

# THE INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

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About the ASC Awards

The 2024 Infrastructure Sustainability Council Awards continue the Council's well-established tradition of advancing leadership in sustainability by celebrating best practice across the Australia and New Zealand infrastructure sectors by:

- encouraging best practice
- acknowledging leadership
- recognising role models
- rewarding valuable contributions
- promoting leading organisations •

This year's awards will exemplify excellence in sustainability across environmental, social, governance, and economic guadruple bottom line outcomes and outstanding contributions to market transformation at organisational, systemic and societal levels.

Submit your entry and join other industry leaders in demonstrating how you are delivering the outcomes and transformations needed to shape lives positively through infrastructure and build a world class sustainable industry to meet the formidable challenges and opportunities of this decade.

All you need to know to enter the Awards including categories, awards and their descriptions, application guestions, terms and conditions and FAQ's can be found in this guidebook.

Applications close at 5pm (AEST) on Monday, 9 September 2024.



Award Categories

There are a total of nine awards in four categories.

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For organisations which have deployed or contributed to the deployment of the IS Rating Scheme to make an outstanding contribution resulting in positive sustainability impacts at an organisational, system and/or sector-wide level.

- Private sector
- Public sector

### Individual contribution to a sustainable future

For individuals contributing to a world-class, sustainable infrastructure industry. Outstanding contribution will be assessed on value to stakeholders; collaboration and partnership, and capability building.

- Emerging Leader
- Enduring Impact

## Sustainability Leadership

For excellence in sustainability practices in infrastructure, with a focus on the delivery of impact and outcomes through an initiative, innovation or approach in an IS Rating.

- Excellence in Governance Outcomes
- Excellence in Social Outcomes
- Excellence in Environmental Outcomes
- Excellence in Economic Outcomes

### Outstanding Achievement

Up to 10 projects will be invited to apply for this particular award based on achieving the highest scores across all IS Rating Tools between the period of 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024. This award will be determined by the judging panel and awarded to the project team who has achieved outstanding sustainability outcomes for people, the planet and the economy and across the quadruple bottom line.

• Outstanding Achievement – IS Rating Scheme

Award Descriptions

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For outstanding organisational contribution to delivering change

#### **Award Descriptions**

#### **Private sector**

Demonstrate industry impact toward low carbon, resilient and/or inclusive infrastructure through:

- 1. Organisational change at strategy or operational level, and/or
- 2. Systemic change by contributing to policy, standards or specifications that mobilise industry leaders, and/or
- 3. Growing sector social licence by building public awareness of the benefits of infrastructure sustainability.

#### **Public sector**

Demonstrate industry impact toward low carbon, resilient and/or inclusive infrastructure by:

- 1. Organisational change at strategy or operational level, and/or
- 2. Systemic change through developing policy, standards or specifications that mobilise industry leaders, and/or
- 3. Growing sector social licence sponsorships and building public awareness of the benefits of infrastructure sustainability.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

The organisation or legal entity applying for an award must be a current member of Infrastructure Sustainability Council. This award is only available for entrants to enter on behalf of an organisation, rather than on behalf of a project.

Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years. It will be at the Infrastructure Sustainability Council's complete discretion to determine whether the application can be accepted based on the disclosure information provided.

The innovative strategy, process, method or technology with the outcomes achieved between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

### Application Questions

Submission Question	Word limit	Weighting
Describe <b>WHAT</b> you have done and <b>HOW</b> you have done it.	500 words	15%
What were the <b>OUTCOMES</b> and how were those outcomes shared?	700 words	35%
Describe <b>WHO</b> benefited from your initiative, innovation, or approach?	400 words	20%
What LEGACY and UN SDG CONTRIBUTION was achieved?	600 words	30%



Individual contribution to a sustainable future

#### Award Descriptions

#### **Emerging Leader**

For emerging sustainability professionals (under 35 years of age) contributing to the creation of a world class, sustainable infrastructure industry. This includes a healthy, inclusive workforce, a responsible, agile supply chain and sustainability-aligned investment and governance. Entrants should demonstrate how they are:

- Delivering value to stakeholders, and/or
- Working in collaboration and partnership, and/or
- Building capability in others

#### **Enduring impact**

This award seeks to recognise individuals who have a sustained contribution throughout their career to shape an enduring impact or legacy.

Entrants should demonstrate a strong contribution to the creation of a world class, sustainable infrastructure industry. This includes a healthy, inclusive workforce, a responsible, agile supply chain and sustainability-aligned investment and governance. Entrants should demonstrate how they are:

- Delivering value to stakeholders, and/or
- Working in collaboration and partnership, and/or
- Building capability in others

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

To enter the Emerging Leader award the entrant must be a current Infrastructure Sustainability Accredited Professional (ISAP).

To be eligible, entrants must predominantly reside in either Australia or New Zealand.

### Application Questions

Submission Question	Word limit	Weighting
Describe WHAT sets the individual apart.	400 words	20%
HOW has this individual influenced positive change?	400 words	20%
Describe the <b>OUTCOMES</b> this individual has contributed to.	700 words	35%
How enduring is this person's LEGACY?	500 words	25%



Sustainability Leadership & Outstanding Achievement

#### Award Descriptions

#### **Excellence in Governance Outcomes**

For organisations who can demonstrate how project governance processes (sustainability strategy, risk and opportunity management, sustainable procurement, integrated decision-making) have delivered outstanding sustainability outcomes across priority issues. External stakeholders' involvement in governance aspects should be highlighted.

#### **Excellence in Social Outcomes**

Entrants should demonstrate beneficial, measurable, and enduring outcomes for people achieved by the initiative, innovation or approach – whether that be the local community, specific stakeholder groups, indigenous peoples or the project workforce. External stakeholder involvement, supplier products or partnerships with others to achieve these outcomes should be highlighted.

#### **Excellence in Environmental Outcomes**

Entrants should demonstrate beneficial, measurable, and enduring outcomes for the natural environment achieved by the initiative, innovation or approach — whether driving towards net zero, achieving circular economy outcomes or enhancing ecological values. External stakeholder involvement, supplier products or partnerships with others to achieve these outcomes should be highlighted.

#### **Excellence in Economic Outcomes**

Entrants should demonstrate beneficial, measurable, and enduring economic outcomes achieved by the initiative, innovation, or approach – through including broader sustainability factors (e.g., the social cost of carbon) in project decisions, enhancing the local business economy, building workforce capability, or driving long term benefits realisation. External stakeholder involvement, supplier products or partnerships with others to achieve these outcomes should be highlighted.

## Outstanding Achievement - IS Rating Scheme (By invitation only)

Up to 10 projects will be invited to apply for this particular award based on achieving the highest scores across all IS Rating Tools between the period of 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024. This award will be determined by the judging panel and awarded to the project team who has achieved outstanding sustainability outcomes for people, the planet and the economy and across the quadruple bottom line.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

The initiative, innovation, or approach must have been implemented in a project that is registered for or has achieved an Infrastructure Sustainability Council Rating (IS Rating).

All organisations applying for an award must be a current member of Infrastructure Sustainability Council.

Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions or safety incidents in the last three years, not limited to the project your submission applies to. It will be at the Infrastructure Sustainability Council's complete discretion to determine whether the application can be accepted based on the disclosure information provided.

The outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

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Submission Question	Word limit	Weighting
Describe <b>WHAT</b> you have done and <b>HOW</b> you have done it. Please provide a summary of your initiative, innovation, or approach.	500 words	15%
What were the <b>OUTCOMES</b> and how were those outcomes shared?	700 words	35%
Describe <b>WHO</b> benefited from your initiative, innovation, or approach	400 words	20%
What LEGACY and UN SDG CONTRIBUTION was achieved?	600 words	30%

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Submission Requirements

Submissions must be made through the Infrastructure Sustainability Council awards application portal.

All submissions must meet the strict word limits, or risk disgualification. Entries received over the limit will be automatically disgualified. This will be strictly adhered to.

Each award has four application guestions. The guestions have differing word limits and weightings. Entrants are encouraged to consider the weightings when submitting answers. Higher word limits carry higher weightings for the scores and where judges are looking for the greatest impact.

#### Images

Applications must include a minimum of three and a maximum of six high guality supporting images. All images will be viewed by the judges and may be used for PR/marketing purposes. At least three images must be photographs devoid of logos or marketing collateral. Additional images may include graphs, maps, drawings, or material to support your application. Supporting images may not contain text apart from a heading or label.

The size limit for each image is 5MB with only .png and .jpeg formats accepted.

#### Videos

A short video of up to two-minutes is required to support your entry. Videos will be viewed by the judges and may be used for promotional purposes. Videos should be stored on either YouTube or Vimeo and a URL provided.

#### **PR Summaries**

A summary of 150 words is to be uploaded as a separate file in the awards portal. This summary will not be assessed but will be used for promotional purposes across various platforms.

This summary should briefly describe your initiative, innovation or approach, illustrate its impact and clearly demonstrate why it is unique and/or how it has impacted the sector.

Application Process

Submit your application before the deadline of Monday, 9 September 2024. Requests for extensions beyond this deadline will not be considered.

All entries assessed for eligibility and completion. Disqualified entries will be notified accordingly.

Shortlisted finalists advised by Monday, 7 October 2024.

External announcement of shortlisted entries on Tuesday, 8 October 2024.

Judges complete two rounds of judging.

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Winners announced at Gala Dinner and Awards Night on Thursday, 24 October 2024.

Media release sent on Friday, 25 October 2024

Judges feedback sent to entrants on Friday, 8 November 2024

Ongoing social media and marketing

Ibligations of Finalists

A representative from each winning award will be required to make a short acceptance speech at the Gala Dinner and Awards Night. Acceptance speeches should be no longer than 2 minutes (250 words).

A representative from each winning award will be required to work with the ISC to promote their success in 2024 and beyond.

Entrants give consent for the entry summaries and any collateral provided to be used to promote finalists, winners and the ISC Awards through multiple channels.

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The judging panel's decisions are final.

Each category's shortlist will include the top 5 entrants based on first-round scores. If scores are too close, additional entries will advance to the main judging round and be published as part of the shortlist.

The Infrastructure Sustainability Council accepts no responsibility for entries that are not received, delayed, incomplete or are lost due to a technical issue.

The Infrastructure Sustainability Council reserves the right to withdraw a category and cancel the award if an insufficient number of entries have been received, the quality of entries does not meet the criteria, or the entries are deemed inappropriate for any reason.

The Infrastructure Sustainability Council shall be entitled to use all public relations material supplied as part of the Entry (including, but not limited to, images, video recordings, written content and any other supporting documentation submitted as part of the Entry) as necessary in any media and in any form to promote Entries.

Entries remain the property of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council and are not returned.



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#### Do I/we need to be a member to apply for an ISC Award?

Entrants in the *Sustainability Leadership* and *Industry Impact* categories must be current ISC members. Entrants in the *Emerging Leader* awards must be current Infrastructure Sustainability Accredited Professionals (ISAP's). Entrants in the *Enduring Impact* award do not need to be current members or ISAP's.

#### Does my/our application need to have undertaken an IS Rating?

Yes. Entries for an initiative, innovation or approach in the *Sustainability Leadership* category must have been implemented in a project that is registered for or has achieved an IS Rating.

Please see the eligibility criteria for each award regarding the applicable date range.

#### Can I/we enter more than one award?

Yes. Each entry is judged as a stand-alone application and each entry must fulfill the entry requirements of the chosen award.

#### I/we have won an award previously. Can we enter again?

Yes. Please see the eligibility criteria regarding applicable date range.

#### What name should I/we enter under?

The Entry name is the name you would like your entry to be referred to as. It might be the name of a project, an initiative, program of work or similar. This name will appear on the award for winning entries.

#### What is the Entry / Project organisation?

This is the name of the organisation(s) representing the entry / project above. It might be a single organisation or JV, Alliance, PPP or similar. This name will also appear on the award for winning entries. It is the responsibility of the key contact to ensure all parties are informed of the entry in the case of a JV, Alliance, PPP or similar.

#### Who will ISC communicate with regarding my/our entry?

The ISC will only communicate with the person submitting the entry – the Key Contact.

## Do I/we need to complete the application in full or can I/we come back and add more information later?

You can partially submit your application and come back at any time before the closing date to complete your entry.

#### What happens if I/we don't submit everything on time or if my application isn't complete?

Applications close at 5pm (AEST) on Monday, 9 September 2024. Any late entrants and applications missing information, over the word count or that don't meet the submission criteria will be automatically disqualified.

#### How much does it cost to enter the awards?

There is no application fee.

#### Who are the judges for my/our category/award?

The judges of each category/award will be released after the awards close.

#### What is the closing date?

Applications close at 5pm (AEST) on Monday, 9 September 2024.

#### Do I/we need to be present at the Gala Dinner and Awards Night to receive the award if I win?

It is highly recommended that all shortlisted entries have a representative attend the Gala Dinner and Awards Night to accept the award should they win.

#### Where do I/we purchase tickets for the Gala Dinner and Awards Night?

Head to the ISC website (www.iscouncil.org) where you will be directed to the Connect Conference site where you can purchase tickets to the conference and/or dinner and book a table of 10 for your entire team. The Conference site will be open for registrations in early May 2024.

#### Will winners be notified in advance?

No. Winners will be announced on the night.

#### Do you accommodate special requirements at the Gala Dinner and Awards Night?

Absolutely! If, for any reason, a request cannot be accomodated, you will be notified.

#### How do I/we enter?

Head to the ISC website, look for the Awards tab and you'll find a link to the application portal there.

#### If I have more questions or need more information, who can I talk to?

If your questions haven't been answered in this guidebook or on our website, feel free to get in touch with us at events@iscouncil.org



Meet the 2023 Minners





'The Project delivered exceptional sustainability outcomes. It reduced energy emissions by 47%, materials emissions by 22%, created a 105% increase in ecological value designed for climate resilience, and delivered a sustainable precinct with 60,000m2 of new public spaces with parks, pedestrian and cycling paths, an amphitheatre, recreational equipment and yarning circle."

#### **Excellence in Governance Outcomes**

#### Preston Level Crossing Removal Project - North Western Program Alliance

In 2022, the North Western Program Alliance (NWPA) completed the Preston Level Crossing Removal Project ('the Project'); a complex rail infrastructure upgrade that included the removal of four level crossings, construction of two kilometres of elevated rail viaduct, two new premium stations and precincts, and extensive open spaces in Melbourne's inner north.

Key to holistic sustainability success was the early embedment of sustainability during project development, using governance mechanisms, including:

-Optioneering and Multi Criteria Analysis -Partnerships and collaborations -A continuous improvement approach -Early engagement with community

The Project's governance framework was critical to the achievement of sustainable solutions, with these four initiatives realised:

- Single-Line Running
- Radiant Heat Curing •
- Indigenous engagement and design
- Local community developed solutions.

NWPA's governance and sustainable solutions have left a legacy for the Preston community, have been shared across the industry, and can be adopted or adapted for other rail and infrastructure projects in Australia.



#### **Excellence in Economic Outcomes**

#### Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) & South West Gateway Alliance (SWGA)

The South West Gateway Alliance (SWGA), in partnership with Main Roads WA, is delivering the transformational infrastructure project, the Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR).

Within this project, the SWGA has developed sustainable industry goals focusing on procurement and local business engagement, working in collaboration with local business, organisations and State Government agencies to create opportunities for lasting social and economic improvements within the South West.

The processes and policies put in place, are recognised within industry as a contemporary best practice delivery model, which is supporting greater collaboration with local business and industry, the delivery of important local content objectives and a sustainable workforce strategy.

SWGA are leading a proactive and dynamic approach to meeting business objectives and ensuring that the project spend meets and exceeds targets, delivering local opportunities to local businesses.



#### **Excellence in Social Outcomes**

#### Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) & South West Gateway Alliance (SWGA)

The South West Gateway Alliances (SWGA) Yaka Dandjoo program focuses on building meaningful career pathways for unemployed and job-transitioning participants, especially for young people, women, people over 45 years of age, and Aboriginal people.

The program includes mentorships, training, and preparatory modules to enable participants to work on major infrastructure projects in WA, and ongoing support/upskilling to ensure sustainable employment opportunities for graduates in the region. Since its launch in October 21, 60% of the graduates have been female and 60% have been Aboriginal.

One of the key challenges over the last year has been the low unemployment rate in the South West region, approximately 3.4%. Although it has become more challenging to find suitable participants who are unemployed and live locally, we have nonetheless recently celebrated reaching a milestone of 140 graduates. The program continues to provide greater opportunity for local individuals and more jobs for the region.

Excellence in Environmental Outcomes

Cairns Southern Access Corridor Stage 3: Edmonton to Gordonvale Project

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), HSA Group (John Holland, Seymour Whyte, AECOM)



"The project tackled the challenge of emissions reduction by implementing carbon reduction and circular economy initiatives. The project innovatively constructed over 10km of pavements through a combination of a Concrete Extruding Slipform Paver and substituting 100% recycled plastic fibre reinforcement in place of steel. This Australianfirst method led to raw materials reduction, increased productivity, and repurposed waste."

#### **Excellence in Environmental Outcomes**

## Cairns Southern Access Corridor Stage 3: Edmonton to Gordonvale Project HSA Group (John Holland, Seymour Whyte, AECOM)

The Cairns Southern Access Corridor (Stage 3), Edmonton to Gordonvale (E2G) project tackled the challenge of emissions reduction by implementing carbon reduction and circular economy initiatives.

The project innovatively constructed over 10km of pavements through a combination of a Concrete Extruding Slipform Paver and substituting 100% recycled plastic fibre reinforcement in place of steel. This Australian-first method led to raw materials reduction, increased productivity, and repurposed waste. Through collaboration with a local supplier the project developed a Queensland-first initiative, six solar hybrid systems that significantly reduced diesel use while providing reliable 24-hour power. The project team observed substantial GHG emissions reduction and benefits to both the workforce and stakeholders. Other initiatives include using recycled glass bedding sand and the onsite crushing and reuse of waste concrete. E2G has demonstrated a commitment to innovative and enduring environmental outcomes, paving the way for a more sustainable future in the construction industry.

Outstanding Achievement

## Sustainability Leadership

Parramatta Connect (a joint venture between CPB Contractors and Downer EDI)





"A combination of innovative thinking, prudent risk management and close stakeholder collaboration allowed Parramatta Connect to leverage opportunities to mitigate impacts and provide sustainable solutions without detriment to operational use."

#### **Outstanding Achievement**

#### Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 - Infrastructure Contract

Stage 1 of Parramatta Light Rail connects Westmead to Carlingford with a 12-kilometre, two-way track featuring 16 stops and 12 new or refurbished bridges; proudly delivered by Parramatta Connect, a 50:50 joint venture between CPB Contractors and Downer EDI, on behalf of TfNSW.

Our training initiatives provided training and employment for women in non-traditional roles, First Nations people, apprentices, and young, mature, and disadvantaged workers.

We committed to preserving and maintaining Parramatta's rich historical and cultural significance, incorporating an enhanced urban realm, grass track and wire-free areas into our design, and providing active transport links that promote the community's physical, mental and social health.

Industry innovations included macro synthetic fibres and an enhanced rail boot system in the track slab construction resulting in significant sustainability benefits. These initiatives and sustainable reuse of materials all contributed to receiving the record-breaking ISC 'As-Built' score of 104.35, demonstrating a true legacy-leaving project.



#### Individual Contribution to a Sustainable Future

#### Emerging Leader – Alyssa Slaney

Alyssa Slaney is Laing O'Rourke's Project Sustainability Manager working on Central Station Metro (CSM). She has led and collaboratively delivered sustainability outcomes for CSM and other major projects well above contractual requirements.

Her work on CSM delivered significant sustainability outcomes including the Green Star Design Review World Leading 6-Star achievement for Sydney Metro assets of Central Station. She has also championed the use of biodiesel, solar PV systems, water conservation and materials reuse to reduce the project's environmental impact.

Alyssa's work is characterised by a care for the community, working closely with local charities. She is active in nurturing the next generation and acknowledged for always sharing her knowledge with colleagues and industry.

Alyssa's significant contributions have been recognised and appreciated. "Alyssa's strong leadership qualities, excellent stakeholder engagement skills and passion for sustainability have seen her accomplishments unparalleled on the CSM project," John Cosgrove, Laing O'Rourke Project Director, CSM.



#### **Outstanding Contribution to the Sector**

#### **Enduring Impact - Berenize Peita**

Berenize Peita, Link Alliance Social Outcomes Legacy Manager, has changed the way we work in infrastructure. Through her leadership, with the support of our CRL Mana Whenua partners, te ao Māori (the Māori world) is a more valued part of how we operate. Setting a precedent for the sector, social outcomes and a diverse, healthy and inclusive workforce in Aotearoa.

Social Outcomes initiatives started by Berenize have led to 100% of the Link Alliance home company mana whenua, Māori, Pasifika and youth in training, 33 rangatahi (youth) graduating from a Progressive Employment Programme (PEP) and over \$95m being spent with Māori and Pasifika owned businesses.



#### **Industry Impact**

#### Private Sector - ACCIONA

Facing the challenges of sustainable development is possible thanks to people's talent, engagement, and leadership. This is why ACCIONA understands Diversity as a source of talent that brings a key competitive edge to stand out from the rest. It also considers Equity and Inclusion as top priorities in people management and essential assets to boost sustainable development and the defence of human rights.

ACCIONA has led the way in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Australia and New Zealand through its Gender-Neutral Parental Leave Policy, including benefits such as part time work at full pay from week 26 of pregnancy, its approach to Flexibility, paid Significance Leave to all salaried and blue-collar employees, a free Vacation Care Program and focus on co-creation of strategies, programs and initiatives with its people and key stakeholders.

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### **Public Sector**

Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery (OMTID)



"OMTID has implemented organizational changes, such as hosting quarterly workshops and forums to share knowledge. In collaboration with experts from the private sector, OMTID has championed the use of recycled materials in infrastructure projects, and a Materials Reuse Platform was created to list excess materials. OMTID has set targets to reduce materials, water, and energy usage, as well as, to divert waste from landfill."

#### Industry Impact

#### Public Sector - Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery (OMTID)

The Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery (OMTID) combines teams from both Main Roads WA (MRWA) and the Public Transport Authority (PTA), delivering transport projects with a cost of over \$100 million. To ensure the highest level of efficiency, the Resource Efficiency Action Plan (REAP) was implemented to monitor progress and identify areas for improvement. As a result, OMTID has implemented organizational changes, such as hosting quarterly workshops and forums to share knowledge. In collaboration with experts from the private sector, OMTID has championed the use of recycled materials in infrastructure projects, and a Materials Reuse Platform was created to list excess materials. OMTID has set targets to reduce materials, water, and energy usage, as well as, to divert waste from landfill. OMTID strongly believes in working together with both the public and private sectors to drive meaningful change in the transportation industry.

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