

23. Inland Tourism Energy Efficiency Award



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Please note entering the Inland Tourism Energy Efficiency Award does not attract an entry fee. We encourage you to enter the inaugural Inland Tourism Energy Efficiency Award brought to you by NSW Government Department Environment, Climate Change and Water.

Please see below entry details for this.

The entry requirements for this are open with the only restriction being a maximum of 5 pages.

This award will be judged separately by the Department who will also receive a copy of your Q1.

If you have not entered another category please ensure you include the below information to provide the judges with an overview of your organisation.

Question 1. Product

- Provide a general overview of the nature and history of your attraction. You must demonstrate your eligibility for entry in this category as outlined in the descriptor above.
- Describe your services and facilities.
- What tourism experiences do you offer?

Tips: Part a) Consider stating where you are located geographically (perhaps include a map shot) and including a picture to help judges visualise your attraction. Explain how you significantly contribute to tourism in your region.

Please click this link for more assistance in completing this application

<http://www.savepower.nsw.gov.au/awards.aspx>

Important reminders:

- Entrants must ensure their answers refer specifically to the product and category they are entering.
- Entrants are encouraged to answer questions to highlight participation in tourism-related accreditation programs.



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Tip for all questions:

- Prior to using an acronym, please state phrase or name in full followed by the acronym in brackets.

Question 1: (20 points)

- a) What changes have you made to improve the environmental performance of your business? (e.g. reducing water and energy use, minimising volume and toxicity of waste, more efficient use of materials, staff policies and training etc.)
- b) What role (if any) have your staff, customers and suppliers played?

Criteria

Part a) What changes have they made to improve the environmental performance of the business? (e.g. reducing water and energy use, minimising volume and toxicity of waste, more efficient use of materials, staff policies and training etc.)

Part b) What role (if any) have their staff, customers and suppliers played? (e.g. engaging staff in developing and implementing environmental plans for the business, understanding customer attitudes to environmental issues and gaining feedback on any changes made, identifying ways to improve the environmental practices of suppliers etc.)

Explanation for guidelines

Part a) What changes have you made to improve the environmental performance of your business?

This may include:

- Reducing your water and energy use
- Improving your recycling practices such as paper, plastic etc.
- Minimising volume and toxicity of your waste
- More efficient use of materials
- Working with suppliers to find products that have a reduced environmental impact and/or encouraging suppliers to improve their own environmental performance

Where possible, highlight the results of your environmental improvements (e.g. the amount of water or material savings)

Part b) What role (if any) have your staff, customers and suppliers played?

This may include:

- engaging staff in developing and implementing environmental plans for the business
- understanding customer attitudes to environmental issues and gaining feedback on any changes made



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- *identifying ways to improve the environmental practices of suppliers*

Question 2: (20 points)

- Describe in more detail what changes (if any) you have made to save energy in your business in the past year.
- Do you have any evidence to support your claims?

Explanation for Guidelines

Part a) What have you implemented to make your business more energy efficient? This may include:

- *No or low cost changes in behaviour such as educating staff to turn off lights, electrical equipment etc. when not in use, regular defrosting of fridges, checking thermostats on air conditioning so they are not unnecessarily low etc.*
- *Replacing existing equipment with more energy efficient equipment (e.g. with a 5 star rating) such as lighting (including skylights), heating, ventilation and air conditioning, insulation, electric motors, air compressors, commercial refrigeration and boilers*

Businesses will be rewarded for engagement with the Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program. Registration will earn a bonus 0.5 of a point; completion of an assessment a further 0.5 of a point and completion of actions and a receipt of a Program rebate a further 1 point.

Part b) Evidence to support your claims could include:

- *Receipts from the purchase of energy efficient equipment*
- *Energy bills that demonstrate a reduction in your energy use from these changes*
- *Information or documentation used to improve staff practices*
- *Energy efficiency/sustainability/environmental action plan*

Criteria Question

Part a) Have they made any changes to save energy in the past year? (i.e. no/low cost behaviour changes, replacing existing equipment with more energy efficient equipment etc.)

Part b) What evidence do they have to support their claims? (e.g. receipts from the purchase of energy efficient equipment, energy bills that demonstrate a reduction in your energy use from these changes, information or documentation used to improve staff practices, energy efficiency/sustainability/environmental action plan etc.)



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