



# 10 YEARS OF CASBE

2009–2019

Year in Review 2018–2019



## Vision

A sustainable and sustaining built environment in Victoria.

## Purpose

Inspire and enable broad scale positive change to Victoria's built environment through collaborative local government led action.

## Strategic Goals

- > All local governments are **ESD Champions**
- > **Bold ESD** planning **policy**
- > A step change in **impact**
- > Inclusively **connect** people and place
- > Industry and community feel **empowered** to **change their behaviour**

## Values



### We lead

We lead the shift towards a sustainable built environment through collaborative governance and practice.



### We collaborate

We collaborate through a cohesive, mutually supportive network.



### We take action

We continually take action to develop and implement innovative policy and ESD solutions.



### We advocate

We advocate for sustainable built environments by engaging and inspiring others.



### We educate

We enable education to create organisational knowledge, capacity and skills development in ESD.



### We engage

We actively seek to share knowledge partnerships with our stakeholders.

# CASBE's 2018–2019 12 month impact

Victorian council  
members

**31**

Representing

**67%**

Victoria's population  
(3.7 million residents)

Representing

**63%**

Victorian planning  
permit activity

Covering

**17,121**

km<sup>2</sup>

Local ESD Policies  
gazetted

**7**

Council staff attending  
Network meetings

**157**

Average number of  
councils represented  
at each Network  
meeting

**19**

Average number of visits  
to CASBE website per  
month

**149**

BESS subscribing  
councils

**23**

New BESS reports in  
12 months

**4,100+**

People trained  
in BESS

**58**

Days per week of  
member councils ESD  
Officer time

**90**

Council briefings

**1**

Participation in Industry  
Reference Groups

**7**

Submissions

**6**

Industry  
presentations

**5**

Stakeholder  
meetings

**8**



## We advocate

As one of our core values, advocacy is central to CASBE's focus. Membership to CASBE has grown by 20% over the past twelve months. This is both a direct measure of the success of our advocacy work and the primary strength behind it. Enabling, supporting and guiding councils through the successful Sustainable Design Assessment in the Planning Process (SDAPP) framework has been a draw-card for councils seeking environmental outcomes from their community. Similarly, a position

that is supported by 39% of Victorian councils becomes a powerful message to industry and state government stakeholders.

However our most important advocacy role is the daily contact established between member councils and the development industry. SDAPP and the local ESD Policies enable this interaction – these conversations between the ESD officers and the community about sustainable buildings are where outcomes are achieved.

2011

"CASBE BELIEVES OPPORTUNITIES EXIST TO BETTER INTEGRATE ESD OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENTS INTO THE CURRENT PLANNING FRAMEWORK THROUGH THE INCLUSION OF A STATE ESD POLICY..."

CASBE Submission to the Review of the Victorian Planning System, MAV

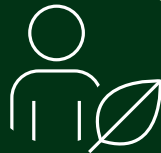
2015

"THE OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE IS THAT DEVELOPMENT SHOULD ACHIEVE BEST PRACTICE IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM THE DESIGN STAGE THROUGH TO CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION."

Environmentally Sustainable Development Local Planning Policy

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Grown from 7 to 31 members



22 ESD Officers



73% (58 of 79) Victorian Councils have engaged with CASBE

2012

"THE SDAPP ROLLOUT PROJECT... LED TO INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABILITY AS A CORE DRIVER OF DESIGN."

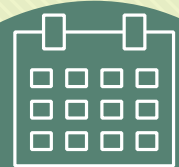
Sustainable Design Assessment in the Planning Process (SDAPP) – Rollout Project Final Report, Moreland Energy Foundation



21 policies addressing ESD



Launch of BESS, now supported by 23 subscribers



20 (2009), 90 (2019) days per week of member councils ESD Officer time

2014

"THERE IS A STRONG LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY FRAMEWORK THAT SUPPORTS THE NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND WHICH RECOGNISES THAT BOTH PLANNING AND BUILDING HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY IN ACHIEVING IT."

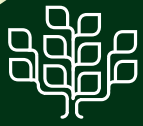
Advisory Committee Panel Report: Environmentally Efficient Design Local Policies



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Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment

[casbe.org.au](http://casbe.org.au)



9000+ BESS reports



Grown from 4 to 24 Councils implementing Sustainable Design Assessment in the Planning Process framework



298 people trained in BESS

2018

"THE WORK OF CASBE AND MEMBER COUNCILS HAS BEEN GRASS-ROOTS, BOTTOM-UP SUPPORTED THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND OTHER RESOURCES."

ESD Subdivision in Regional Victoria , AECOM

2017

"CASBE IS CONTINUING TO PLAY A LEAD ROLE IN COORDINATING COUNCILS AND ENSURING THAT THE MOMENTUM TO EMBED ESD INTO PLANNING PROCESSES CONTINUES."

Implementing sustainability in the built environment: An analysis of the role and effectiveness of the building and planning system in delivering sustainable cities. RMIT University

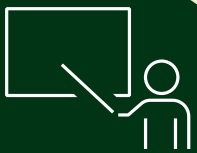
# 2009–2019



18 council briefings



79 stakeholder meetings



25 industry presentations



Submissions 38

2019

"THE INTRODUCTION OF ESD POLICIES HAS FUNDAMENTALLY SHIFTED THE NATURE OF ESD-RELATED DISPUTE AT VCAT... THE "IN-PRINCIPLE" OBJECTIONS TO [ESD MANAGEMENT] CONDITIONS HAVE ESSENTIALLY DISAPPEARED."

Effective Application of ESD Policy, Stephen Rowley

## CASBE members

Banyule City Council

Bass Coast Shire Council

Bayside City Council

Benalla City Council

Brimbank City Council

Darebin City Council

Frankston City Council

Greater Bendigo City Council

Greater Dandenong City Council

Greater Geelong

Hobsons Bay City Council

Hume City Council

Kingston City Council

Knox City Council

Manningham City Council

Maribyrnong City Council

Maroondah City Council

Melbourne City Council

Melton City Council

Monash City Council

Moonee Valley City Council

Moreland City Council

Port Phillip City Council

Stonnington City Council

Strathbogie City Council

Whitehorse City Council

Whittlesea City Council

Wodonga City Council

Wyndham City Council

Yarra City Council

Yarra Ranges Shire Council



## We lead

With 31 members and an average of 19 councils represented at each Network meeting, CASBE is an active and engaged group, providing a leading example of successful collaborative governance. Our impact is demonstrated by the increase in the number of councils applying the SDAPP framework and those actively seeking an ESD Policy.

Over the past twelve months we have continued to deliver on the 2017–2020 CASBE Strategic Plan. We successfully delivered most of the 2018 Action Plan and are underway with the 2019 tasks.

CASBE starts the 2019–2020 financial year with an excess of funds, resulting from a period of efficient management and lower than expected costs associated with BESS. As a result of this we are increasing our staffing resourcing and research budget for twelve months to focus on our strategic work, specifically our strategic goal of *A Step Change in Impact*. An important aspect of this goal is to elevate environmental targets.



## We collaborate

CASBE Network meetings are always well attended by both member and non-member councils. These meetings are open to all Victorian council staff working in the built environment.

Three working groups underpin and support the Network. The **Referrals Working Group** enables ESD Officers to share experiences and align practices. The **Strategic Planning Working Group** supported the round three ESD Policy councils (which were gazetted in October 2018) and is currently supporting the round four ESD Policy councils. The newly formed **WSUD Working Group** is helping to develop a common approach to the recent state stormwater planning requirements.

The **BESS Governance Board and Working Group** enjoyed a important increase in participation from member councils. On behalf of all CASBE members we would like to thank Moreland, Yarra, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Greater Dandenong and Darebin City Councils for their significant contribution to BESS over the past 12 months.

CASBE is partnering on two important collaborative local government research projects: *SDAPP for Subdivisions*, led by Wodonga City Council, and *Loddon Campaspe Councils ESD Service Delivery* led by Greater Bendigo City Council.



## We take action

Our focus is the active development and implementation of innovative policy and ESD solutions.

In 2018 CASBE, in partnership with Moreland City Council, sought expert planning and legal advice to provide resources for statutory planners to support and enable the effective application of ESD Policy now held by seventeen local Victorian councils. The project a) reviewed recent VCAT cases and their potential impact on ESD Policy applications; b) provided guidance in the application of the ESD Policies through the identification of supporting VPP's, Planning and Advisory Practice notes and Reference documents; and c) reviewed permit conditions currently being used by councils. The review found that the consistent approach presented by local government along with the local ESD policies were having a positive cultural shift on ESD issues at VCAT, and enabling state's high level ESD objectives to be realised.

This policy work is supported by the ESD Officers at CASBE member councils, who continue to share their expertise, providing practical ESD advice and feedback to the development industry. At one member council the ESD Officer gave feedback on over 240 applications over the past 12 months.

# CASBE in detail



## We educate

We are proud of our role in enabling professional development and capacity building, both for local government and our stakeholders. Our efforts this year have included:

Training 58 people in the BESS tool / Daylight modelling and JV3 training for ESD Officers / BESS Training for Planners / Sustainable Design Training for Planners.

Thank-you to our Network meeting presenters: Sarah Capenerhurst, Kingston City Council; Elena Pereyra & Teresa Dominik, Cohousing Australia; Don Williams, EPA; Dr Stephen Rowley, RCI Planning; Mike Rainbow, Ark Resources.



## We engage

CASBE staff, on behalf of our members, seek productive engagement with our key stakeholders, ensuring that local government is active in discussions and projects relevant to our work area. We are pleased to have engaged with the following organisations:

Department of the Environment and Energy, ABCB, OVGA, DELWP, Sustainability Victoria, Melbourne Water, Greenhouse Alliances, RMIT, ASBEC, AEF, PIA, CAUL Hub.

## CASBE Finances

### 2018–2019 Income

Membership fees	\$153,000.00
BESS subscription	\$171,250.00
Other income	\$49,650.00

### 2018–2019 Expenditure

Employment costs	\$196,272.47
CASBE operations	\$40,100.88
BESS operations	\$55,193.06

CASBE starts the 2019–2020 year with \$438,987.38 in reserve.

## CASBE staff

**Natasha Palich**  
CASBE Executive Officer

**Shannon Best**  
BESS Manager and Technical Analyst

**Karin Anderson**  
CASBE Planning Officer

## BESS V1.6 Upgrade

Representing significant change to user experience, the BESS V1.6 upgrade has recently gone live. V1.6 brings BESS up to WCAG 2.1 Level AA accessibility level and introduces improved usability through the introduction of modal tables. It is also now easier to publish projects and make ongoing changes to existing projects.

The water section has been reviewed and revised, including more comprehensive potable water calculations and scoring, and up-to-date WELS ratings. Recycled and third pipe water systems are now integrated into the calculations.

Non-residential spaces have a different input approach allowing more flexibility and finer grain detail.

Houses now have a cross ventilation credit in Indoor Environment Quality, and a new approach to the calculation of solar PV's.

In the back end, council officers now have the ability to tag projects in accordance with their permit status.

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