

## e-Newsletter 1, January 2008

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### Welcome!

Welcome to the first e-Newsletter for the Australian Green Infrastructure Council (AGIC). AGIC was formed in July 2007 after an Industry Stakeholder Workshop, by a collection of professionals from industry, government and consultants involved in civil engineering and infrastructure. The aims and objectives of AGIC is to :

- Be the catalyst for the delivery and operation of more sustainable infrastructure in Australia;
- To drive market transformation through education, training, advocacy and by recognising leading sustainable practice via a rating scheme.



It has been a very eventful six months of hard work. An Interim Steering Group and various working groups have been formed with participants from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and WA. These groups have undertaken research into industry needs and rating systems, and have developed a constitution, membership structure, and scheme development plan. An Interim Business Case is expected to be completed by February 2008.

### Introducing the Interim Steering Group

The role of the Interim Steering Group (ISG) is to ensure that the intent and objectives of AGIC are realised. The ISG will become the initial board once business registration is finalised. The ISG will then appoint a CEO and transition AGIC to a member based organisation. The current ISG members are Simon Cavendish, Glenn Hedges (Secretariat), David Hood (Chairman), Scott Losee, Cherene Mitchell, Rick Walters and Rob Turk.

### Become a Member or Sponsor and Contribute to Future Developments

There are opportunities available for sponsorship and working group contribution. Membership is also available. Please contact our Secretariat Glenn Hedges ([ghedges@thiess.com.au](mailto:ghedges@thiess.com.au)), or Chairman, David Hood ([davidhood@mac.com](mailto:davidhood@mac.com)), for further information.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**28 February 2008** – Networking function and Interim Business Case Presentation

**Mid 2008** – Official AGIC Launch with Full Business Case

### Working Group Representation

- Environmental Protection Agency (Qld)
- Local Government Infrastructure Association (Qld)
- Brisbane City Council
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- WorleyParsons
- Freehills
- Arup
- Maunsell
- Thiess
- Bassett
- SKM
- GHD
- Clayton Utz
- SMEC

The support and assistance of the Green Buildings Council of Australia (GBCAus) is also acknowledged.



*ISG Workshop Meeting – QUT, Brisbane, 9/1/08. (from left Rose Boyd, Simon Cavendish, Laura Raby, Rick Walters, Scott Losee, Katrina Bukauskas, David Hood, Mark Girard, John Quinn. Photo by Glenn Hedges).*

### Development Timeline

Feb 2007	SSEE seminar Brisbane
Mar-May 2007	Steering Committee formed, research & assessment of available tools/schemes
June 2007	Stakeholder Workshop & adoption of AGIC interim structure
July-Nov 07	Development of Interim Business Case
Nov 07-May 08	Open call for Members & Sponsors Transition from Interim to Formal AGIC Board Finalise Business Case
Mid 2008	Finalise Version 1 of rating tool Commence pilot project trials
Early 2009	AGIC rating scheme open for business

