

ACICA signs 'Green Pledge' as relocation to Sydney's iconic MLC marks a renewed commitment to sustainability

ACICA has moved to new premises in 25 Martin Place, Sydney's iconic MLC Centre situated in the heart of Sydney. The new office is located on Level 10 of the building, which is managed by Dexus, and will accommodate ACICA's dynamic and growing team. The relocation comes as ACICA signs the 'Green Pledge' as part of its ongoing commitment toward sustainability.

The ACICA office remains in the centre of Sydney's Central Business District from where the Secretariat continues to provide high-quality service to parties, while the move also allows ACICA to be at the cutting edge of sustainability.

The 'Green Pledge', an initiative from the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations, promotes awareness of the significant carbon footprint of dispute resolution. As a leader of industry, ACICA has signed the pledge and fully supports the integration of its sustainability measures in the move to Sydney's iconic MLC Centre, a thriving hub in the city centre.

ACICA champions the need for environmentally sustainable practices in arbitration and encourages all stakeholders (including counsel, arbitrators, and parties to disputes) to commit to the Campaign's Guiding Principles and reduce their carbon footprint to advance the sustainability of the dispute resolution industry.

Leading through action, ACICA took care to ensure that its new office space would be eco-friendly. The MLC Centre maintains a 5.5 star 'excellent' Nabers electricity rating; an assessment based on a system that measures the environmental performance of Australian buildings. The ACICA office is fully powered by a carbon-neutral energy provider that has been certified as the first carbon-neutral energy company under the Australian Climate Active program. The design of the workplace also provides plenty of natural sunlight to minimise electricity usage, and internal office lighting is fitted with automatic timers. Recycling facilities at the MLC Centre are abundant and Dexus operates a waste recycling program for ACICA to utilise.

ACICA recognises that sustainability practices should not just affect the immediate workplace but should also strive to actively reform and guide the industry toward sustainability.

- ACICA's 2021 Rules expressly provide for virtual hearings, paperless filing, transmittal of awards by electronic means, and the use of electronic signatures on awards.
- ACICA's Practice & Procedures toolkit contains guidance for the conduct of online hearings.
- ACICA has transitioned to operate almost entirely online, with case files maintained and secured digitally.
- ACICA aims to provide thought leadership through educational events with topics relevant to renewables and the energy transition, climate change, and the future.
- ACICA conducts its board and committee meetings online to eliminate the requirement for members to travel for meetings.
- ACICA limits the printing of documents within the Secretariat. When printing is necessary, ACICA uses 100% recycled paper.

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