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The Canberra Institute of Technology Sustainable Skills Training Hub wins Energy Innovation award at the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2011

The Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) Sustainable Skills Training Hub has won the Energy Innovation category award at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Sustainable Cities Awards.

The winners were announced at the national awards ceremony hosted by the 2010 national winner, The City of Stirling in WA, this afternoon.

According to the Australian Sustainable Cities Judge, Dick Olesinski:

“The Canberra Institute of Technology’s Sustainable Skills Training Hub demonstrates a collaborative approach to implementing sustainable initiatives within a stand-alone development.”

“Their focus on creating a ‘green’ training centre went above and beyond the Territory’s requirements for sustainable commercial developments, whilst a minimal carbon footprint is achieved through high levels of energy and water conservation and by incorporating the latest sustainable materials and technologies throughout.”

“Combining these and other innovative features, the Sustainable Skills Training Hub provides the setting for long-term skills training and knowledge, and sets the benchmark for other industry players to strive towards.” Olesinski added.

The Australian Sustainable Cities Awards recognise efforts by residents, community groups, businesses and government agencies to protect and enhance their local environment to ensure its long-term sustainability at all levels.

The Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2011 are sponsored by the *Do the Right Thing* Program of the Packaging Stewardship Forum, Australian Food and Grocery Council, Visy Industries, ToysRUs, Replas and Tennant.

The overall Australian Sustainable Cities Awards 2011 winner was the City of Kogarah in NSW.

Further information about the Australian Sustainable Communities Awards can be found at www.kab.org.au

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**Keep Australia Beautiful
Australian Sustainable Cities Awards Finalists 2011**

Category	Winner	Sponsor
Overall Winner	Kogarah, NSW	
Community Action & Partnerships	Winner - Ipswich, QLD Highly commended – Kogarah, NSW	
'Dame Phyllis Frost' Litter Prevention	Winner - Kogarah, NSW Highly commended – Subiaco, WA	<i>Do the Right Thing</i> Program of the Packaging Stewardship Forum, Australian Food and Grocery Council
Resource Recovery & Waste Management	Winner - Charles Sturt, SA Highly commended: Ipswich, QLD	Visy
Environmental Innovation & Protection	Winner - Yarra, VIC Highly commended – Charles Sturt, SA	
Water Conservation	Winner - Subiaco, WA Highly commended – Kogarah, NSW	
Heritage & Culture	Winner – Kogarah, NSW Highly commended – Yarra, VIC	
Young Legends	Winner - Burnie, TAS Highly commended – Yarra, VIC	ToysRUs
Energy Innovation	Winner - Sustainable Skills Training Hub, ACT Highly commended – Charles Sturt, SA	

Full details can be found at <http://www.kab.org.au/programs/sustainable-cities/>