

# WAREHOUSES



Join NABERS Accelerate to shape  
the rating for warehouses



## WHY NABERS?

At NABERS we understand industrial buildings play a key role in thriving economies. Warehouses (including logistics, distribution centres and cold storage) account for significant non-residential green house gas (GHG) emissions. It is important that these spaces are environmentally friendly not only for our workers but also for our planet.

NABERS (which stands for the National Australian Built Environment Rating System) provides simple, reliable and comparable sustainability measurement you can trust across building sectors like hotels, shopping centres, apartments, offices, data centres and more.

Over the last 20 years we have proven that “What gets measured gets managed.” Our customers have saved an average of 30-40% on their energy over 10 years.

Our rating system has driven financial growth and solid returns in portfolios across building sectors. It has directed corporate procurement by clearly demonstrating their operational performance and sustainability achievements.

A NABERS rating helps you to accurately measure, understand and communicate the environmental performance of your building, while identifying areas for cost savings and future improvements.

## ABOUT NABERS ACCELERATE

To support Australia’s transition to a net zero carbon built environment, NABERS must expand to service all building sectors. Currently, NABERS ratings are available across six sectors.

Over the next two years, NABERS is developing tools for the residential aged care and retirement living, schools, warehouse sectors and additional sectors further down the track.

NABERS Accelerate is a program provided to new sectors to speed up the development and adoption of NABERS ratings in new sectors.

*“NABERS ratings have helped save 7 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and 1.2 billion litres of water from buildings, resulting in over AU\$1 billion in energy cost savings for building owners. We’ll have an even greater impact by bringing NABERS to additional building sectors in the next few years, which is incredibly exciting.”*

— Carlos Flores, Director  
NABERS, Department of Planning,  
Industry and Environment

## ABOUT NABERS FOR WAREHOUSES

NABERS for warehouses will quantify your building’s energy performance. We will give your facility a rating from one to six stars, based on the energy efficiency of the warehouse facility.

Your NABERS rating can then be used to identify areas for cost savings and building improvements as well as to promote the environmental credentials of your warehouse facility. This can help in the energy-efficient operations of the facility.

### NABERS STAR RATING GUIDE

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	MAKING A START
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	OPPORTUNITIES FOR UPGRADES
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	MARKET STANDARD
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	HIGH PERFORMANCE
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	MARKET LEADER





# BENEFITS OF A RATING TO WAREHOUSES



UNDERSTAND  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT



BRING TOGETHER  
TENANTS AND  
LANDLORDS



VERIFY AND  
VALIDATE INTERNAL  
TRACKING



SUPPORT  
A HEALTHY  
ENVIRONMENT



COMPARE  
TO OTHER  
WAREHOUSES



BRIDGE THE  
INFORMATION  
GAP



ENHANCE  
ORGANISATION'S  
REPUTATION



ALIGN WITH  
COMMUNITY  
EXPECTATIONS

## WHY PARTICIPATE IN NABERS ACCELERATE

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Ensure that the NABERS benchmark is reflective of your buildings/portfolio. By participating you get a say in how the tool is designed.

### UNDERSTAND NABERS

An opportunity to better understand how NABERS benchmarking works and what will be required for a NABERS rating in the future, so you are well equipped for your first rating.

### DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP

Lead the sector by being one of the first warehouses in Australia to get a NABERS rating for energy.

### QUALIFY FOR RATING FEE DISCOUNTS

Access discounts on rating lodgement fee through the NABERS Accelerate program once the rating product is launched.

## SHAPE THE NABERS TOOLS FOR WAREHOUSES

With NABERS Accelerate we work with sector specific stakeholders to develop a rating tool that takes into consideration your sector's unique circumstances to help ensure the NABERS rating tool suits your building's needs. For warehouses this might include

- Total warehouse area (GLA)
- Temperature controlled (cold store/cool store) area
- Type of products processed
- Operation hours
- Extent of automation
- Type of internal transport (such as conveyor belts)
- Location and postcode

Taking the above into consideration ensures it's always a fair comparison.



## WAYS TO BE A PART OF NABERS ACCELERATE

### PROVIDE DATA FOR BENCHMARKING

Provide data on your warehouse's site characteristics, as well as your annual energy and water use. The NABERS team will use this for technical benchmarking. All data will be loaded through our online platform. Providing your data ensures that the tool will suit your site.

### SIT ON THE ADVISORY PANEL

Become a member of our expert advisory panel. We will work with key stakeholders in new sectors through regular panel meetings during the course of the program to ensure the tool is robust.

### SIGN UP FOR NABERS ACCELERATE UPDATES

Sign up for our newsletter and we will provide regular updates and key milestones of NABERS Accelerate.

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## STEPS TO DEVELOPING A RATING TOOL



WAREHOUSES  
PARTICIPATE IN THE  
NABERS ACCELERATE  
PROGRAM

NABERS CONDUCT  
TECHNICAL  
BENCHMARKING &  
DEVELOP RULES

NABERS CREATE  
ASSESSOR TRAINING  
AND ACCREDITATION

NABERS FOR  
WAREHOUSES RATING  
LAUNCHED

**NABERS RATINGS FOR WAREHOUSES HAS A  
PLANNED RELEASE DATE OF JULY 2022**

## GET INVOLVED

#### Visit our website

<https://www.nabers.gov.au/nabers-accelerate>

#### Contact the NABERS team for more information

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