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EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NABERS

The success of a NSW rating tool initiative that measures the energy efficiency and emissions of office buildings - NABERS - has been recognised by our neighbours across the Tasman, Environment Minister Robyn Parker announced today.

NABERS is administered by the NSW Government on behalf of the Australian, state and territory governments.

Ms Parker said that the launch of NABERS NZ in Auckland is the first time that Australia's star rating system for offices has been adopted overseas.

"NABERS is a world class rating system that measures the energy efficiency, water usage and waste management of a building using a one to six star rating system," Ms Parker said.

"The adoption of the program by our New Zealand neighbours is testament to NSW's world leading environmental credentials.

"More than 70 per cent of NSW's office market has been rated with NABERS Energy for Offices, making our property sector a world leader in sustainability.

"The rating system has helped drive energy efficiency in the commercial property sector.

"It recognises both sustainability achievements and gives building owners and tenants a goal to aspire to, which will help them to keep improving."

New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority Chief Executive, Mike Underhill is enthusiastic about what the rating tool could achieve in New Zealand.

"I'm delighted to have observed the success NABERS has had in raising the profile of good energy management in commercial offices. NABERS has delivered real value over a number of years for tenants and building owners," Mr Underhill said.

"New Zealand commercial office buildings could save 25 per cent in energy costs through improved energy management. The introduction of NABERS NZ will help building owners and tenants to realise these savings."

For more information about NABERS Energy for Offices visit www.nabers.gov.au