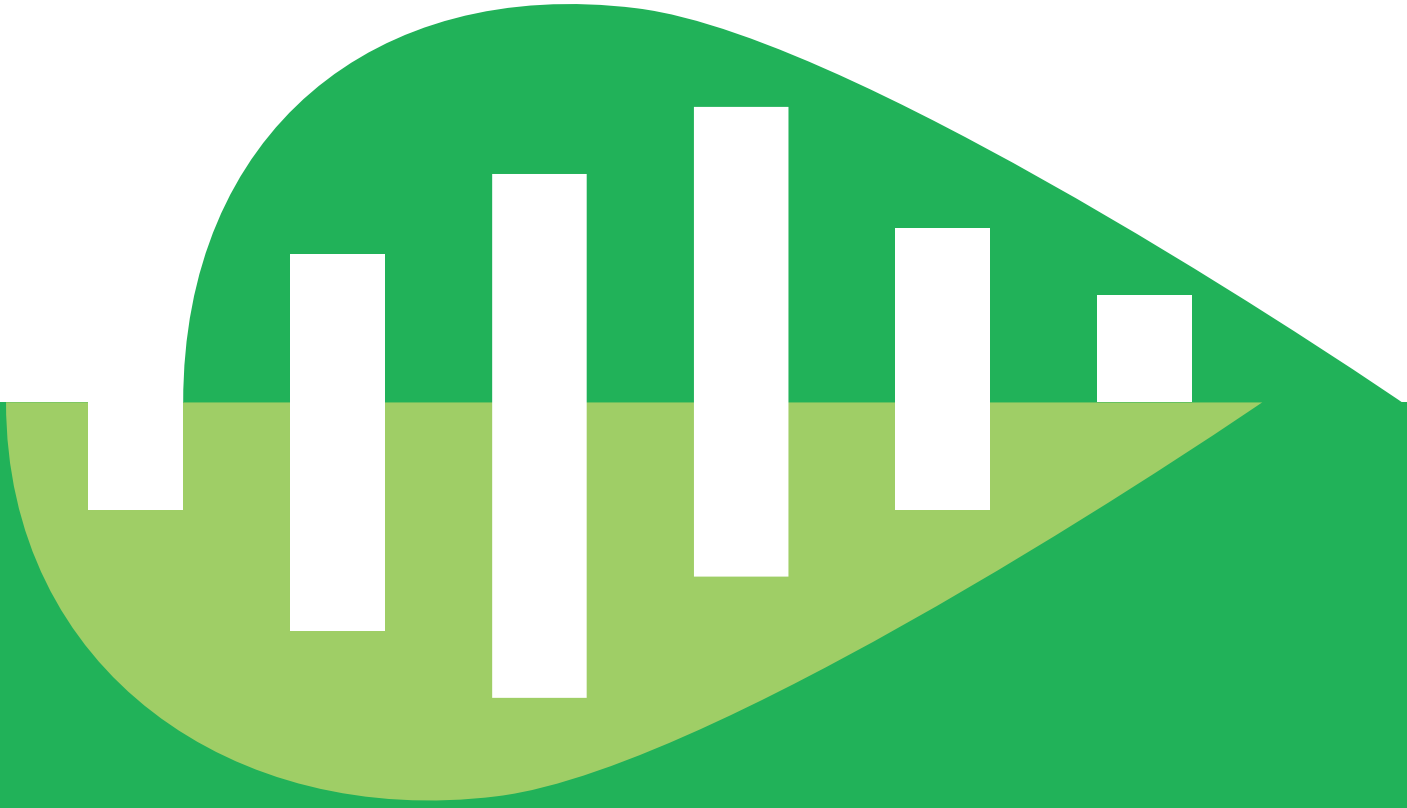

CASBE Membership Prospectus

Join the councils actively leading Victoria towards a sustainable built environment.

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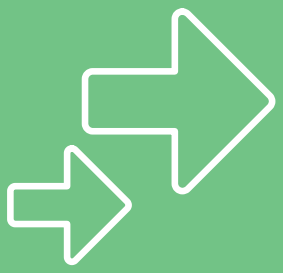
Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment

The Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE) is an association of Victorian councils committed to the creation of a sustainable built environment within and beyond their municipalities.

CASBE relies on the financial support of local government.
Be part of the change to a sustainable built environment.

22 Victorian council members

A forum to support innovation and best practice in ESD



Demonstrating leadership in ESD Policy and practice

Representing 48% Victoria's population

Covering 9770 km^2

Representing 47% Victorian planning permit activity

Membership benefits

CASBE's value derives from maximising the benefits of integrating Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) in planning policy. CASBE's work supports industry, government, research bodies and the community shift towards a sustainable built environment.

Your membership of CASBE enables:

Local government leadership
CASBE demonstrates local government leadership in ESD policy development and planning approaches.

CASBE's advocacy position
CASBE represents local government's concerns on ESD issues. A growing membership increases our ability to set the agenda and contribute to the debate on sustainable built environments.

CASBE operations
CASBE staff convene and support councils implementing ESD Policy processes and using the BESS tool.

Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS)
BESS saves time and effort for both planners and the development community. CASBE enables the ongoing development of the BESS tool to ensure it meets current industry needs and technologies.

CASBE membership is the gateway to a BESS subscription.

CASBE's advisory role
CASBE provides feedback to industry and government on ESD policy development.

Knowledge growth
CASBE increases the ESD knowledge base through training and cross government collaboration. Our projects help establish criteria for research and data collection.

Stakeholder engagement
CASBE provides a forum for direct engagement with key external stakeholders.

bess
Built Environment
Sustainability Scorecard

Membership benefits

	Network councils	Member councils
Networking		
Network meetings for ESD and Planning Officers	•	•
CASBE Yammer Group	•	•
Participation in Referrals Working Group	•	•
Participation in Strategic Planning Working Group	•	•
CASBE Planning Info Sheets	•	•
SDAPP resources	•	•
Council buildings resources	•	•
Support for ESD Policy collaborations	•	•
CASBE newsletters	•	•
Education and training		
Network industry presentations	•	•
Free BESS training for council staff (when available) (BESS subscribers)		•
Reduced rate in-house BESS training for council staff (BESS subscribers)		•
ESD training modules for planning staff		•
Strategic direction		
Voting role on CASBE Steering Committee		•
Participate in strategic direction of CASBE		•
Advocacy work		
Recognition in CASBE's advocacy activities		•
Priority access to stakeholder events		•
Member networking and industry functions		•
Resources		
Support from CASBE staff	•	•
Access to SDAPP fact sheets through licence agreement with IMAP	•	•
Gateway to a BESS subscription		•
Back end access to published BESS reports for your municipal area (BESS subscribers)		•
Back end access to BESS data for your municipal area (BESS subscribers)		•
BESS technical support for ESD Officers		•
Access to member only dropbox for resources		•
Recognition		
Acknowledgement on CASBE website and in CASBE submissions and presentations		•

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Our values

Lead

CASBE aims to **lead** the shift towards a sustainable built environment through an alliance of councils committed to Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD).

Policy

We focus on **policy** management through a coordinated program of consistent approaches to ESD in the planning process.

Advocate

We **advocate** for the benefit of a sustainable built environment by engaging and inspiring council, state government, industry and the community.

Educate

We enable **education** to create organisational knowledge, capacity and skills regarding ESD.

Engage

We **engage** our stakeholders by providing a platform for networking, knowledge exchange and support for Victorian council members.

Implement

We **implement** innovative ESD solutions, communicating the outcomes with key stakeholders.

Develop

We **develop** tools to assist in ESD assessments and increase planning efficiency.

Membership to CASBE is open to all Victorian Councils

Annual membership fees are based on councils' planning and rates activity.

Level 1	CASBE membership	BESS subscription
Income from planning permit applications is greater than $300,000 or Income from rates is greater than $50m	$6,000 + GST	$7,500 + GST
Pro-rata (6 Month) option for new members	*$3,000 + GST*	*$3,750 + GST*

Level 2	CASBE membership	BESS subscription
Income from rates is between $20 – $50m	$2,750 + GST	$3,750 + GST
Pro-rata (6 Month) option for new members	*$1,375 + GST*	*$1,875 + GST*

Level 3	CASBE membership	BESS subscription
Income from rates is less than $20m	$500 + GST	$1,000 + GST
Pro-rata (6 Month) option for new members	*$250 + GST*	*$500 + GST*

To become a member, councils must sign the CASBE Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Municipal Association of Victoria. The CASBE MoU is effective for a three year period. New councils sign on to the remainder of that three year period. The current MoU period expires 30 June 2020.

Contact the CASBE Executive Officer for more details on how to become a CASBE member: casbe@mav.asn.au

Please note:
A council must be a CASBE member to subscribe to the BESS tool. A separate fee is applicable for a BESS subscription. BESS subscription enables industry use of BESS in your municipality.

CASBE members have a position on the CASBE Steering Committee and are invited to attend committee meetings which are held three times a year at the MAV offices in Melbourne.

CASBE is supported by the Municipal Association of Victoria

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A brief history of CASBE

1999
> Port Phillip Sustainable Design in Planning investigation report

2000
> Port Phillip residential scorecard

2004
> Moreland launches STEPS
> Port Phillip launches SDS Non-Residential Scorecard.
> Moreland, Darebin and Port Phillip initiate the collaborative approach to sustainability in planning

2007
> HANSEN/SBE report

2009
> CASBE formed
> SDAPP framework formalised

2010
> MAV Sustainable Building Guide

2011
> IMAP Fact Sheets

2012
> SDAPP Rollout Project finalised
> BESS development commenced
> CASBE membership grows to 10
> CASBE Executive Officer employed

2014
> BESS V 1.0 completed

2015
> BESS V 1.0 launched
> BESS Manager employed
> 6 Local ESD Policies gazetted: Banyule, Moreland, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse and Yarra

2016
> Monash Local ESD Policy gazetted
> Darebin and Manningham Local ESD Policies submitted to Minister for Planning
> IMAP SDAPP Fact Sheets revised and expanded
> BESS Technical Analyst employed

2017
> CASBE Membership reaches 22
> BESS V1.5
> CASBE Planning Officer employed
> Local ESD Policies win LGPro Award

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