

## **BEST ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY PRACTICE**

This category is open to all accommodation providers making a conscious effort to reduce their waste, use of water or endeavour to reduce their carbon footprints and have a more positive impact on the environment.

This category will be judged on a written submission only of no more than 900 words plus accompanying documents and pictures where relevant. This should detail your achievements environmental and energy efficiency practice throughout the nominated period.

*Important:* Please ensure that each question is addressed in 100 words or less and that your submission follows the "Written Submission and Entry Format".

### **Judging Criteria**

1. Policies in place within your hotel that support environmental best practice
2. The use of energy saving devices implemented to reduce energy consumption within the hotel
3. Explain the effectiveness of the hotel's energy efficiency programs – Demonstrated reduction in energy consumption as a result of new initiatives
4. Discuss initiatives implemented to reduce the hotel's water consumption
5. Explain the quality and quantity of your in-house recycling programs
6. Economic viability – Will environmental practices and energy efficiency activities/equipment deliver savings for the hotel (above the implementation costs) over the long term?
7. Level of innovation – Unique aspects about the hotel's environmental and energy efficiency programs
8. Communication & Training – How does the hotel promote its environmental and energy efficiency programs to customers and the general public? Evidence of staff awareness and staff training.
9. Incorporation of environmental and energy efficiency programs into hotel management practices – What working groups, committees or project officers have been established to manage the program? How are environmental and energy efficiency programs included in the hotel's strategic planning?

