



Commercial Office Buildings to declare Energy Efficiency Rating!

Australian building owners will soon need to provide up-to-date energy efficiency information when selling or leasing office space as part of a Federal Government scheme to improve the energy efficiency of commercial office buildings.

Starting in the second half of 2010, the scheme will require business owners selling or leasing office space covering more than 2,000 square metres to disclose a valid Building Energy Efficiency Certificate, which will include a National Australia Built Environment Rating System, and assessment of lighting energy efficiency. Owners who don't comply will risk a fine or prosecution.

Environment Minister Peter Garrett said that the scheme would provide building owners, potential buyers and tenants access to consistent, credible and meaningful information about a building's energy efficiency in order to make informed decisions when buying or renting office space.

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