

## Enigin Update - Australia to Fund Commercial Building Energy Efficiency Improvements



*"Energy Partners Australia is nearing completion of a monitoring project for a major University in Melbourne"*

ALONG with announcing AUS\$35.2 million in funding to green 90 buildings, Innovation Minister Senator Kim Carr said Australia's commercial buildings generate significant greenhouse gas emissions every year.

"The Government and building owners must work together to improve our buildings and create a richer, fairer and greener Australia," Senator Carr said.

"The buildings that will be transformed include hotels, shopping centres and office blocks. We expect the upgrades to reduce the buildings' greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 118,000 tonnes a year.

"The fit-outs the companies will undertake may include new state-of-the-art heating and air conditioning systems, smart room controllers (for hotel guest rooms), energy efficient lighting systems and building energy management systems. These improvements will significantly reduce energy, saving the environment and saving money for the business owner."

The Green Building Fund began in 2008 and was expanded in 2010 to include existing hotels and shopping centres. This expansion saw the Innovation Department receive a 32 per cent increase in applications to the fund - an unprecedented 261 applications were received for this round of funding.

"The high number of applications received shows the commitment of Australian building owners to make changes and help fight climate change," Senator Carr said.

The Green Building Fund has now generated total expected emission savings of almost 300,000 tonnes per year - an outstanding result.

The Fund complements the Australian Government's Clean Energy Future initiative, which is supporting jobs and providing incentives for Australians to invest in clean energy and energy efficiency. This investment will help the Australian economy remain competitive as countries around the globe move to reduce carbon pollution.

Energy Partners Australia through Enigin globally, are equipped with some of the best energy efficient upgrades available for commercial buildings from Enigin, providing substantial savings in energy demand, emissions and costs.

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