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AGIC Knowledge Hub

A free online resource available for capturing, sharing, and discussing information, better practices and resources on sustainability in Australia’s infrastructure sector.

The Knowledge Hub aims to be the infrastructure sector’s most valuable resource to advance sustainability outcomes on individual projects and the infrastructure sector as a whole. More sustainable infrastructure inherently contributes to sustainable communities; improved productivity and innovation in the infrastructure sector, and contributes to Australia’s economic growth.

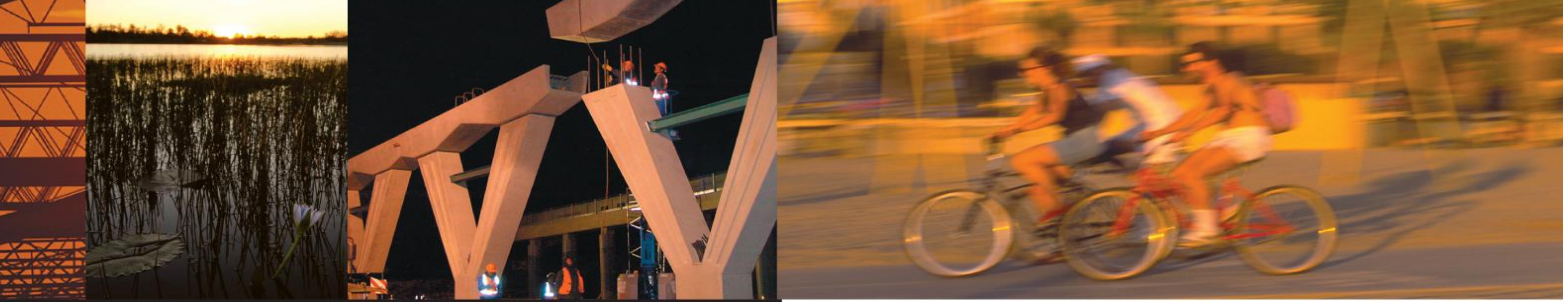
A Resource Library – Resources by the Industry for the Industry

The Resource Library will have easy-to-use search capacities over a range of infrastructure related themes; AGIC’s sustainability rating scheme categories, and project stages. It will include:

- Case studies of better practices, technologies and projects.
- Technical papers, news articles, conference papers, discussion papers and reports on sustainability and infrastructure themes.
- Examples of tools and checklists used by project teams to plan deliver and operate infrastructure projects.
- Useful training and education information.
- Links to relevant national and international resources and organisations.



Indicative mockup of Knowledge Hub home page



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Online Discussion & Wiki Forums

The Online Discussion & Wiki Forum will:

- Comprise a wiki-style forum on rating scheme subcategories and an open discussion forum.
- Enable discussions and feedback on the AGIC rating scheme, category content, and rating benchmarks.
- Encourage discussions on industry and project barriers to sustainability and sharing of solutions for overcoming them.
- Encourage debate and discussions on sustainable infrastructure and broader industry developments.
- Be open to all industry stakeholders (not just AGIC members).
- Encourage networking.

Populating and Launching the Knowledge Hub

The Knowledge Hub will be launched in two stages – the Resource Library initially in October 2010, and the Open Discussion and wiki-styled Forums shortly thereafter.

Contributions to the Resource Library from industry are fully encouraged. The benefits for organizations and individuals to contribute to or utilise the Resource Library include:

- Promote the sustainability achievements of your projects and initiatives to your clients, peers and other stakeholders.
- Be recognised for your achievements, leadership and innovations.

- Promote new technologies, techniques and solutions which can save your projects time and money.
- Avoid duplication of effort and reduce time spent researching and producing your own resources and tools.
- Easier access to online materials and resources.

How to Contribute

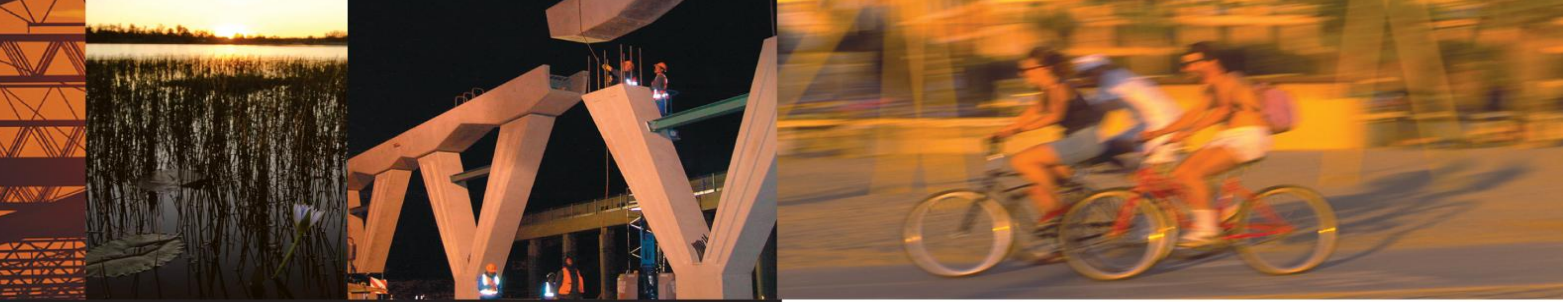
Contributing will be easy once you enter the Knowledge Hub from the AGIC website www.agic.net.au. Provide your contribution in a PDF or MS Office format and complete the contribution information shown in Box 1.

Box 1: Information to include with each contribution (where applicable)

- Applicable State/territory
- AGIC scheme category
- AGIC scheme sub-category
- Infrastructure type
- AGIC rated project?
- Project locality
- Links and references
- Contributor details (name and position of individual, name of organisations, phone and email of individual)

NB only the contributor name and/or organisation will be listed publicly.

There are no file size restrictions but contributors are requested to limit files to a reasonable and readily downloadable size.



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Before publishing contributions on the site, AGIC will ensure the material meets the intent of the Knowledge Hub and that the information listed in Box 1 has been provided. AGIC will not change or endorse the content. Content must be linked to a general sustainability and infrastructure related theme, or a specific category of AGIC's sustainability rating scheme (see Box 2).

Box 2: AGIC Themes

1. Project management and governance
2. Economic performance
3. Using resources
4. Emissions, pollution and waste
5. Biodiversity
6. People and place
7. Workforce

In late 2010 AGIC intends to appoint a Technical Manager to administer the Knowledge Hub to ensure all information made available through the Knowledge Hub is valid and up to date. Until the Technical Manager is appointed AGIC's volunteer-based Knowledge Hub Working Group will undertake this task. If you would like to join this group please contact Dwayne Pretli on Dwayne.pretli@tenix.com or Laura Raby on laura@ecolateral.com.

Contribution Considerations

The purpose of the Knowledge Hub is to advance sustainability outcomes in individual projects and the infrastructure sector. It is not intended to be used for commercial activities or to promote individuals or companies.

Everyone who uses the Knowledge Hub either to access information on the Hub or upload information to the Hub agrees to be bound by the Knowledge Hub Terms and Conditions of Use (**Terms and Conditions**). AGIC may update the Terms and Conditions from time to time. You can view the Terms and Conditions currently in force at any time on the Knowledge Hub accessible via AGIC's website at www.agic.net.au.

It is the responsibility of the person or organisation that uploads material to the Knowledge Hub to ensure that such material does not contain any:

- commercially sensitive or confidential information that the owner of that information has not authorised being disclosed on the Knowledge Hub; or
- intellectual property, including trade secrets, that the person or organisation uploading the information does not have the absolute right to disclose on the Knowledge Hub.
- information that is false, malicious or misleading or information that is derogatory of any person or entity.

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