



Phil Wilkinson

2016 Deni Greene Award

Phil Wilkinson works for the Australian Institute for Refrigeration, Air-conditioning and Heating (AIRAH), currently as its Executive Manager, Government Relations and Technical Services. Over the last 15 years, in roles with the organisation from Technical Manager to CEO, he has been instrumental in bringing together people from a range of disciplines across academia, industry and government to work together on improving sustainability in the built environment.

A founding member of the Green Building Council of Australia, Phil is a mechanical engineer who has demonstrated an amazing ability to achieve regulatory and behavioural change in an industry that has the potential to contribute significantly to reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. His courage and tenacity, underpinned by great communication skills and a strong technical background, have resulted in practical outcomes with far-reaching impacts.

Just one example was his leadership in the creation of 'PRIME', a broad strategy for transitioning his industry to a low-emission future, which required overcoming considerable opposition and disparate views.

Phil has also been responsible for the development of a number of industry best practice guides and fact sheets with a strong sustainability focus, across energy efficiency, water conservation, the indoor environment and refrigerant gas management. The flammable refrigerant safety guide, with its focus on both emissions reduction and safety, was a particular achievement due to the range of government regulators involved and tensions between competing sections of the industry.

Phil continues to be tireless in his work and his commitment to sustainability, whether this is through improving industry knowledge, refining national standards and rating tools, fostering collaborative networks or simply making people feel valued for their contribution.

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