ISC AWARDS

Infrastructure Sustainability Council

14 Award categories across Individuals, Organisations and IS Rated Projects

5 Regional celebrations across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

1 National Gala Dinner & Excellence Awards

YOUR INVITATION

It is my great pleasure to invite you to enter the ISC Awards. These awards continue our well-established tradition of advancing leadership in sustainability by celebrating best practice across the Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand infrastructure sectors.

ISC Awards exemplify excellence in sustainability across environmental, social, governance, and economic outcomes, and outstanding contributions to market transformation at individual, organisational, project, systemic and societal levels.

For the first time, we will be celebrating the individuals and organisations that make our industry a success at a local level, with the introduction of five additional Award ceremonies across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, held in conjunction with our ISC Sustainability Summit series.

All categories will then be celebrated at our prestigious annual Gala Dinner and Awards ceremony.

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.

Toby Kent

Chief Executive Officer
Infrastructure Sustainability Council

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The ISC Awards program will encompass five unique, regional Award ceremonies:

ISC Awards – WA/SA ISC Awards – NSW/ACT ISC Awards – VIC/TAS ISC Awards – QLD/NT ISC Awards – NZ	• Categories 1-8 will be awarded at each of these events. • Categories 9-14 not available at these events ISC Award ceremonies will be held as part of the ISC Sustainability Summit Dinner. ISC Sustainability Summit will include: • Conference • Practitioners Day • Site Tours • Awards & Project Certification Dinner

The regional awards will culminate in our prestigious Gala Dinner & Awards event, to be held in Melbourne on 1 June 2027. All fourteen categories will be celebrated at this event.

ISC Excellence Awards	• Categories 1-8: Winners from the five regional events above will automatically become finalists at this event. • Categories 9-14 will enter these awards only

FINALISTS AND WINNERS

Promotion of finalists
The ISC will promote finalists and winners to members and industry via our various media channels, including a press release, ISC website, ISC socials and dedicated communications to industry celebrating our finalists and winners. The ISC will also provide finalists, and then winners, with social media tiles to celebrate and recognise their achievement. Winners will be provided with an official winners logo, for use on their own promotional collateral.

Attendance at Award ceremonies
All finalists must register a representative to attend the award ceremony they are a finalist for. For winners of the regional ISC Awards, you will automatically become a finalist for the ISC Excellence Awards, and must register a representative to attend this event as well.

Acceptance speech
Winners will be invited on stage to make a short acceptance speech.

Winners Videos
Finalists for Excellence in IS Rated Organisations and Excellence in IS Rated Projects categories will be given the opportunity to submit a 60 second video, which will be played on the night should you win. You do not need to submit a video with your submission. Finalists will be contacted and asked to submit a video before the award ceremony date.

Finalist promotional summaries
Finalists will be asked to submit a 150 word promotional summary, for ISC to use when promoting the Awards. You do not need to submit a PR summary with your submission. When the ISC announces finalists, you will be contacted and asked to provide them then.

Photos
The application portal will allow you to upload up to five photos. You may choose to upload the photos with your submission, if you would like the judges to view them. Finalists who choose not to include photos with their submission will have the opportunity to provide them once finalists have been announced.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submissions must be made through the ISC Awards Application Portal before the due date and time listed on page 5 of the Application Guide.

Each award has five questions. Question one will not be scored by the judges, but provides an opportunity to provide context for the judges, without having to repeat for each question.

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.

ACCESS THE ISC AWARDS APPLICATION PORTAL

AWARD CATEGORIES

Category	5 Regional ISC Awards	ISC Excellence Awards
Excellence in IS Individuals		
1.Sustainability Leader of the Year	Yes	Regional winners become finalists. (Do not need to re-enter)
2.ISAP of the Year	Yes	
3.Emerging Leader Award	Yes	
4.Enduring Impact Award	Yes	
Excellence in IS Organisations		
5.Community Impact Award	Yes	Regional winners become finalists. (Do not need to re-enter)
6.Innovation Award	Yes	
7.Consultancy Impact Award	Yes	
8.Contractor Impact Award	Yes	
9.Proponent, Policy and Investor Impact Award	Enter ISC Excellence Awards only	Yes
Excellence in IS Rated Projects		
10.Excellence in Environmental Outcomes	Enter ISC Excellence Awards only	Yes
11.Excellence in Economic Outcomes		Yes
12.Excellence in Social Outcomes		Yes
13.Excellence in Governance Outcomes		Yes
14.IS Rated Project of the Year (enter by invitation only)		Yes

KEY DATES

Awards	Opening date for submissions	Closing date for submissions	Eligibility dates for examples/outcomes	Date and location of Awards event
ISC Awards WA/SA	Monday 17 August 2026	Tuesday 6 October 2026 (11:59pm AEDT)	1 September 2025 - 31 August 2026	ISC Sustainability Summit Dinner Perth Thursday 19 November 2026
ISC Awards NSW/ACT	Monday 17 August 2026	Tuesday 6 October 2026 (11:59pm AEDT)	1 September 2025 - 31 August 2026	ISC Sustainability Summit Dinner Sydney Wednesday 2 December 2026
ISC Awards VIC/TAS	Wednesday 7 October 2026	Monday 23 November 2026 (11:59pm AEDT)	1 November 2025 - 31 October 2026	ISC Sustainability Summit Dinner Melbourne Thursday 11 February 2027
ISC Awards QLD/NT	Wednesday 7 October 2026	Monday 23 November 2026 (11:59pm AEDT)	1 November 2025 - 31 October 2026	ISC Sustainability Summit Dinner Gold Coast Thursday 25 February 2027
ISC Awards NZ	Wednesday 7 October 2026	Monday 23 November 2026 (11:59pm AEDT)	1 November 2025 - 31 October 2026	ISC Sustainability Summit Dinner Auckland Thursday 18 March 2027
ISC Excellence Awards	Monday 18 January 2027	Monday 1 March 2027 (11:59pm AEDT)	1 March 2026 - 28 February 2027	ISC Gala Dinner & Awards Melbourne 1 June 2027

EXCELLENCE IN **IS INDIVIDUALS**

SUSTAINABILITY LEADER OF THE YEAR

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This award recognises an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership in advancing infrastructure sustainability.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an individual who:

- Demonstrates outstanding leadership in advancing infrastructure sustainability through an organisation, project or program.
- Goes beyond the expectations of their role to champion sustainability and influence better decision-making.
- Mobilises colleagues, leaders, clients, delivery partners or stakeholders around shared sustainability objectives.
- Demonstrates leadership behaviours including collaboration, accountability, initiative and the ability to build capability in others.
- Has contributed to meaningful and measurable environmental, social, economic or governance outcomes.

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 and must enter the awards in the Australian state, or NZ, that they predominantly live. They may only enter in one location.

All examples/outcomes must have been achieved in the 12 month period up to and including the closing date of submissions for the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates).

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter at each of the five ISC Awards events. Winners from those five events will automatically become the finalists for the ISC Excellence Awards. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the nominee, including their role, organisation, leadership responsibilities and the project, program or organisational context in which their contribution occurred.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**LEADERSHIP AND APPROACH** How has the nominee led or advanced sustainability within their organisation, project or program? Describe what they did, how they approached it and how their leadership went beyond the expectations of their role.	150 words	20%
3	**INFLUENCE AND ENGAGEMENT** How has the nominee influenced, engaged or mobilised others to support sustainability outcomes? Provide examples of the people or groups involved and how the nominee's leadership changed behaviours, decisions or ways of working.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What significant sustainability outcomes have resulted from the nominee's leadership? Provide measurable or clearly demonstrated evidence of the change achieved and explain who benefited.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND UN SDG CONTRIBUTION** What lasting contribution has the nominee made to infrastructure sustainability? Explain how their leadership has strengthened future practice or capability, how learning has been shared and which relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals their work has contributed to.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN **IS INDIVIDUALS**

ISAP OF THE YEAR

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This award recognises an outstanding ISAP (Infrastructure Sustainability Accredited Professional).

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an outstanding ISAP (Infrastructure Sustainability Accredited Professional) who:

- Demonstrates professional excellence, integrity and leadership in applying their IS knowledge.
- Uses their expertise to improve sustainability decision-making, practice and performance.
- Positively influences colleagues, clients, project teams or the broader IS community.
- Demonstrates accountability, collaboration and trusted professional behaviours.
- Contributes to stronger capability, knowledge-sharing and improved infrastructure sustainability outcomes.

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 and must enter the awards in the Australian state, or NZ, that they predominantly live. They may only enter in one location.

The individual must be a current ISAP (Infrastructure Sustainability Accredited Professional)

All examples/outcomes must have been achieved in the 12 month period up to and including the closing date of submissions in the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates).

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter at each of the five ISC Awards events. Winners from those five events will automatically become the finalists for the ISC Excellence Awards. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the nominee, including their role, organisation, ISAP experience, responsibilities and involvement in infrastructure sustainability.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP** How has the nominee applied their ISAP knowledge and expertise to advance infrastructure sustainability? Describe their contribution and what distinguishes their professional practice.	150 words	20%
3	**INTEGRITY AND INFLUENCE** How has the nominee demonstrated integrity, accountability, collaboration and professional leadership? Explain how they have influenced others, built trust or strengthened sustainability practice.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND INFLUENCE** What measurable or clearly demonstrated outcomes have resulted from the nominee's contribution? Who benefited, and how has the nominee shared knowledge, supported capability or influenced others?	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND UN SDG CONTRIBUTION** What lasting contribution has the nominee made to infrastructure sustainability? Explain how their work supports relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals and how their influence is expected to continue.	180 words	25%

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EMERGING LEADER AWARD

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This award recognises an emerging professional who is making a notable early contribution to infrastructure sustainability.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an emerging professional who:

- Is in the early stages of their career and already making a notable contribution to infrastructure sustainability.
- Demonstrates initiative, curiosity and a commitment to sustainability beyond the expectations of their role.
- Actively engages others, shares knowledge or contributes to building sustainability capability.
- Shows potential to become a future leader in infrastructure sustainability.
- Has contributed to meaningful sustainability outcomes relative to their level of experience.

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 and must enter the awards in the Australian state, or NZ, that they predominantly live. They may only enter in one location.

The individual must have no more than 10 years of professional experience in the infrastructure sector, and be under the age of 36 as of the closing date of submissions in the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates).

All examples/outcomes must have been achieved in the 12 month period up to and including the closing date of submissions in the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates).

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter at each of the five ISC Awards events. Winners from those five events will automatically become the finalists for the ISC Excellence Awards. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the nominee, including their role, organisation, years of experience in the infrastructure sector and their involvement in sustainability.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**INITIATIVE AND CONTRIBUTION** How has the nominee demonstrated initiative and contributed to infrastructure sustainability early in their career? Describe what they did and how their contribution went beyond what is expected at their level.	150 words	20%
3	**ENGAGEMENT AND INFLUENCE** How has the nominee engaged, influenced or inspired others in relation to sustainability? Provide examples of collaboration, knowledge-sharing or leadership relative to their experience level.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What sustainability outcomes has the nominee contributed to? Provide measurable or clearly demonstrated evidence of the impact achieved, relative to the nominee's level of experience.	280 words	35%
5	**FUTURE POTENTIAL AND UN SDG CONTRIBUTION** What potential does the nominee show as a future leader in infrastructure sustainability? Explain how their work supports relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals and describe the nominee's trajectory and ambition.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN **IS INDIVIDUALS**

ENDURING IMPACT AWARD

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This award recognises a senior industry leader whose sustained contribution has delivered enduring, industry-wide change and advanced infrastructure sustainability.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises a senior industry leader whose sustained contribution has delivered enduring, industry-wide change and advanced infrastructure sustainability beyond a single organisation or project. This person:

- Has made a sustained and significant contribution to infrastructure sustainability over time.
- Has influenced industry practice, policy, standards, markets, capability or expectations beyond a single organisation or project.
- Has helped drive systemic or sector-wide change.
- Can demonstrate that their contribution has resulted in enduring, meaningful outcomes.
- Has created a legacy that will continue to influence infrastructure sustainability into the future.

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 and must enter the awards in the Australian state, or NZ, that they predominantly live. They may only enter in one location.

Examples/outcomes may span the nominee's career, however entrants are encouraged to also include examples and outcomes achieved in the 12 month period up to and including the closing date of submissions for the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates).

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter at each of the five ISC Awards events. Winners from those five events will automatically become the finalists for the ISC Excellence Awards. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the nominee's career, leadership roles, areas of influence and contribution to infrastructure sustainability.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**SUSTAINED LEADERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTION** What has been the nominee's most significant sustained contribution to infrastructure sustainability? Explain what they did, how their contribution developed over time and why it has been important.	150 words	20%
3	**INDUSTRY INFLUENCE** How has the nominee influenced practice, policy, standards, markets, organisations or professional capability beyond a single project or organisation? Who has been influenced or benefited?	150 words	20%
4	**ENDURING OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What lasting industry-wide change has resulted from the nominee's work? Provide evidence of adoption, replication, changed practice or sustained outcomes.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTION** What legacy will the nominee leave for infrastructure sustainability? Explain how their influence will continue into the future and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN **IS ORGANISATIONS**

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

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This award recognises an organisation that has delivered meaningful and positive sustainability outcomes for a community through infrastructure-related activities.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an organisation that:

- Has created meaningful and lasting positive outcomes for a community through an infrastructure-related initiative, program, service or approach.
- Demonstrates a clear understanding of community needs, priorities and perspectives.
- Meaningfully engages affected communities and stakeholders in developing or delivering solutions.
- Creates measurable social, environmental or economic benefits.
- Demonstrates potential for the initiative or its benefits to continue, scale or be replicated.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Organisations must be working in the infrastructure sector, including, but not limited to proponents, delivery partners, and suppliers.

Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project.

The initiative/program/example must have been delivered in the region it is entered.

All examples/outcomes must have been achieved in the 12 month period up to and including the closing date of submissions in the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates).

For organisations that are not ISC members, an application fee applies. (see page 20 for details).

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

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		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the organisation and the initiative, program or approach, including where it was delivered, the community involved and the infrastructure or sustainability context.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**COMMUNITY NEED AND APPROACH** Describe the community need, issue or opportunity that the initiative addressed. What did the organisation do, and how were community members involved in designing or delivering the approach?	150 words	20%
3	**ENGAGEMENT AND INCLUSION** How were communities and stakeholders involved? Explain whose needs and perspectives were considered and how their participation influenced the initiative.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What measurable or clearly demonstrated benefits were achieved for the community? Explain who benefited, how success was measured and provide evidence of the outcomes.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTION** What lasting community value has been created? Explain how the initiative can be sustained, expanded or replicated, how learning has been shared and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN **IS ORGANISATIONS**

INNOVATION AWARD

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This award recognises an innovative product, service, solution, methodology or way of working that has contributed to improved infrastructure sustainability outcomes.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an organisation that:

- Has developed and implemented an innovative product, service, solution, methodology or way of working that has been applied in practice and has contributed to improved infrastructure sustainability outcomes.
- Has responded to a genuine infrastructure sustainability challenge or opportunity.
- Can demonstrate that the innovation has progressed beyond concept stage and been implemented in practice.
- Has achieved measurable improvements compared with conventional or previous approaches.
- Demonstrates potential for broader use, replication, scaling or market transformation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Organisations must be working in the infrastructure sector, including, but not limited to proponents, delivery partners, and suppliers.

Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project.

The initiative/program/example must have been delivered in the region it is entered.

All examples/outcomes must have been achieved in the 12 month period up to and including the closing date of submissions in the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates)

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CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

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		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the organisation and the innovation, including whether it is a product, service, technology, methodology, process or new way of working, and where it has been implemented.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**INNOVATION AND APPROACH** What is innovative about the product, service, technology, methodology, process or approach? Describe the problem or opportunity addressed and how the innovation was developed.	150 words	20%
3	**IMPLEMENTATION AND COLLABORATION** How was the innovation implemented in a real infrastructure context? Explain who was involved in its development, testing or delivery and how collaboration contributed to its success.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What measurable improvements resulted from the innovation? Compare performance with the previous or conventional approach and provide evidence of the benefits achieved.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND SCALABILITY** What potential does the innovation have for continued use, replication or broader industry adoption? Describe the learning generated and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN **IS ORGANISATIONS**

CONSULTANCY IMPACT AWARD

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This award recognises a consultancy that demonstrates organisational excellence in delivering professional services that advance infrastructure sustainability.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises a consultancy that:

- Demonstrates organisational excellence in delivering professional services that advance infrastructure sustainability.
- Embeds sustainability into its strategy, services, systems and ways of working.
- Uses its expertise to improve client, project and sustainability outcomes.
- Demonstrates strong collaboration, professional integrity and high-quality practice.
- Builds knowledge and capability that extends beyond individual assignments.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Organisations must be working in the infrastructure sector, including, but not limited to proponents, delivery partners, and suppliers.

Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project, and should reference the achievements of the organisation.

The initiative/program/example must have been delivered in the region it is entered.

All examples/outcomes must have been achieved in the 12 month period up to and including the closing date of submissions in the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates)

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CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter at each of the five ISC Awards events. Winners from those five events will automatically become the finalists for the ISC Excellence Awards. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the consultancy, its services, areas of expertise and the work delivered in the region that supports this submission.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**ORGANISATIONAL APPROACH** How does the consultancy embed infrastructure sustainability into its strategy, services, systems and ways of working? What distinguishes its approach from standard practice?	150 words	20%
3	**COLLABORATION AND VALUE** How has the consultancy worked with clients, projects, communities or delivery partners to create value and improve sustainability outcomes?	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What measurable or clearly demonstrated outcomes have resulted from the consultancy's approach? Provide evidence of improved sustainability performance, decision-making, capability or delivery.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTION** How has the consultancy strengthened knowledge or capability beyond individual assignments? Explain how successful practices have been shared or replicated and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN **IS ORGANISATIONS**

CONTRACTOR IMPACT AWARD

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This award recognises a contractor that demonstrates organisational excellence in embedding sustainability into infrastructure construction and delivery.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises a contractor that:

- Demonstrates organisational excellence in embedding sustainability into infrastructure construction and delivery.
- Integrates sustainability into governance, planning, procurement, workforce practices and construction activities.
- Collaborates effectively with clients, consultants, suppliers, subcontractors and communities.
- Goes beyond routine compliance or contractual requirements to improve sustainability performance.
- Uses organisational learning and improved practices to influence future projects and delivery.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Organisations must be working in the infrastructure sector, including, but not limited to proponents, delivery partners, and suppliers.

Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project, and should reference the achievements of the organisation.

The initiative/program/example must have been delivered in the region it is entered.

All examples/outcomes must have been achieved in the 12 month period up to and including the closing date of submissions in the ISC Awards you are entering (see page 5 for dates)

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CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter at each of the five ISC Awards events. Winners from those five events will automatically become the finalists for the ISC Excellence Awards. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the contractor, its operations and the work delivered in the region that supports this submission.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**ORGANISATIONAL APPROACH** How does the contractor embed sustainability into its governance, planning, procurement, construction, workforce practices and project-delivery systems? What distinguishes its approach?	150 words	20%
3	**COLLABORATION AND INFLUENCE** How has the contractor worked with clients, consultants, suppliers, subcontractors, communities or other partners to improve sustainability outcomes?	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What measurable environmental, social, economic, governance or delivery outcomes have resulted from the contractor's approach? Provide evidence demonstrating the difference achieved.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTION** What lasting improvements have resulted from the organisation's approach? Explain how learning or successful practices are influencing future projects or industry delivery, and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN **IS ORGANISATIONS**

PROPONENT, POLICY AND INVESTOR IMPACT AWARD

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This award recognises a proponent, policy organisation, investor or financing organisation that demonstrates leadership in integrating sustainability into infrastructure planning, policy, investment, financing or governance.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises a proponent, policy organisation, investor or financing organisation that:

- Demonstrates leadership in integrating sustainability into infrastructure planning, policy, investment, financing or governance.
- Uses its influence as an owner, policymaker or capital provider to drive better infrastructure outcomes.
- Collaborates effectively with government, investors, delivery partners, communities or other stakeholders.
- Can demonstrate measurable impacts on projects, investment decisions, policy or wider industry practice.
- Has developed approaches with the potential to influence future infrastructure decision-making at scale.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Organisations must be working in the infrastructure sector, including, but not limited to proponents, delivery partners, and suppliers.

Entries must be on behalf of an organisation or legal entity, rather than on behalf of a project, and should reference the achievements of the organisation.

The initiative/program/example must have been delivered in the region it is entered.

All examples/outcomes must have been achieved between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027.

For organisations that are not ISC members, an application fee applies. (see page 20 for details)

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter the ISC Excellence Awards only. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the organisation or consortium and the policy, investment, funding, governance, procurement or infrastructure initiative that forms the basis of the submission.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**LEADERSHIP AND APPROACH** How has the organisation integrated sustainability into infrastructure planning, policy, investment, financing, procurement or governance? Explain what was done differently and why.	150 words	20%
3	**PARTNERSHIP AND INFLUENCE** How did the organisation engage with government, investors, proponents, delivery partners, communities or other stakeholders? Explain how those relationships contributed to the approach and influenced outcomes.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What measurable sustainability, policy, investment or market outcomes were achieved? Provide evidence of how the approach changed decisions, projects or industry practice.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND MARKET CONTRIBUTION** What lasting change has resulted and how could the approach influence future investment, policy or infrastructure decision-making? Identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

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EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

This award recognises an IS Rated Project that has delivered significant, measurable and enduring positive outcomes for the natural environment.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an IS Rated Project that:

- Has delivered significant, measurable and enduring positive outcomes for the natural environment.
- Has gone beyond business-as-usual environmental management through planning, design, construction or delivery.
- Demonstrates leadership in areas such as decarbonisation, circular economy, resource efficiency, biodiversity, water, pollution prevention or climate resilience.
- Has achieved outcomes through effective collaboration across the project team, supply chain and stakeholders.
- Has created environmental practices, learning or outcomes that can influence future infrastructure delivery.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

All organisations or legal entities listed on the entry must be current Infrastructure Sustainability Council members. Where non-members are part of the project, their work can be included in the submission, but they will not be recognised as finalists or winners.

Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions within the previous three years, in relation to the project the submission is for.

The project must demonstrate outcomes achieved between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027.

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter the ISC Excellence Awards only. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the project, including its purpose, location, key project partners and IS Rating status. Identify the environmental approach forming the basis of the submission.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE AND APPROACH** What environmental challenge or opportunity did the project address? Explain what the project team did differently, how the approach was implemented and how it went beyond business-as-usual.	150 words	20%
3	**COLLABORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION** How did the project team, supply chain, stakeholders or communities contribute to achieving the environmental outcomes? Explain how collaboration influenced the approach or its success.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What significant environmental outcomes were achieved? Provide measurable evidence of their scale and significance and explain how performance was monitored or verified.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTION** What enduring environmental value has the project created? Explain how learning or successful approaches have been shared or can influence future projects and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC OUTCOMES

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This award recognises an IS Rated Project that has delivered significant, measurable and enduring economic value through sustainable infrastructure delivery.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an IS Rated Project that:

- Has delivered significant, measurable and enduring economic value through sustainable infrastructure delivery.
- Looks beyond traditional measures of project cost and schedule to consider broader economic value.
- Creates benefits for local businesses, suppliers, workers, communities or regional economies.
- Demonstrates approaches such as sustainable procurement, workforce development, supplier capability, productivity or whole-of-life value.
- Creates economic benefits or practices that extend beyond immediate project delivery.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

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The project must demonstrate outcomes achieved between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027.

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

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		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the project, key project partners and IS Rating status. Identify the economic initiative, innovation or approach that forms the basis of this submission.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND APPROACH** What economic challenge or opportunity did the project address? Explain how sustainability considerations influenced procurement, investment, design or delivery decisions.	150 words	20%
3	**BENEFICIARIES AND COLLABORATION** Who benefited economically and how? Describe how the project worked with businesses, suppliers, workers, communities or other stakeholders to create shared value.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What measurable economic outcomes were achieved? Provide evidence of benefits such as local expenditure, employment, workforce or supplier capability, productivity, whole-of-life value or other relevant outcomes.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTION** What enduring economic value has been created beyond immediate project delivery? Explain how the approach can inform future projects and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN **IS IS RATED PROJECTS**

EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL OUTCOMES

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This award recognises an IS Rated Project that has delivered significant, measurable and enduring positive outcomes for people and communities.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an IS Rated Project that:

- Has delivered significant, measurable and enduring positive outcomes for people and communities.
- Places people and social value at the centre of infrastructure decision-making and delivery.
- Demonstrates meaningful engagement with communities, First Nations peoples, project workforces or other stakeholder groups.
- Shows how stakeholder perspectives influenced project decisions and outcomes.
- Creates social benefits that have the potential to continue beyond project completion.

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		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the project, key project partners and IS Rating status. Identify the social initiative, innovation or approach and the people or communities it was designed to benefit.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**SOCIAL NEED AND APPROACH** What social need, challenge or opportunity did the project address? Explain what the project team did and how affected people or communities informed the response.	150 words	20%
3	**ENGAGEMENT AND INCLUSION** Who was engaged or benefited, and how? Describe how communities, First Nations peoples, stakeholder groups, workforce participants or others influenced project decisions or delivery.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What significant social outcomes were achieved? Provide measurable or clearly demonstrated evidence of the benefits created and explain how success was assessed.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTION** What enduring social value has the project created? Explain how benefits will continue, how successful approaches have been shared or could be replicated and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE OUTCOMES

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This award recognises an IS Rated Project that demonstrates outstanding governance and leadership in embedding sustainability into project strategy and delivery.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an IS Rated Project that:

- Demonstrates outstanding governance and leadership in embedding sustainability into project strategy and delivery.
- Integrates sustainability into decision-making, risk and opportunity management, procurement, monitoring and accountability.
- Demonstrates clear leadership roles, responsibilities and collaboration across the project team.
- Can show that governance arrangements directly enabled improved sustainability outcomes.
- Has developed governance practices, systems or lessons that can influence future projects.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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The project must demonstrate outcomes achieved between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027.

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

This category will be available to enter the ISC Excellence Awards only. The category will be judged by a panel of industry judges.

		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the project, key partners, governance structure and IS Rating status. Identify the governance approach forming the basis of the submission.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**GOVERNANCE APPROACH** How was sustainability embedded into project governance, strategy, risk and opportunity management, procurement and decision-making? Explain what was distinctive about the approach.	150 words	20%
3	**LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY** How did project leaders, partners and stakeholders work together to govern sustainability outcomes? Explain how responsibilities, decisions and accountability were managed.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What measurable sustainability outcomes were enabled or improved through the governance approach? Provide evidence demonstrating the link between governance decisions and project outcomes.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTION** What lasting governance practices, systems or lessons have resulted? Explain how these could influence future projects or organisations and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

IS RATED PROJECT OF THE YEAR

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This award recognises an IS Rated Project that demonstrates exceptional and integrated sustainability performance across environmental, social, economic and governance outcomes.

CATEGORY OVERVIEW

This award recognises an IS Rated Project that:

- Demonstrates exceptional and integrated sustainability performance across environmental, social, economic and governance outcomes.
- Embeds sustainability throughout project strategy, decision-making and delivery rather than relying on isolated initiatives.
- Shows strong collaboration across the project team, supply chain, stakeholders and communities.
- Achieves measurable performance that significantly exceeds business-as-usual.
- Creates an enduring legacy through innovation, capability-building, knowledge-sharing and influence on future infrastructure delivery.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Entry is via invitation only.

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Entrants must provide full disclosure of any fines or prosecutions within the previous three years, in relation to the project the submission is for.

The project must demonstrate outcomes achieved between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027.

CATEGORY ENTRY AND JUDGING

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		WORD LIMIT	WEIGHT
1	**BRIEF OVERVIEW** Provide a brief overview of the project, including its purpose, scale, location, key project partners, delivery model and IS Rating achieved. Briefly summarise why the project represents outstanding achievement in infrastructure sustainability.	150 words	Not Scored
2	**INTEGRATED SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP** How did the project team embed environmental, social, economic and governance sustainability across the project lifecycle? Explain what distinguished the approach from business-as-usual.	150 words	20%
3	**COLLABORATION AND INFLUENCE** How did collaboration across the project team, supply chain, stakeholders and communities contribute to the project's sustainability performance? Explain how different perspectives influenced decisions and outcomes.	150 words	20%
4	**OUTSTANDING OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE** What were the project's most significant sustainability outcomes? Provide measurable evidence across the quadruple bottom line and explain why the overall performance represents outstanding achievement.	280 words	35%
5	**LEGACY AND INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION** What enduring legacy has the project created? Explain how innovations, lessons or practices have been shared, replicated or influenced future infrastructure delivery and identify the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals supported.	180 words	25%

FAQs

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

- Excellence in IS Individuals categories - The individual must be employed by an organisation or legal entity that is a current member of Infrastructure Sustainability Council.
- Excellence in IS Organisations categories - do not need to be ISC members. Note entry fees below.
- Excellence in IS Rated Projects categories - all organisations or legal entities listed on the entry must be current Infrastructure Sustainability Council members. Where non-members are part of the project, their work can be included in the submission, but they will not be recognised as finalists or winners.

How much does it cost to enter the awards?

- There is no application fee for ISC Members.
- Non-members may enter Excellence in IS Organisations categories. The fee is AUD$300 plus GST per submission, per region, for organisations with revenue less than AUD$200,000, Not for Profits and Local Government Agencies. For all other non-member organisations, the fee is AUD$600 plus GST per submission per region.

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

- Excellence in IS Rated Projects categories - The initiative, innovation or approach must have been implemented on a project registered for, or that has achieved, an Infrastructure Sustainability Council Rating (IS Rating).
- Excellence in IS Individuals and IS Organisation categories - do not need to be working on an IS Rated Project.

I/we have won an ISC Award previously. Can we enter again?

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

Can I/we enter more than one award?

- Excellence in IS Individuals categories - The individual must predominantly live in Australia or New Zealand and must enter the awards in the Australian state, or NZ, that they predominantly live. They may only enter in one location.
- Excellence in IS Organisations categories - The initiative/program/example must have been delivered in the region it is entered. Organisations may enter the same initiative/program/example in multiple regions. Organisations may submit multiple entries for different initiative/program/examples.
- Excellence in IS Rated Projects categories - Projects may enter multiple categories, each will be judged separately.

What name should I/we enter under?

- Excellence in IS Individuals categories - Please enter the name of the individual being nominated. This can be different to the key contact who completes the submission.
- Excellence in IS Organisations categories - Please enter the organisation name
- Excellence in IS Rated Projects categories - Will be asked to provide two names. First will be the name of the project. The second will request the organisations or legal entities you would like recognised as delivering the project. Please note all organisations or legal entities listed on the entry must be current Infrastructure Sustainability Council members. Where non-members are part of the project, their work can be included in the submission, but they will not be recognised as finalists or winners

Who will ISC communicate with regarding my/our entry?

The ISC will communicate with the person submitting the entry – the Key Contact. For Excellence in IS Individuals categories, the ISC may also communicate with the nominated person once finalists have been announced.

FAQs

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 for each event close at the date and time listed on page 5 of the Application Guide. 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?
Judges for each category will be appointed from the industry and there will be a minimum of two judges per category. For judges who elect to be promoted, their names and organisations will be released after the awards close.

Will winners be notified in advance?
No. Winners will be announced on the night at each of the Award events.

Do I/we need to be present at the event to receive the award if I win?
All finalists must have a representative attend the Award event to accept the award should they win.

How do I/we enter?
Visit ISC Awards - 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.