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CitySwitch Green Office Fact Sheet

- Worldwide it is estimated that 40 per cent of energy use is in buildings (International Energy Agency)
- As much as 50 per cent of total energy demand in cities is attributable to stationery energy usage, which includes office equipment, lighting and computers.
- In Australia, the commercial property sector generates 8.8 per cent of national greenhouse gas emissions, and has the fastest growth of emissions of any sector (DECC 2000)
- In Australia, commercial buildings produce 8.8 per cent of national greenhouse emissions and have a major part to play in meeting Australia's international greenhouse targets (Australian State of the Environment Committee, 2001).
- Stationary energy is the largest and fastest growing sector in terms of greenhouse gas emissions [National Inventory Report 2005 (Revised)].
- Office tenants account for almost 50 per cent of electricity consumed in buildings (Australian Greenhouse Office, 2005)
- **CitySwitch Green Office** is aiming to have 700 signatories by 2012.
- Current signatories include 56 businesses which cover over 600,000 m² of office space, representing 9 per cent of Sydney's total commercial office tenancy space.
- If all of the existing signatories were to improve their NABERS Energy tenancy rating by just two stars, the result would be a saving of \$36.5 million in energy costs and over 329,000 tonnes of CO₂ every year.
- This saving would be the equivalent of taking nearly 68,000 cars off the road.
- With the inclusion of Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney **CitySwitch Green Office** has the potential to save nearly \$67 million in energy costs every year.
- If all capital cities were to join **CitySwitch Green Office**, Australia could reduce its energy consumption by 778,000 tonnes of CO₂, costing \$86.5 million every year.

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