



NABERS Energy ratings: good for you and the environment

Buildings are responsible for about 40% of the world's carbon emissions and use approximately 40% of the world's energy. This means they have a big impact on our environment, and they can be costly to run.

The NABERS (National Australian Built Environment Rating System) scheme helps organisations like yours save money and become more energy efficient while speeding up Australia's transition to net zero emissions.

How NABERS Energy ratings work

A NABERS Energy rating is similar to the energy efficiency stickers you might have on your fridge or washing machine, except they are used to rate different building types including: offices, shopping centres, hotels, apartment buildings, data centres, public hospitals, retirement living, residential aged care centres, warehouses and cold stores. Performance is rated on a six-star scale, and a higher rating is a better rating, as shown below.

NABERS star rating guide

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

The ratings are carried out by independent assessors and audited by government, so people trust they are accurate and reliable.

NABERS ratings are valid for 12 months. This ensures that your rating represents the current operational performance of your building or workplace, and that improvements are recognised in the following year.

Getting an Energy rating is also the first step if you want your building to be certified Carbon Neutral.

How NABERS is making a difference

Over the past ten years, NABERS customers have saved an average of 30-40% on their energy. The ratings have also driven sustainability in commercial buildings.

As a trusted measurement tool, tenants and governments have put NABERS targets in their leasing criteria, and investors are rewarding property companies that are performing well. This encourages more building owners to invest in upgrading their assets, so they are more energy efficient.

Since NABERS rating began:

- 90% of Australia's office space has been rated with NABERS.
- \$1.4bn in energy bills have been avoided.
- 9.9 million tonnes of CO2 emissions have been avoided.

Benefits of a NABERS Energy rating

As you are only rated on the energy consumption you have control over, you are empowered to take action. A NABERS Energy rating is a simple, reliable tool to help you:

- understand your building's performance
- identify and make changes that reduce energy use and environmental impact
- compare your building with others, such as those of your competitors
- benchmark your progress to becoming more energy efficient
- accurately measure and communicate the environmental performance and progress of your building.



For building owners:

Having a building that has a lower environmental impact and lower running costs increases the value of your investment. It translates into a competitive advantage with tenants, customers and prospective buyers.



IDENTIFY COST SAVINGS



INCREASE ASSET VALUE



ENHANCE CORPORATE REPUTATION

For sustainability managers:

NABERS Energy ratings are an essential framework for annual reporting and sustainability strategies. Annual ratings allow you to demonstrate performance improvements and reduced energy and emissions over time.



BECOME A SUSTAINABILITY LEADER



VERIFY AND VALIDATE INTERNAL TRACKING



BRIDGE THE INFORMATION GAP

For tenants:

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



IDENTIFY COST SAVINGS



LOWER ENERGY AND WATER BILLS



REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Find out more about how you can improve your energy consumption:

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