



Sustainability Covenant

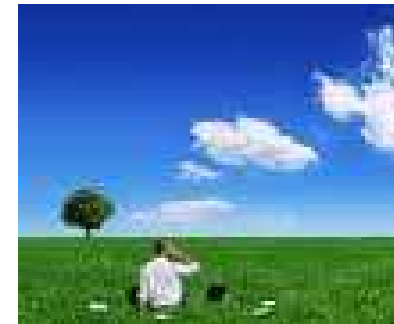
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Overview

- What is the Sustainability Covenant funding programme?
- Scope of the programme
- How it may be of use to you?
- Examples of past projects funded under the programme



What is the Sustainability Covenant?

- Part of Ai Group's Environmental Services Division
- 3 year agreement - Ai Group (Victoria) & EPA Victoria
- Fund to support innovative resource efficiency and waste minimisation projects
- Victorian sites or an organisational presence in Victoria
- Projects fully funded
 - Range \$20k - \$100k
- Reduce your costs and improve environmental performance



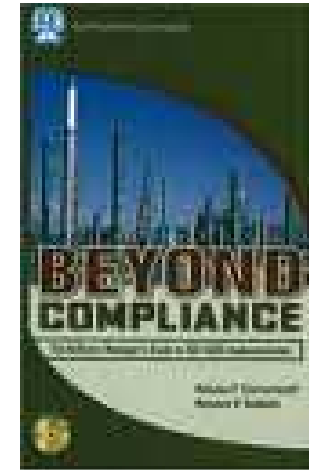
The Covenant to date

- Close to 40 projects
- Close to 70 participant organisations
- Over A\$1.6m committed to date
- Over A\$1.2m spent to date

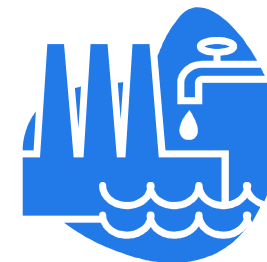


Covenant Scope- Are you eligible?

- Beyond compliance projects only, e.g. not
 - License compliance work
 - Most EREP projects (options do exist within EREP)



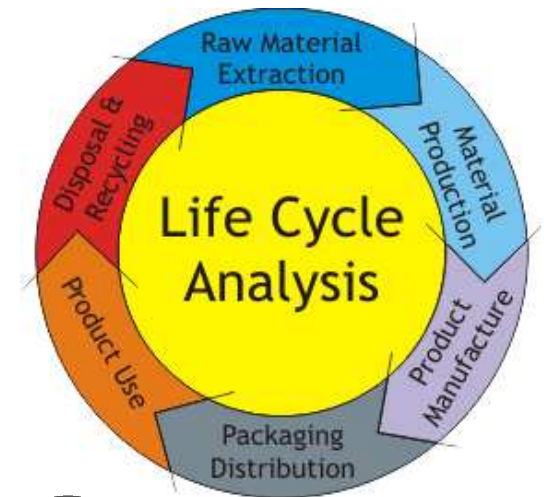
- Can't be used for capital works
- Focus upon options feasibility assessments, options identification and pilot programmes



- Broad range of potential projects suitable

Covenant project types

- Identification and implementation of opportunities to:
 - Minimise or avoid generation of wastes
 - Increase efficiency of resource use such as energy
- Lifecycle assessments (process, products & business strategy)
- Supply chain initiatives
- Cleaner production
- Other new opportunities such as Carbon management



How Ai Group & the Covenant may help you

- Covenant could be of assistance if your organisation;
 - has a significant environmental issue
 - e.g. resource use, energy, PIW, water or trade waste

OR

- a more general interest in examining how to improve environmental performance / sustainability
 - Site specific
 - Organisational
 - Industry based



Benefits

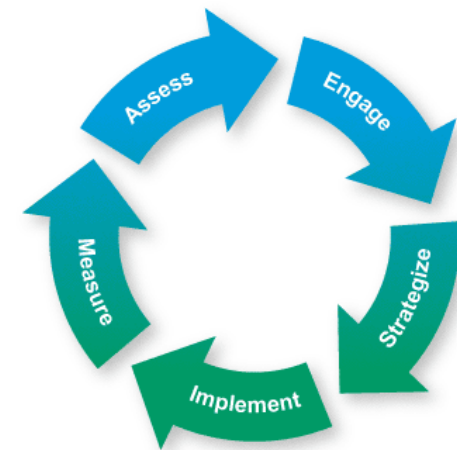


- Potential cost savings
 - Efficiency improvements
 - Process
 - Resources
 - Waste reduction
 - Hidden costs (labour, product etc)
- Potential environmental benefits
 - Less waste, energy, water
 - Corporate / organisational marketing benefit
- No cost to your organisation



Resources & input

- Only modest input from organisations required
 - People
 - Time
- Flexible level of involvement (your choice)
 - Ai Group manages the projects
 - Ai Group appoints and manages consultant/ technical experts
 - A minimal level of involvement required, though more is fine!



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Past projects

- ABnote - \$30,000 grant
 - Cleaner production assessment 9 recommendations \$20k savings p.a.
 - Study led to new production line with substantial savings
- Victorian Dentists - \$80,000 grant
 - Investigation of mercury recovery options
 - Reduction of mercury disposal via trade waste sewer
 - High profile project - \$1m programme

ABnote

 Dentists
for cleaner water



What is the process to apply for funding?

- Contact Ai Group to
 - discuss potential project or
 - organise site visit
- Ai Group will determine if opportunity exists
- Ai group will discuss potential project with EPA
- EPA will conduct a compliance check
- Based on clearance will confirm support for project
- Project proposal sent to committee steering group (EPA & Ai Group) for approval



Thank you

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– Any questions?



More Government Funding Opportunities

- EPA Victoria

HAZWASTE*fund*

- Supporting Victorian Government's commitment of zero high hazard waste to landfill by 2020
- Reinvestment of PIW landfill levy
- Water and Energy Savings Program
 - Supports investigations focussed on reducing the amount of potable water and energy used in industrial processes
 - Companies expected to implement identified actions and share learning with industry
- Beyond Waste Fund
 - Favours waste avoidance (material efficiency) projects
 - Also, could support waste reduction and reuse projects
 - Expressions of Interest open to 13 December 2010
- Contact - business.programs@epa.vic.gov.au



More Government Funding Opportunities

- Smart Water Fund
 - Victorian's urban water utilities fund
 - Industry led & customer driven research & innovation
 - Metropolitan & regional urban focus
 - Established in 2002
 - \$25M in 180 Investments / Projects
 - Fewer & bigger projects - typically \$150K to \$500K
 - Victorian focus with national applicability
 - Defined industry need - not variation on existing theme
 - Defined benefits and outcomes
 - Contact - www.smartwater.com.au

More Government Funding Opportunities

- Regional Infrastructure Development Fund
 - \$611M invested in 393 projects
 - \$260M further funding announced in June 2010
 - 6 Focus Areas
 - Tertiary Education, Community and Cultural, Tourism, Transport and Access
 - Industry Investment and Development - Leveraging private sector investment for job creation/retention, industry and market development
 - Sustainable Industries - Improving competitiveness through more sustainable use of resources
 - Contact - www.rdv.vic.gov.au