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Infrastructure Sustainability Council

Awards 2026

Application Guide

Your invitation

The 2026 Infrastructure Sustainability Council Awards continue the IS Council's well-established tradition of advancing leadership in sustainability by celebrating best practice across the Australia and New Zealand infrastructure sectors.

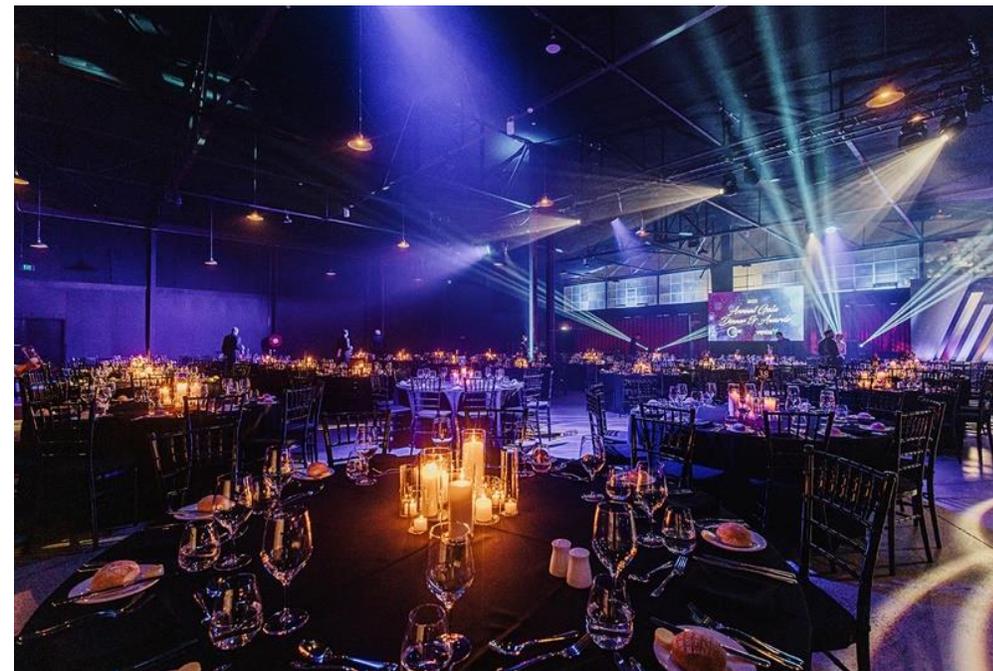
It is my great pleasure to invite you to enter the 2026 Infrastructure Sustainability Council Awards.

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

We look forward to receiving your entries and having you join other industry leaders in demonstrating how you are delivering the outcomes and transformations needed to shape lives positively through infrastructure. Together, we can build a world class sustainable industry to meet the formidable challenges and opportunities of this decade.



Toby Kent
Chief Executive Officer
Infrastructure Sustainability Council



Categories

Individual contribution to a sustainable future

Recognises excellence in **individuals** from ISC member organisations

1. Emerging Leader
2. Enduring Impact

Industry Impact

Recognises excellence in **organisations** engaged in infrastructure sustainability

3. Industry Impact - Proponents, Policy & Investors
4. Industry Impact - Delivery Partners
5. Industry Impact - Supply Solutions
6. Industry Impact - Knowledge & Network

Sustainability Leadership

Recognises excellence in a contribution to an IS Rated **project**

7. Excellence in Environmental Outcomes
8. Excellence in Economic Outcomes
9. Excellence in Social Outcomes
10. Excellence in Governance Outcomes

Outstanding Achievement

Recognises excellence in a contribution to an IS Rated **project**

11. Outstanding Achievement - IS Rating Scheme

Application process

- Submissions must be made through the Infrastructure Sustainability Council awards application portal. [ISC Awards 2026 - Application Portal](#)
- Each award has four questions. Each question has differing word limits and weightings. Entrants are encouraged to consider the weightings when submitting answers.
- The application portal will only allow up to the maximum word limit provided per question.
- Where requested, 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.

Key timings

12 January 2026
Applications open

9 March 2026
Applications close

15 April 2026
Announcement of finalists

3 June 2026
Winners announced
ISC Gala Dinner & Awards, Brisbane

Obligations of finalists and winners

All entrants announced as a **finalist** must:

- **Register a representative** to attend the ISC Gala Dinner & Awards, to be held on Wednesday 3 June 2026 in Brisbane.
- Provide a **PR summary** of 150 words, which will be used by the ISC for promotional purposes.
- Provide **one to three images**, that may be used by the ISC for promotional purposes.



Finalists for the Sustainability Leadership and Outstanding Achievement Awards must also provide:

- A **short video** of 60-90 seconds, that may be used by the ISC for promotional purposes, and played during the ISC Connect Conference and Gala Awards.

Winners must provide:

- A **representative** for each winning award to make a **short acceptance speech** at the Gala Dinner and Awards Night.
- A **representative** for each winning award to **work with the ISC to promote their success** in 2026 and beyond.

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Award Category Partners



Individual contribution to a sustainable future

Emerging Leader

Overview

This award seeks to recognise **individuals** who are emerging sustainability professionals, 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.

Submission Question	Word limit	Weight
Describe WHAT sets the individual apart.	200 words	20%
HOW has this individual influenced positive change?	200 words	20%
Describe the OUTCOMES this individual has contributed to	300 words	35%
How enduring is this individual's LEGACY ?	250 words	25%

Eligibility Criteria

- The individual must be employed by an organisation or legal entity that is a current member of Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
- The individual must predominantly live in Australia or New Zealand.
- As at 28 February 2026, the entrant must be under 36 years of age.
- Outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.

Individual contribution to a sustainable future

Enduring Impact

Overview

This award seeks to recognise **individuals** who have made 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
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Eligibility Criteria

- The individual must be employed by an organisation or legal entity that is a current member of Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
- The individual must predominantly live in Australia or New Zealand.

Industry Impact

Proponents, Policy & Investors

Overview

This award seeks to recognise **organisations** who have demonstrated industry impact toward low carbon, resilient and/or inclusive infrastructure through:

- Organisational change at a strategy or operational level, and/or
- Systemic change by contributing to policy, standards or specifications that mobilise industry leaders, and/or
- Growing sector confidence by demonstrating leadership and building awareness of the benefits of infrastructure sustainability.

Eligibility Criteria

- Entrants must be public or private proponents (asset owners or developers), investors, policy and regulation setting authorities or mandating agencies.
- Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project.
- Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years.
- Outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.
- For organisations that are not ISC members, an application fee applies.

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What LEGACY and UN SDG CONTRIBUTION was achieved?	300 words	30%

Industry Impact Delivery Partners

Award category partner



Overview

This award seeks to recognise **organisations** who have demonstrated industry impact toward low carbon, resilient and/or inclusive infrastructure through:

- Organisational change at a strategy or operational level, and/or
- Systemic change by contributing to policy, standards or specifications that mobilise industry leaders, and/or
- Growing sector confidence by demonstrating leadership and building awareness of the benefits of infrastructure sustainability.

Eligibility Criteria

- Entrants must be Delivery Partners: consultants, constructors, asset operators, or financial services.
- Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project.
- Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years.
- Outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.
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Industry Impact Supply Solutions

Overview

This award seeks to recognise **organisations** who have demonstrated industry impact toward low carbon, resilient and/or inclusive infrastructure through:

- Integrating environmental, social and governance considerations into the sourcing, production and distribution of goods and services
- Focusing beyond economic efficiencies to address the ecological and social impacts of operations throughout the supply chain
- Demonstrated innovation and/or a partnership approach to optimising and accelerating sustainable outcomes in infrastructure.

Eligibility Criteria

- Entrants must be suppliers of products (manufacturer or distribution), contracted services, or software solutions.
- Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project.
- Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years.
- Outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.
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Industry Impact Knowledge and Networks

Overview

This award seeks to recognise **organisations** who have demonstrated industry impact toward low carbon, resilient and/or inclusive infrastructure through:

- Organisational change at a strategy or operational level, and/or
- Systemic change by contributing to policy, advocacy, standards, capability or research that mobilises industry leaders, and/or
- Growing sector confidence by demonstrating and/or developing leadership, and building awareness of the benefits of infrastructure sustainability.

Eligibility Criteria

- Entrants must be academic/research institutions and/or registered not-for-profits.
- Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project.
- Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years.
- Outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.
- For organisations that are not ISC members, an application fee applies.

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Sustainability Leadership

Excellence in Environmental Outcomes

Overview

This award seeks to recognise a **project** that demonstrates beneficial, measurable, and enduring outcomes for the natural environment.

Outcomes achieved by the initiative, innovation or approach – whether that be 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.

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 or legal entities listed on the entry must be current members of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
- Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years.
- The outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.

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Sustainability Leadership

Excellence in Economic Outcomes

Overview

This award seeks to recognise a **project** that demonstrates beneficial, measurable, and enduring economic outcomes.

Outcomes achieved by the initiative, innovation or approach – through including broader sustainability factors 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.

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 or legal entities listed on the entry must be current members of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
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Sustainability Leadership

Excellence in Social Outcomes

Overview

This award seeks to recognise a **project** that demonstrates beneficial, measurable, and enduring outcome for people.

Outcomes achieved by the initiative, innovation or approach – whether that be the local community, specific stakeholder groups, First Nations peoples or the project workforce.

External stakeholder involvement, supplier products or partnerships with others to achieve these outcomes should be highlighted.

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 or legal entities listed on the entry must be current members of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
- Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years.
- The outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.

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Sustainability Leadership

Excellence in Governance Outcomes

Overview

This award seeks to recognise a **project** that demonstrates 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.

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 or legal entities listed on the entry must be current members of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
- Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years.
- The outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.

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Outstanding Achievement IS Rating Scheme – by invitation only

Overview

Up to 10 IS Rated projects will be invited by the ISC to apply for this award.

Invited projects have achieved the highest scores across their respective IS Rating Tool.

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 or legal entities listed on the entry must be current members of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
- Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions in the last three years.
- The outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026.
- Entry to this category is by invitation only

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FAQs

Do I/we need to be a member of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council (ISC) to apply for an ISC Award?

- Entrants in the Sustainability Leadership and Outstanding Achievement categories must be current ISC members.
- Entrants in the Individual Contribution to a Sustainable Future categories must be employed by an organisation or legal entity that is a current member of Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
- Entrants in the Industry Impact categories do not need to be ISC members.

How much does it cost to enter the awards?

There is no application fee for ISC Members.

Non-members may enter Industry Impact categories, and the fee is AUD\$300 plus GST per submission for organisations with revenue less than AUD\$200,000; Not for Profits and Local Government Agencies. For all other organisations, the fee is AUD\$600 plus GST.

Does my/our application need to have undertaken, or be undertaking, an IS Rating?

- Entries for an initiative, innovation or approach in the Sustainability Leadership and Outstanding Achievement categories must have been implemented in a project that is registered for or has achieved an IS Rating.
- Individual Contribution to a Sustainable Future and Industry Impact categories do not need an IS Rating.

What is the eligibility date range?

- Outcomes must have been achieved between 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2026. See specific categories for clarification.

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.

FAQs

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 (AEDT) on Monday, 9 March 2026. Any late entrants and applications missing information, over the word count or that don't meet the submission criteria will be automatically disqualified.

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

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

Will winners be notified in advance?

- No. Winners will be announced on the night.

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?

- Visit www.isc-connect2026.com.au to purchase tickets. Please note discounts apply for ISC members and for tables of 10.

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

Absolutely! Please list any special requirements when you register, or email events@iscouncil.org

How do I/we enter?

Visit [ISC Awards 2026 - Application Portal](#)

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

Terms and conditions

- The judging and awards program will be overseen by an independent third party. The judging panel's decisions are final.
- 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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