

ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE EARTHCHECK MASTER STATUS



Adelaide Convention Centre is committed to continuous improvement of our environmental performance, and are proud to be the world's first convention centre to receive EarthCheck Master status, recognising more than 16 years best practice in environmental and social sustainability.

WHO ARE EARTHCHECK?

EarthCheck is the world's leading scientific benchmarking certification and advisory group for sustainable travel, events and tourism. Operating for more than 25 years across 82 countries, EarthCheck exists to assist businesses, communities and governments to deliver sustainable, clean, safe and prosperous destinations.

WHAT DOES EARTHCHECK DO?

EarthCheck assists organisations to benchmark and track their performance across more than 70 performance standards, including the following focus areas:

- Energy use
- Water use
- Carbon emissions (Scope 1 and 2)
- Chemicals
- Cultural awareness, engagement and sensitivity
- Community and employee impact
- Governance
- Paper consumption
- Waste and resources

EarthCheck supports organisations to meet and exceed government environmental and social sustainability standards, offering a range of certifications to suit varying scales and types of tourism and event businesses.

HOW DOES EARTHCHECK BENEFIT ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE?

EarthCheck supports Adelaide Convention Centre to benchmark against regional peers and global best practice across more than 70 performance focus areas. We know that our key environmental performance indicators of potable water consumption, waste to landfill and GHG emissions have improved over time as a result of EarthCheck's year on year performance monitoring. This provides us with the evidence to confirm that our initiatives, actions, systems and processes, established through our Environmental and Sustainability policies, are creating impact and driving change.



Years 1-4



Years 5-9



Years 10-14



Years 15+

Pictured: EarthCheck certification is upgraded the longer it is maintained, with Master status representing the highest available standard

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE EARTHCHECK CERTIFIED STATUS?

EarthCheck Certification is a scientifically rigorous and evidence-based process, requiring organisations to demonstrate their commitment to best practice in business and environmental sustainability. As an EarthCheck Certified business, Adelaide Convention Centre record and provide information in the form of policies, procedures, meeting minutes, notes and actions, along with consumption and resource data to demonstrate our compliance to the EarthCheck certification criteria.

An independent auditor conducts an annual audit of Adelaide Convention Centre, interviewing staff, reviewing supplied documentation, and inspecting the premises to assess assets, services and operations. The auditor completes an audit report and supplies a copy to EarthCheck for quality assurance purposes. Adelaide Convention Centre receives certification only, if and when, the organisation is compliant with the ambitious standards established by EarthCheck.

In our latest EarthCheck audit, Adelaide Convention Centre was proudly recognised as the leader in the Australian business events industry when it comes to minimising waste to landfill, along with potable water consumption, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. This is evidenced by the metrics showcased in the table below.

	Adelaide Convention Centre	EarthCheck regional* leader	EarthCheck regional** average
Waste to landfill	0.012 litres/square metre	14 litres/square metre	20 litres/square metre
Potable water consumption	418.3 litres/square metre	801.1 litres/square metre	1,144.4 litres/square metre
GHG Emissions (Scope 1 and 2)	37.4 kg CO ₂ -e/square metre	164.6 CO ₂ -e/square metre	235.2 CO ₂ -e/square metre
Energy consumption	566.4 MJ/square metre	799.7 MJ/square metre	1142.5 MJ/square metre

*The EarthCheck region refers to the Australia region.

** The EarthCheck regional average compares Adelaide Convention Centre to nine other convention centres in Australia.

WHO IS COMMITTED TO EARTHCHECK?

More than 841 venues and organisations across 82 countries choose EarthCheck as the preferred environmental and social sustainability compliance and certification standard for tourism and event businesses. In Australia, 81 organisations, including conference and event centres, government organisations, accommodation providers, cruises and tourism operators, are EarthCheck certified. There are just 35 organisations worldwide with EarthCheck Master status. Adelaide Convention Centre is the world's first convention to achieve Master certification, and one of just three organisations in Australia.

For more information related to EarthCheck, please visit the [EarthCheck](https://www.earthcheck.com.au) website.

To learn more about Adelaide Convention Centre's sustainability commitment and initiatives, please visit adelaidecc.com.au/sustainability.