



Sustainable Screens Australia Supplier Directory

Supplier Criteria – Summary

To support the TV and film industry in advancing sustainable practices, Sustainable Screens Australia (SSA) is adopting the supplier criteria developed by BAFTA albert, in collaboration with Sustainable Film, that align with sustainability goals in television and film, and will help reduce the industry's carbon footprint and environmental impact. This criteria has been updated to align with the Australian industry.

Being listed in the SSA Suppliers Directory is not an environmental accreditation or certification. The directory serves as a platform to showcase suppliers who demonstrate commitment to sustainable operations or provide sustainable products and services.

This framework is divided into three sections:

- Eligibility Criteria — identifies who is able to join the directory.
- General Criteria — applies to all types of companies to establish a core set of sustainable practices.
- Product/Category-Specific Criteria — outlines tailored requirements based on the nature of products or services offered.

There is an additional section at the end of this document that showcases the 'Commitment List', which highlights each supplier's sustainability criteria and commitments. This list allows users to make informed decisions based on the specific sustainability factors that are most important to them.

A more detailed criteria list, including required evidence, will be released alongside the opening of applications later this month. This will provide specific guidance on required evidence to support the assessment process.

Please be aware that we may make adjustments to the below criteria prior to the opening of applications. We encourage you to review the application page for the final requirements.

Must denotes mandatory criteria that all suppliers are required to meet to ensure a baseline of sustainability and accountability.

Should denotes optional criteria, representing additional steps suppliers can take to go beyond compliance and demonstrate leadership in sustainable practices.

If you come across a supplier that is not upholding their stated commitments, please inform the SSA team at hello@sustainablscreens.org.

Eligibility Criteria

Must:

- Work in Australia
- Work in the TV or film industry
- Be able to provide productions with the necessary data and information to track their carbon footprints and assess with their environmental impacts
- Not be a company primarily engaged in carbon credits or offsetting. We currently partner with Ecologi and are unable to vet additional companies due to an extensive and complex due diligence process.
- Not exclusively supply or work in:
 - Air travel
 - General waste management

- Diesel

General Criteria

Must:

- Demonstrate a record of providing sustainable solutions to productions.

Should:

- Track and commit to reducing the company's own carbon footprint (Scope 1 and 2 at a minimum).
- Have a current environmental policy (updated within 2 years) signed by senior staff, covering sustainability, sourcing, and waste.
- Set clear short and long-term sustainability goals, with an environmental management system in place to support continual improvement.
- Prioritise low-emissions options for shipping and delivery (if applicable).
- Ensure at least one staff member has formal sustainability training (e.g., SSA, NABERS, GSAP, Carbon Literacy Certification) and is in a role that contributes to the organisation's sustainability efforts.
- Offer unique or innovative sustainability initiatives that add environmental value.
- Actively promote sustainable products and lower-impact alternatives above less sustainable options.
- Have a plan for end-of-life management, supporting recycling, reuse, or safe disposal.
- Should have auditable environmental credentials that can be demonstrated through accreditation schemes OR has committed to a recognised sustainability pledge / initiative and can demonstrate active progress / improvements**

Product Specific Criteria

Category	Must	Should
Accommodation	- Have 100% renewable electricity.	- Have recent certification (last two years) from a recognised hotel/tourism sustainability accreditation (E.g. Sustainable Tourism Accreditation Program, EcoStar Accreditation, Green Key, Tourism Emissions Reduction Program, Eco Tourism, Earth Check, B Corp, GSTC, Green Star, NABERS, Climate Active). - Provide electric car charging points. - Have policies related to prioritising local products, protecting nature and biodiversity, and reducing waste, water, and energy consumption (if no certification).
Action Vehicles	- Offer electric, hybrid or other low emission options vehicles upon request.	- Have an end-of-life management plan in place for all products.
Building / Mains Power	- Provide 100% renewably sourced energy from a company that provides only renewable energy, or that energy purchased is backed up by RECS (STCs or LCGs).	- Fuel mix disclosure document.
Catering	- Demonstrate a clear understanding of their food supply chain, prioritising local, seasonal, and organic produce.	- Eliminate or significantly reduce beef options from the menu. - Reduce food waste throughout operations.

	- Offer sustainable menu options, including lower-carbon meals and more vegetarian/vegan choices. - Track and report on food consumption and waste generated during productions.	- Minimise service wares and packaging waste, booking a waste company that accepts food waste and compostable disposal. - Hold recognised sustainability certifications. - Offer a fully vegan or vegetarian menu on request. - Minimise energy consumption by implementing practices that reduce unnecessary power use.
Consultancies	- Offer services that actively reduce production emissions and / or reduce environmental impact (e.g., energy audits, carbon footprint analysis, sustainability strategy development etc.).	
Costume & Textiles	- Offer second-hand, recycled, or sustainable materials (e.g., organic, regenerative textiles).	- Encourage circular models (e.g., rental, re-use). - Have an end-of-life management plan in place for all products.
Disposal and Waste Management	- Track and report waste disposal metrics, specifying disposal methods. - Offer waste segregation opportunities and promote this including disposing of food waste at an AD, IVC or open windrow composting facility.	- Offer a circular solution. - Provide resources or advice to clients on minimising emissions from waste. - Have a zero-waste-to-landfill policy.

Dry Cleaning	- Prioritise alternative, sustainable dry-cleaning methods (e.g., ozone cleaning, UV cleaning, GreenEarth technology). - Avoid toxic chemicals like PERC and prioritise biodegradable solvents	- Optimise water and energy use with efficient machinery. - Have systems for garment reuse, repair, and recycling to reduce waste.
Greens	- Have policies in place to manage non-native, imported and invasive species. - Have policies to reduce energy and water usage.	- Support productions to make more sustainable decisions. - Consider ethical sourcing and procurement - Prioritise renting over sales - Use peat free compost - Minimise plant waste and have a system for rehoming, reusing and recycling
Innovative Solutions	- Provide technology or solutions that actively reduce emissions associated with production processes.	
Information Hubs	- Offer services that actively reduce production emissions or support sustainable choices (e.g., local crew lists, booking services that highlight sustainable options).	

IT and Digital Services	- Use green data centres that prioritise renewable energy and energy efficiency. - Minimise data redundancy and unnecessary storage. - Ensure all electronic waste is responsibly disposed of and recycled where possible.	
Kit	- Supply environmentally friendly products (e.g., LED lights, rechargeable batteries).	- Use environmentally friendly packaging solutions. - Have an end-of-life management plan in place for all products.
Location Supply Companies & Facilities	- Demonstrate how they support productions to be more sustainable. - Meet the specific requirements of the products provided (e.g., temporary power, vehicles, waste).	- Have a fleet that is 100% electric or HVO.
Misc. Materials / Companies	- Offer products made from recycled or sustainable materials. - Document sustainable practices used in operations.	- Promote circular solutions for material sourcing and disposal. - Have an end-of-life management plan in place for all products.
Outside Broadcast	- Demonstrate how they support productions to be more sustainable.	

	- Meet the specific requirements of the products provided (e.g., temporary power, vehicles, waste).	
Physical Storage	- Implement energy-efficient practices and equipment (e.g., LED lighting, energy-efficient HVAC systems). - Minimise space and resource use through smart inventory practices and efficient layout designs.	- Have a comprehensive waste management system, including recycling and proper disposal, focusing on minimising storage duration to avoid unnecessary accumulation.
Post-Production	- Have an active environmental policy for energy efficiency and operational sustainability. - Use 100% renewably sourced energy backed by an RE100 certificate, or energy purchased is backed up by RECS (STCs or LCGs) or similar.	
Professional Services	- Minimise travel emissions (e.g., local hiring, low-emission transport) - Use sustainable and / or reusable materials where possible.	
Props	- Provide second-hand or sustainably sourced props.	- Minimise material waste and carbon footprint in the supply chain.

	- Offer circular solutions (e.g., rentals, re-use).	- Have an end-of-life management plan in place for all products.
Set Building	- Timber: Have a recognised certification (e.g., FSC, PEFC, AFS). - Paint: Have a recognised certification (e.g., EPD, Eco label) or be low- or zero-VOC. - Other: Comply with relevant regulations and/or carry recognised environmental certifications.	- Offer innovative sustainable alternatives (e.g., cardboard sets). - Have an end-of-life management plan in place for all products.
SFX	-Take steps to reduce the consumption of high-impact resources such as water, fuels, and raw materials. -Consider the environmental impact of emissions from pyrotechnics, fog, smoke, and other atmospheric effects, and take steps to minimise them. -Consider reducing waste and environmental impacts, including material reuse, responsible disposal, and the use of non-toxic or low-emission alternatives where possible.	-Consider energy efficiency when selecting equipment, such as wind machines or fire rigs, and explore lower-impact alternatives where possible? -Work with productions to suggest lower-impact alternatives.
Shooting Locations / Unit Bases	- Use 100% renewably sourced energy backed by an RE100 certificate, or energy purchased is backed up by RECS (STCs or LCGs).	- Allow productions to plug into mains power (if relevant). - Have a comprehensive waste management system and/or partnerships with sustainable waste suppliers.

		- Have access to public transportation or support reduced car journeys (e.g., partnerships with local taxi services, carpooling initiatives, shuttles). - Have electric vehicle charging points
Studios	- Use 100% renewable energy backed by an RE100 certificate, REGO, or energy purchased is backed up by RECS (STCs or LCGs). - Have participated in the Studio Standard and achieved at least 50% (unless they meet all criteria but have a valid reason for non-participation)	- Have electric vehicle charging points. - Have policies in place related to protecting nature and biodiversity and reducing waste, water, and electricity consumption.
Technical Services	- Prioritise energy-efficient and low-emission equipment and systems - Minimise travel emissions (e.g., local hiring, low-emission transport)	- Should opt for long-lasting, repairable, or recyclable equipment and minimize waste during operations where applicable.
Temporary Power – Batteries	- Provide access to sustainable battery options.	- Implement energy efficiency measures and provide tools for tracking battery usage and performance. - Offer circular options (e.g., rentals).

		- Have an end-of-life management plan in place for all products.
Temporary Power – Fuel	- Provide an alternative to diesel (e.g., HVO, green hydrogen). - HVO must be certified by ISCC, RSB or similar.	- Reduce pollutants impacting biodiversity and air quality.
Temporary Power – Generators	- Supply generators that run on low or zero-emission fuels.	- Majority of generators should be Stage IV or V. - Have an end-of-life management plan in place for all products.
Temporary Structures	Be durable and adaptable for reuse, minimising the need for replacements. Use sustainable, recyclable, or reusable materials for construction.	- Implement passive design strategies for temperature control (e.g., natural ventilation, shading, insulation). - Avoid disruption of local ecosystems and reduce environmental impact during set-up and take-down. - Have a plan in place for responsible end-of-life management of products, such as supporting recycling, reuse, or safe disposal.
Transport	- Provide sustainable alternatives to petrol/diesel vehicles (e.g., hybrid, electric, biodiesel).	- Help production make informed decisions to minimise environmental impact.