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Benefits of the AGIC Sustainability Rating Scheme – Government Departments

There are numerous benefits and opportunities to Federal, State and Local Governments 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 and nationally recognised industry language, metrics and understanding based on the principles of Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainability.
- Assist members identify strategic sustainability risks (e.g. Climate Change vulnerabilities) emerging compliance requirements, and measure sustainability outcomes for infrastructure projects.
- Help governments avoid having to develop and establish their own infrastructure sustainability criteria.
- Equip government departments with a nationally recognised sustainability criteria to equitably assess sustainability claims made in tenders.
- Drive continuous performance improvement in the area of sustainable infrastructure and provide a stimulus for innovative ideas and new ways of meeting current challenges.
- Complement internal and external corporate reporting needs, including relevant Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) indicators.
- Be a vehicle for industry issues and an industry wide forum for government and non-government organisations to discuss major infrastructure policy issues (e.g. Climate Change).
- Function as an all encompassing sustainability tool covering social, economic and environmental aspects, which supports government policy and initiatives across a range of issues, including: carbon reduction, water conservation, energy consumption, jobs in the regions, apprenticeships, indigenous cultural values, jobs for indigenous people, increased regional equity, local procurement, biodiversity conservation.
- Highlight best practice outcomes for each type of infrastructure.
- Provide an opportunity for government to identify areas of new sustainability policy or best practice guidelines.