owned buildings took out over half of the newly awarded ratings, with only seventeen 5.5 and 6 star NABERS Energy and Water rating certificates being awarded at the launch. These high ratings reflect the use of green power to improve environmental performance.

In addition, LGS signed a 6 star NABERS Energy Commitment Agreement to retrofit 76 Berry Street in North Sydney, including an innovative tri-generation system, to achieve a 6 star NABERS Energy rating without the use of green power.

Lisa Corbyn, the Chief Executive of the Office of Environment and Heritage said at the launch that the extra star acknowledged that the Australian property industry is reaching a standard previously considered beyond world's best practice.

"In the 10 years since the NSW Government introduced the first environmental performance rating for offices, Australian commercial buildings have become so much more efficient the time has come to introduce a sixth star," Ms Corbyn said. "This is a move that was called for by top performers in the commercial property industry who are already moving beyond NABERS five-star excellence towards a market-leading six star goal."

Peter Lambert, CEO of LGS, explained that LGS's commitment to achieving excellence in environmental sustainability was deeply entrenched in the Fund's investment ethos. "LGS' commitment to sustainable investment practices is driven by our Board of Trustees, the management team and by our members. We believe it's our fiduciary duty to keep working on the development of systems and processes to identify and address ways to improve our carbon footprint across all our investments."



Local Government Super board members with the latest NABERS certificates.
(left to right) Sam Byrne, John Beacroft (Chair), Martin O'Connell, Barbara Giegerl, Ian Robertson, Leo Kelly, Bruce Miller.

The LGS-owned properties that received the 6 stars are:

- 118-120 Sussex St, Sydney
- 28 Margaret St, Sydney
- 76 Berry St, North Sydney
- 181 Miller St, North Sydney
- 100 Christie St, St Leonards
- 2-4 Lyon Park Rd, North Ryde
- Village Centre, Batemans Bay
- Sturt Mall, Wagga Wagga
- Marketplace, Leichhardt

NABERS is a national program, administered by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. It includes tools for Energy, Water, Waste and Indoor Environment.

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For further information about the NABERS rating, see www.nabers.com.au or download the following fact sheets:

[NABERS rating scale expansion](#)

[NABERS rating scale expansion - technical fact sheet](#)

[The 6 star announcement media release](#)

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About Local Government Super:

Local Government Super (LGS) is recognised as an industry leader in responsible investment and the management of environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities across its investment portfolio.

LGS manages almost \$6 billion in superannuation assets for more than 100,000 members, including 60,000 employees working for local government or related employers throughout NSW and 40,000 former local government employees. It has approximately \$3.1bn invested in responsible investment strategies across Australian shares, international shares, property, and the absolute return and private equity asset classes.

LGS is a signatory to the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment and a member of the Investor Group on Climate Change, Australian Council of Superannuation Investors, the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia and the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark. LGS is also a shareholder in Australian ESG research and engagement firm Regnan.