



# Robyn Parker MP

## Minister for the Environment

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### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2013 GREEN GLOBE AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the NSW Government's 14<sup>th</sup> annual Green Globe Awards, celebrating environmental excellence and innovation in NSW.

NSW Environment Minister Robyn Parker announced the call for nominations today, encouraging businesses, state and local government, not-for-profit organisations and individuals to celebrate their environmental achievements by nominating for an Award.

"For the past 14 years, the Green Globe Awards have been an outstanding platform for organisations to showcase new technologies, build their corporate reputation and highlight their leadership in the field of sustainability," Ms Parker said.

"Past nominees and winners see the Awards as an opportunity to share great ideas with like-minded organisations and apply these ideas to expand their own environmental initiatives.

"Last year we received more than 100 nominations across 12 award categories that showcased just how innovative communities can be in taking steps that protect the environment.

"The 2012 winners ranged from a \$3.5 million mattress recycling program to a project that trains more than 3,000 students a year in environmental management," she said.

Ian Jackson, NSW/ACT State Director at Mission Australia, winner of the *2012 Premier's Award for Sustainability Excellence*, said that since taking out the Award, their Soft Landings Program has gone from strength to strength.

"Since winning we've had people from around the country eager to find out how they can utilise the program or bring a similar initiative to their state," Mr Jackson said.

"We are also exploring opportunities to develop new waste recovery and recycling initiatives that can both protect our environment and create sustainable employment opportunities for disadvantaged Australians," he said.

Twelve categories are open for public nominations covering a range of energy efficiency, waste and environmental sustainability initiatives.

**Nominations are open until Tuesday 18 June 2013.** The Awards will be judged by a panel of independent experts and presented at a reception at NSW Parliament House on 24 September 2013.

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## **2013 Green Globe Award categories**

Visit [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/greenglobes](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/greenglobes) for more information and to make a nomination. 2013 Award categories attached.

### **Water, Waste and Energy Awards**

- Energy Efficiency Award
- Water Efficiency Award
- Waste and Recycling Award

### **Excellence in Sustainability Awards**

- Business Sustainability Award
- Small Business Sustainability Award
- Public Sector Sustainability Award
- Built Environment Sustainability Award
- Local Government Sustainability Award
- Community Sustainability Award (not-for-profit organisations)

### **Excellence in Leadership and Innovation**

- Sustainability Champion Award
- Climate Change Leadership
- Environmental Innovation Award

### **Not for Nomination categories (*decided by the judging panel*)**

- Premier's Award for Environmental Excellence (*overall winner*)
- Regional Sustainability Award (*most outstanding entry outside greater metropolitan Sydney*)
- 10 Year Sustainability Achievement Award (*previous winners from 2003 are formally invited to nominate for this award*)

The 2012 winners were: Bankstown City Council, Institute for Sustainable Futures, Interface, Lachlan Catchment Management Authority, Local Government Super, Mission Australia, Pablo & Rusty's Specialty Coffee, TAFE NSW Northern Sydney Institute, The GPT Group and Willoughby, North Sydney and Ku-ring-gai Councils.