

# Quick Sustainability Checklist



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Why does sustainability matter to your business?

What actions will you take for a greener future?

How will you measure your sustainability progress?

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Use this checklist to take practical steps toward sustainability while aligning with Australian standards, incentives, and environmental conditions.

#### 1. Assess Your Carbon Footprint

Use Climate Active or the Greenhouse Gas Protocol to measure emissions.
Review your energy consumption, waste output, and transport impact.
Explore carbon accounting software to track your progress.

### 2. Improve Energy Efficiency

Switch to GreenPower-certified renewable energy providers.
Upgrade to LED lighting, energy-efficient appliances, and smart thermostats.
Conduct an energy audit (some Australian states offer subsidies for these).

#### 3. Reduce Water Usage

Install rainwater tanks for irrigation or office use.

Use water-efficient fixtures and appliances (look for WELS-rated products).

Mulch gardens and plant native drought-resistant species to reduce watering needs.

### 4. Cut Waste and Embrace Circular Economy Practices

Recycle soft plastics via REDcycle alternatives (check local council programs).

Choose compostable or reusable packaging over single-use plastics.

Partner with suppliers who offer closed-loop recycling for materials.

Reduce e-waste by repairing or donating old electronics instead of discarding them.

## 5. Sustainable Transport Options

- Encourage public transport, carpooling, or cycling for staff.
- Consider electric or hybrid vehicles for business fleets (check for government incentives).
- Use carbon offset programs for business travel.

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### 6. Engage Employees & Customers in Sustainability

- Educate staff on sustainable practices and set team sustainability goals.
- Source from local, sustainable suppliers to reduce transport emissions.
- Encourage remote work or flexible work arrangements to cut commuting emissions.

#### 7. Leverage Government Incentives & Grants

- Check Business.gov.au for grants supporting energy efficiency and sustainability upgrades.
- Apply for the Small Business Energy Incentive to offset investment costs.
- Z Explore state-based rebates for solar, battery storage, and EV charging stations.

#### 8. Monitor & Improve Over Time

- Set clear sustainability goals with measurable KPIs (e.g., reducing energy by 10% in 6 months).
- Regularly review energy bills, waste reports, and carbon tracking software to track progress.
- Stay updated on Australian sustainability regulations to maintain compliance and seize opportunities.

By implementing these steps, your business can reduce costs, improve efficiency, and contribute to a more sustainable Australia.

Looking for expert guidance? The SustainableLedger can help tailor sustainability strategies for your business.

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### **Next Steps: Turning Insight into Action**

#### GET THE FREE GUIDE

To kickstart your journey, we're offering our comprehensive guide "The HelloSustainability Transformation Blueprint - 9 Key Strategies for Building a Planet-Positive Business".

This guide will equip you with powerful strategies to <u>Envision</u> your sustainable future, <u>Transform</u> your operations, and <u>Amplify</u> your positive impact while driving business growth.

#### TRANSFORM YOUR BUSINESS WITH OUR HELLOSUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

In a rapidly changing world, navigating sustainability while running a business can be challenging and often isolating for business owners.

Our comprehensive program equips you with the systems, processes, and mindsets to:

- 1. Envision a compelling sustainability strategy
- 2. Transform your operations for eco-efficiency
- 3. Amplify your positive impact

Drive growth and innovation in your business through our engaging modules, featuring:

- Insightful video lessons
- Practical templates and worksheets
- Comprehensive notes and guides
- Interactive exercises

Learn how to turn sustainability challenges into opportunities for success, supported by a community of like-minded business leaders.

#### BOOK YOUR SUSTAINABILITY CATALYST CONSULT

You recognise the need for sustainability expertise and are ready to make your business Planet-Positive and profitable.

Our free Sustainability Catalyst Consult is a 30-minute call where we'll explore your business's environmental challenges and opportunities, and determine if The SustainableLedger is the right partner for your sustainability journey.

### Next Steps: Click here.