



## How can NABERS benefit you?

**NABERS is the only environmental rating tool that provides a reliable benchmark of the actual environmental performance of a building compared to other Australian buildings. Most property owners, managers and occupants are now using NABERS as a central pillar of their sustainability agenda to understand, improve and communicate their environmental performance.**

Office buildings using NABERS to measure their environmental performance have reported an average improvement in energy and water efficiency of approximately 15%, saving a total of 86,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> (1.7 billion black balloons\*) and 300 Mega Litres of water every year.

### DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

NABERS gives companies the confidence to promote their green initiatives and report building performance with reputable government certification. Many of Australia's largest property owners utilise the simple yet effective NABERS ratings to report corporately and gain market recognition of their building's environmental performance.

More than 600 buildings, or more than 8.6 million m<sup>2</sup> of office space, have been rated for energy efficiency using NABERS. These buildings represent around 41% of nationally available office space. Over 300 buildings have rated their water efficiency using NABERS, comprising almost 5 million m<sup>2</sup> of office space and 23% of the national market.

Property owners are now also using the Waste and Indoor Environment rating tools for offices and NABERS Energy and Water for hotels.

### USE NABERS TO IDENTIFY COST SAVINGS ACROSS YOUR PORTFOLIO

Property owners can use NABERS to inform them of the performance of buildings across a portfolio and, through targeted resource allocation, better manage their impacts on the environment.

Buildings with a 1 to 3 star rating will often have significant, cost effective opportunities for energy and water savings. NABERS can also be used to track improvements in performance over time as building management strategies are implemented and capital works carried out.

The online NABERS self-assessment enables building owners, facility managers and tenants to check performance on a regular basis or in between accredited NABERS ratings.

### MAKE YOUR PROPERTY MORE DESIRABLE

In a tight property market, NABERS can provide a means of distinguishing your building from the rest. With an accredited NABERS rating you can promote your building's performance rating and can utilise the marketing benefits that come with the brand recognition of the NABERS. A NABERS rating above the median creates the potential for enhanced capital value and an opportunity to improve rental returns.

Rating an office tenancy can give you a competitive advantage by promoting your work space as a cost-effective, environmentally friendly place to work. It can also be used as a tool for promoting sustainable thinking in employees.

### BENEFITS FOR NEW BUILDINGS AND TENANCIES – THE COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

New buildings designed and built with energy efficiency in mind are able to attract and retain tenants who value good environmental performance. A NABERS Energy Commitment Agreement ensures that future performance is considered from the outset, reducing base building energy costs over the life of the building in a market of rising energy costs.

The NABERS Energy Commitment Agreement enables developers, building owners and tenants to promote and market excellent greenhouse performance of new and refurbished office buildings and tenancies from the outset.

For more information on Commitment Agreements, go to [www.nabers.com.au](http://www.nabers.com.au).

\*A black balloon represents 50 grams of carbon pollution – [www.savepower.nsw.gov.au](http://www.savepower.nsw.gov.au)



