

Climate Choices Business Awards 2024 Nominations

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Summary

The Climate Choices Business Awards recognise organisations and individuals that make an outstanding contribution to sustainability and climate action across the ACT. They celebrate leadership, achievements and innovation.

All ACT businesses are invited to nominate for the awards. The award winners will be announced at the Climate Choices Business Awards breakfast on Thursday 23 May 2024.

Nominations are open from **Tuesday 20 February** to **9am Tuesday 23 April 2023**.

Eligibility

All businesses across the ACT who implement sustainable practices in the workplace are invited to nominate.

Some award categories have specific eligibility requirements, please see the Terms and Conditions.

Are you involved with Climate Change and Energy Programs? Tick all that apply *

- ☐ Sustainable Business Program
- ☐ Community Clubs Program
- ☐ Sustainable Event Program
- ☐ Not currently involved

Business size

- ☐ 1 - 20 staff
- ☐ 21 - 200 staff
- ☐ 201+ staff (can include multi tenanted buildings or shopping centres with more than 5 tenants)

Contact Details

Name of Business or Event *

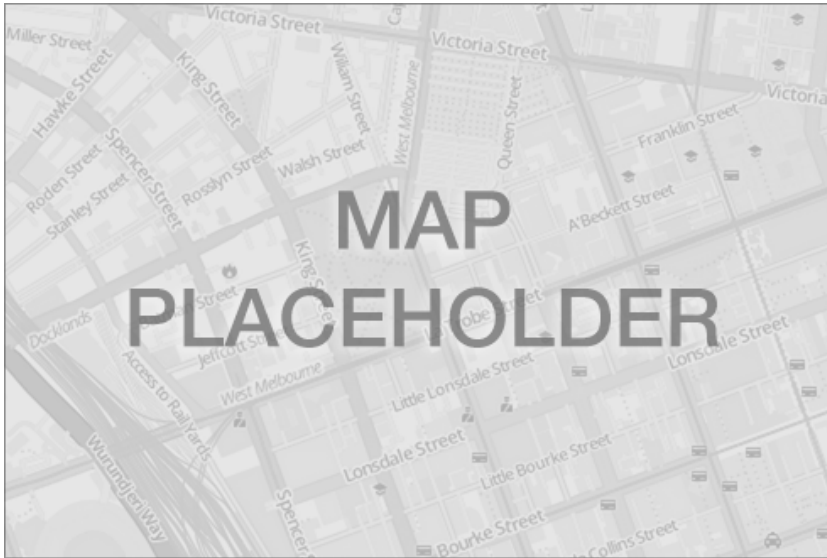
Organisation Name

Address *

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, and State/Province are required.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
For landline numbers, please include area code '02'

Email *

Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

Organisation Logo *

Attach a file:

Organisation logos will be used as part of the Award Nominations Breakfast presentation. The file needs to be either a .jpg or .png file format.

Award Nominations

Tick all categories you wish to nominate for:

- ☐ Zero Emissions Early Movers
- ☐ Energy Star
- ☐ Waste Minimisation
- ☐ Sustainable Event
- ☐ Sustainable Small Business of the Year
- ☐ Corporate Climate Leader
- ☐ Innovation Excellence

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☐ Minister's Award for Leadership

Zero Emissions Early Movers

Awarded to a business or organisation that has been an early adopter of, and advocate for, zero emissions vehicles.

Any ACT business or organisation, excluding Government Fleets, is eligible.

Provide details of your ACT zero emissions vehicle strategy and how you advocate for it. (Guide 150-200 words, max 500 words)

Word count:

Supporting attachments for nomination:

Attach a file:

A maximum of 6 files may be attached.

Please include photos with staff and the achievement.

Energy Star

Awarded to a business or organisation that has successfully reduced energy consumption through efficiency upgrades and staff behaviour change.

Any ACT business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) is eligible.

Provide details of the energy saving initiatives that you have implemented and how this has impacted consumption and staff behaviour. (Guide 150 - 200 words, max 500 words)

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Waste Minimisation

Awarded to a business or organisation that significantly reduced waste by implementing innovative strategies and/or introducing comprehensive waste management practices.

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Any ACT business or organisation that operates from commercial premises (non-residential) is eligible.

Provide details of your strategies and practices that have reduced consumption and waste to landfill and promoted staff behaviour change relating to waste management. (Guide 150-200 words, max 500 words)

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Sustainable Event

Awarded to a public event in the ACT that has minimised waste and/or reduced energy and water consumption, while encouraging public participation in sustainable practices.

Any public event held in the ACT since 4 May 2023 (inclusive) is eligible.

Provide details of the sustainability strategies implemented at your event. This should include how you supported vendors and encouraged patrons to reduce energy, water and waste. (Guide 150-200 words, max 500 words)

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Sustainable Small Business of the Year

Awarded to a small business or organisation that has shown outstanding efforts towards improving sustainability in the areas of waste, energy, water and/or transport.

Any ACT business or organisation with 20 or less staff that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) is eligible.

Provide details of the sustainability initiatives you have implemented in your workplace and the impact of these initiatives. (Guide 200-300 words, max 500 words)

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Corporate Climate Leader

Awarded to a business or organisation actively leading and delivering impact by embedding climate action across operations, reducing emissions and influencing staff, suppliers and customers.

Any ACT business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) is eligible.

Provide details of the sustainability initiatives your business or organisation has implemented and the impact of these initiatives. How is your business or organisation a leader in climate action? How have you embedded sustainability into your corporate culture? This should include how you reduced emissions and influenced staff, suppliers and customers. (Guide 200-300 words, max 500 words)

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Innovation Excellence

Awarded to a business or organisation that has introduced and implemented an innovative practice that successfully addresses sustainability and fosters climate action to reduce environmental impact.

Any ACT business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) is eligible.

Provide details on the innovation practice implemented in your workplace and how it addresses sustainability and fosters climate action. (Guide 200-300 words, max 500 words)

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Minister's Award for Leadership

This award celebrates a person who inspires and leads others to make a difference. It is awarded to a person who has gone above and beyond to improve sustainability and promote action on climate change within their business or organisation.

Any individual working at an ACT business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) is eligible.

This award is to recognise an outstanding individual.

You can self nominate.

Name of individual nominated

What changes has the individual led? How have these improved sustainability practices and inspired staff in your workplace? (Guide 200-300 words, max 500 words)

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Looking Forward

What other areas of sustainability is your workplace passionate about? What actions have you taken or are planning to take? Tell us your story.

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How are you sharing your practices within your workplace? With other ACT organisations? With the wider community?

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1. Eligibility criteria

Category

Eligibility criteria

Zero Emissions Early Movers

Any business or organisation, excluding Government Fleets, that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) in the ACT is eligible.

Energy Star

Any business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) in the ACT is eligible.

Sustainable Event

Any public event held in the ACT since 4 May 2023 (inclusive).

Waste Minimisation

Any business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) in the ACT is eligible.

Sustainable Small Business of the Year

Any business or organisation with up to 20 staff that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) in the ACT is eligible.

Corporate Climate Leader

Any business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) in the ACT is eligible.

Innovation Excellence

Any business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) in the ACT is eligible.

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Minister's Award for Leadership

An individual working at a business or organisation that operates from a commercial premise (non-residential) in the ACT is eligible.

Nominations

All nominations become the property of the ACT Government.

Information and images in nominations may be reproduced for promotional purposes.

Entrants agree to various types of promotion in the public domain.

A business or organisation may not win the same award successively, unless the entry is significantly different.

While the awards focus on recognition and reward for businesses, organisations and public events, the ACT Government does not endorse specific causes or organisations.

Supporting information

Supporting evidence can be provided for all categories. However this is not a condition of entry.

Judging Panel

The judging panel will comprise a representative from the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate and two independent judges.

The judging panel reserves the right to move a nomination from one category to another should they deem it a more appropriate fit.

All decisions of the judging panel are final.

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No