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Benefits of the AGIC Sustainability Rating Scheme – Infrastructure Designers, Contractors & Operators

There are numerous benefits and opportunities to Infrastructure Designers, Contractors and Operators participating in AGIC's development and supporting the ultimate use of the AGIC Rating Scheme. Some of the key advantages of the Scheme are summarised below:

The AGIC Sustainability Rating Scheme will:

- Contribute to the establishment of common nationally-recognised industry language, metrics and understanding based on the principles of Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainability.
- Enhance outcomes from the Development Approvals(DA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes.
- Facilitate the identification of enhanced Economic, Social and Environmental opportunities.
- Provide better access to finance and enhance investor confidence by improving the quality of project risk profiles and the alignment with socially responsible investment guidelines.
- Give members a competitive advantage in tenders as well as greater opportunities to showcase their achievements in the field of sustainability and innovation.
- Provide members with a practical tool to undertake a holistic assessment of operational performance and reward sustainable outcomes in delivery and operation.
- Be a useful checklist to assist members to identify strategic sustainability risks (e.g. Climate Change vulnerabilities) emerging compliance requirements, and measure sustainability outcomes.
- Facilitate options assessment and decision-making processes by providing an equitable comparison between multiple performance criteria.
- Complement internal and external corporate reporting needs, including relevant Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) indicators.
- Provide roadmaps of practical and innovative sustainability solutions to members through access to AGIC's library of research and case studies.
- Drive continuous performance improvement in the area of sustainable infrastructure and provide stimulus for innovative ideas and new ways of meeting current challenges.
- Provide a cost effective alternative to developing in-house sustainability assessment criteria.