

Is your business seeking solutions to energy, water and resource efficiency challenges?

## Ai Group Environmental Solutions Forum

Ai Group's environmental solutions forums help companies to solve their environmental challenges in the areas of water, energy and waste. The forums bring together companies facing environmental challenges with companies providing environmental solutions as well as providing networking opportunities.

**When:** Wednesday 1 September 2010

9.00 – 11.30 am

**Where:** Café Grove

198a High Street, Wodonga VIC 3690

**Cost:** FREE

**RSVP:** 25 August 2010

## Get started with energy efficiency!

Come and learn how to reduce your energy use at our FREE Energy Efficiency Seminar. With rising energy prices and strong pressures to reduce operating costs, now is a critical time for businesses of all sizes to identify ways to reduce energy use.

Managing energy usage is the most critical priority for businesses, as it usually is the largest resource consumed in production processes (Findings of the National Survey on Sustainable Practices in Industry, Ai Group)

- Lighting upgrades can pay for themselves in the first two years in energy savings alone
- Improving efficiency of compressed air systems can reduce energy use by up to 35%
- Using variable speed drives on fans, pumps, and cooling towers can reduce energy use up to 50%.

All presentations will include 'take home' tips that will assist you implement energy saving measures as soon as you're back in your worksite.

### PRESENTERS:

- **Reducing exposure to a carbon constrained economy, Geofabrics Australasia.** Learn how Geofabrics has identified and implemented initiatives to reduce energy use at its manufacturing plant in Wodonga by 50% and created over a \$1M in cost savings along the way.
- **Reducing consumption of energy and natural resources, Thales Australia.** Find out how Thales Australia has identified and implemented initiatives which reduce energy and water use and provide cost savings at its manufacturing facility in Benalla.
- **Energy efficient compressed air systems, Champion Compressors.** Compressed air systems are used by a cross section of industry. The efficient use of compressed air systems can reduce energy use by up to 35%. This presentation will outline the potential energy efficient and cost saving opportunities from compressed air systems.
- **Minimising energy use through the use of variable speed drives, Schneider Electric.** Incorporating variable speed drives (VSDs) into applications such as fans, pumps, and cooling towers can reduce energy use up to 50 per cent. This presentation will outline how VSDs can reduce operating costs and prolong equipment life.
- **Enterprise Connect.** Enterprise Connect offers comprehensive advice and support to eligible Australian small and medium-sized enterprises to help them transform and reach their full potential.

