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Sustainability: Steel industry quick to gear up for new green points

The Australian steel industry has been quick to embrace a new opportunity to attract work from the environmentally conscious building and construction sector by registering for a new [Environmental Sustainability Charter \(ESC\)](#).

Membership of the new Charter is required for steel-related businesses to gain one of the two new green points available under the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) revised Steel Credit points rating scheme.



The new Charter was created and is managed under the auspices of the ASI as the peak body representing the steel industry. One point is obtainable if 60 percent or more of the steel used in a project is supplied by an ASI ESC member for structural steel framed buildings.

Membership is open to all members of the steel supply chain but only steel processors, fabricators and contractors are eligible to gain the GBCA point. Charter members must commit to 10 environmental improvement points including having a sustainability policy in place and publicly available, operating an annually-audited environmental management system and monitoring key resource consumables like water, energy and fuels as part of knowing their carbon footprint, and implementing reduction programs and targets.

Within days of the GBCA announcing the new Steel Credit points rating scheme, eleven prominent steel fabricators made commitments to the Charter -for further details go to ems.steel.org.au .

The aim of membership is to drive good business and environmental outcomes throughout the whole steel supply chain.