



Sustainability in Steel Construction  
ES CHARTER MEMBER

## **Australian Steel Institute Environmental Sustainability Charter (ESC)**

The objective of the Environmental Sustainability Charter is to develop steel as a sustainable form of construction and to have the steel industry chain operate in an environmentally responsible way.

Steel is recognised as a sustainable material and there is a need to establish mechanisms for companies to determine what a sustainable steel supplier is and how to identify one. This Charter is designed for downstream enterprises associated with steel manufacturing, fabrication or services to demonstrate a company's approach to environmental improvement, particularly where a company is required to achieve an accreditation as a contractual requirement, and is designed to be used by regulators, environmental rating agencies and bodies such as the Green Building Council of Australia.

Companies committing to this Charter will be required to complete a declaration to operate their businesses to reduce their environmental footprint, to increase the efficiency of resource use. They will be required to demonstrate environmental responsibility and seek this in their sub-contractors and suppliers.

**Companies committed to the Environmental Sustainability Charter are those that run their businesses along sustainable lines, demonstrate environmental responsibility and share their knowledge of sustainability with others.**

**This commitment is audited once annually by an independent auditor.**

During the sustainability audit an **Environmental Sustainability Charter member company** must demonstrate it has at least the following environmental procedures in place:

- Published a sustainability policy signed by the Manager.
- Fully comply with the legislative requirements for environmental laws.
- Be operating an environmental management scheme (EMS) and use of environmental impact assessment for process improvement.
- A compulsory independent audit to the EMS completed annually.
- Have measured energy, water and fuels use and have plans and targets for reduction.
- Have measured its carbon footprint and have plans for its reduction.
- Established a preferred major sub-contractor and supplier list with a selection criterion including good environmental practice.
- Use of environmental impact assessment for process improvement.
- A policy to manage energy and vehicle fuel use in the business.
- A policy to engage with the local community on local environmental issues.