

The Sustainability Unit – About Us

The Sustainability Unit provides technical policy advice and services, benchmarking and reporting tools, and oversees projects to promote ecologically sustainable Government infrastructure.

The Sustainability Unit is responsible for managing the following Northern Territory Government energy management programs and initiatives:

- **NT Government Energy Smart Building Policy** has the objective to achieve and maintain best practice energy management in NT Government operations and sets a 10% energy intensity reduction for NT Government agencies by 2010-11 (compared to the 2004-05 baseline year).
- **Energy Smart Schools Program** is an initiative aimed at achieving a Territory wide approach to energy management and sustainability in Government schools. The program is designed to assist with the integration of sustainability concepts as a core component of DET schools' training and corporate culture, in order to reduce energy use throughout school facilities. The ESSP it is also intended to raise the profile of sustainability issues within the communities of the targeted schools.
- **Government Energy Efficiency Program** is a funding mechanism to support the NT Energy Smart Building Policy and represents significant investment to address climate change. The program enables increased prioritisation of energy efficiency projects for five NT Government agencies (which are responsible for 86.5% of the total building energy use). Under the program, \$2 million 2008-09 Minor New Works plus an additional \$6 million (over 3 years) has been allocated to make government buildings more energy efficient.

The Sustainability Unit is also responsible for:

- implementing whole-of-government building sustainability benchmarking and reporting under the NT Government Energy Smart Buildings Policy;
- providing professional advice, energy and water audits, training and information resources to Government agencies;
- providing sustainability advice for capital works building projects;
- ensuring national building sustainability initiatives are technically practical and, where possible, implemented in NT Government infrastructure; and
- assisting the continuous improvement of industry and community knowledge of building sustainability.

The Sustainability Unit assists NT Government agencies to reduce building energy and water expenditure and environmental impact by providing the following range of services:

- building sustainability policy and technical standard development;
- energy and water management training and tools;
- awareness raising materials;
- energy and water audits;
- building design advice;
- technical investigations;
- project briefs;
- cost benefit analyses; and
- tariff analysis.

For more information please email the Sustainability Unit at sustainability@nt.gov.au or phone 08 8924 7073.