

BEST ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PRACTISE

Nomination Cost: \$149.00 (inc. GST)

Nomination Criteria and Submission Requirements

This category recognises a strong commitment to the environmental practises and policies implemented throughout the venue. There is a strong focus on energy efficiency, water saving and recycling. Initiatives can be part of a multi-year program, showing continuous commitment or progress to environmental practices. Nominations for this award will be weighted – size of hotel vs resources to ensure a fair judging scale. Start the submission with a paragraph that describes your venue including brief history of how you came to be and points of difference/what makes your property special. This is where the judges will gain an understanding of how you fit into this category. It is important to clearly demonstrate your eligibility by aligning with the judging criteria found below. It is recommended that each judging point is addressed with a paragraph or two outlining your suitability.

Additional documents

1. 3 x High Resolution images of the property relevant to the nomination category

Judge Assessment Marks

Judging for this category will be based on the written submission lodged with the QHA as well as a judge visit to see the implementation of initiatives.

Energy Saving Initiatives

Use this section to elaborate on how your property is environmentally conscious and sustainable in energy saving initiatives.

Water Saving Initiatives

Use this section to elaborate on how your property is environmentally conscious and sustainable in water saving initiatives. Water management plans may be included if applicable.

Recycling Programs

Use this section to elaborate on how your property is environmentally conscious and sustainable in recycling or upcycling programs.

Level of innovation in practices

Use this section to elaborate on how your property is innovative in environmental practises. Does your venue do anything that stands out above the rest?

Economic viability to deliver savings to the hotel

Use this section to elaborate and provide data on how your initiatives have been economically viable and will continue to be sustainable in delivering savings to the property. This section can also be used to document costs of practices carried out, against benefits achieved including financial gain and healthier work/patron environments.

Incorporation of programs into everyday practice

Are there any programs in place for staff or customers that ensure daily incorporation of environmentally friendly activities? Such as guests having the ability to opt out of turndown services? Does your property ensure environmentally conscious packaging at all retail outlets? Does the property utilise any inhouse gardens for produce? Use this section to explain how the team incorporate this message into daily practice.

Staff and/or personnel initiatives

Specify any staff training focused on environmental practices. Does your team participate in any environmental clean-up days? Are there any policies around the venue that ensure that staff are being conscious of their environmental footprints? Provide information about the existence of any environmental committee or working party within the hotel to address environmental issues.