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AGIC SUSTAINABILITY RATING SCHEME UNDERWAY

The recent announcement by the Commonwealth government of \$500,000 in funding to the Australian Green Infrastructure Council (AGIC) will see the content of the sustainability rating scheme for infrastructure progressed.

The AGIC sustainability rating scheme consists of a rating tool covering seven categories – project management and governance, economic performance, resources, emissions, pollution and waste, biodiversity, people and place and workforce. The rating assessment tool is supported by relevant case studies and assessment training.

The voluntary sustainability assessment will be independently verified and a certification awarded in three phases – after design and planning, construction and operation of an infrastructure project.

“The AGIC Board and I are extremely pleased with the Commonwealth funding support of \$500,000. This money together with \$50,000 from the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water and \$100,000 from AGIC members will enable five of the seven categories to be authored. AGIC looks forward to additional funding being awarded by State governments to complete the tool,” Mr Doug Harland, CEO, AGIC said.

The AGIC sustainability rating scheme has been developed voluntarily over two years by more than 100 professionals across many disciplines including engineering, environmental science, planning, financial, legal, operations and communication. It covers the social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainability. AGIC now has 70 members employing 62,000 people and industry has invested over \$2.5 m through in kind and cash contributions to the development of AGIC and its scheme.

“The funding will enable the content of the rating tool to be progressed over the next two years. This time period will enable the rating tool content to be developed, peer reviewed, trialled and released for further industry testing on projects covering a range of road, water and wastewater, port, rail, bridge and other infrastructure projects,” Mr Harland said.

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