



Media release

The Hon Ryan Smith MP

Minister for Environment and Climate Change
Minister for Youth Affairs

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Finalists for Premier's Sustainability Awards announced

Sustainable coffee, organic cotton farming that does the right thing for the environment and a carbon-neutral city building with a unique Victorian native grassland flourishing on its roof are just some of the innovative concepts that have made the final list in this year's prestigious Premier's Sustainability Awards.

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith today congratulated all finalists on their success and their efforts in forging a more sustainable Victoria.

"Their initiatives demonstrate that our finalists are leaders in their respective industries," Mr Smith said.

"They have taken a creative approach to improving business efficiency while reducing their everyday environmental impact.

"The awards showcase world-first technology and creative thinking to deliver a whole range of sustainable products and services to Victorians," Mr Smith said.

Category winners and the recipient of the Premier's Recognition Award will be announced at sustainability's night of nights on 9 June 2011 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The keynote address will be given by S Richard Fedrizzi, President, CEO and Founding Chairman of U.S. Green Building Council.

Tickets to the awards ceremony are on sale now and can be purchased via sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au .

For further information about the Premier's Sustainability Awards Ceremony, or the category finalists, visit sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au or call Sustainability Victoria on 1300 363 744.

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The finalists for 2011 Premier's Sustainability Awards are:

Award Category	Organisation
Small Business	3Fish; Espresso Syndicate Pty Ltd; Original Foods Sustainable Catering
Local Government	Manningham City Council; MWH, Latrobe City Council; Whitehorse City Council
Large Business	AGL; Godfrey Hirst Australia Pty Ltd; Grocon
Community	EW Tipping Foundation; Hepburn Wind; Heyfield Community Resource Centre
Built Environment	Antarctica Group Pty Ltd Architects; Grocon; VicUrban, Burbank
State Government	Department of Health; Department of Treasury and Finance; Eastern Health
Tertiary Education	RMIT University; Sunraysia Institute of TAFE; Wodonga Institute of TAFE
Products or Services	Closed Loop; Grocon; Instyle Contract Textiles

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Large business	Yarra Valley Water
Community	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Built environment	Rheem Australia
State Government	Publishers National Environment Bureau Limited
Tertiary education	TAFE Development Centre
Product or services	La Trobe University

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