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ENTRIES OPEN FOR 10th YEAR OF PREMIER'S SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Victorian businesses, community groups, education institutions and government agencies are invited to enter the 10th anniversary year of the Premier's Sustainability Awards.

"The awards recognise businesses, institutions, communities and individuals that have demonstrated leadership in taking actions that not only contribute to their bottom line but also foster a more sustainable future for Victoria," said Nationals Member for Morwell Russell Northe.

"This year, the tenth year of the awards, there is an improved focus on the built environment with a new category which recognises excellence in sustainable design, as well as a performance category which focuses on improved resource efficiency and cost savings," Mr Northe said.

There are ten award categories in 2012:

- Large Business
- Small and Medium Enterprises
- Products or Services
- Built Environment – Performance
- Built Environment – Design
- Community
- Local Government
- State Government
- Tertiary Education
- Premier's Recognition Award

Category winners also have the opportunity to win the prestigious Premier's Recognition Award, said Mr Northe.

"In 2011 Latrobe City Council was named as a finalist in the Local Government Award category for their carbon reduction policy, which was a fantastic achievement," said Mr Northe.

"Businesses and organisations that make the commitment to sustainability reap the benefits economically, socially and environmentally. These awards acknowledge professional commitment to leading innovation and staying ahead of the pack."

The awards are managed on behalf of the Premier by Sustainability Victoria.

Information sessions will be held on 31 May and 13 June to provide applicants with assistance in submitting applications. Entries close Friday 13 July.

For more information please go to www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au