

Policy - Public Greening Program

Implement a greening program for all buildings and public spaces in town centres

Our built environment is currently the world's single largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, it consumes around a third of our water, and generates 40 per cent of our waste. Energy consumption by existing buildings in some modern countries has even exceeded those in industrial and transport sectors. Thus, turning existing buildings green can significantly help in limiting energy use and greenhouse gas emissions globally. Greening our existing built environment also has the benefit of developing resilience to the impacts of climate change by cooling our exterior urban environment considerably.

The Canberra Progressives will develop a Greening our Existing Built Environment (GEBE) framework to inform Government on how best to upgrade existing buildings and public spaces. Using a tailored green rating system, and taking advice from Green Star, we will seek to create design standards for the retrofit of existing buildings and public spaces. We will seek to build up a unique green audit tool scheme to assess existing buildings and public spaces aiming to evaluate green potential with implementation measures to turn the existing built environment green in a cost effective manner.

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