



# A sustainability certification program that engages the entire steel supply chain

## WHAT IS SSA CERTIFICATION?

Steel Sustainability Australia (SSA) offers a certification program that provides a clear pathway for steel businesses to be responsible, transparent and sustainable.

Launched in January 2023, SSA was developed closely with the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) and key steel industry stakeholders to produce a program specifically tailored for the range of businesses through the steel supply chain.

Certification is open to steel suppliers and manufacturers across the entire steel supply chain including distributors, fabricators, roll formers, and reinforcing processors.

To ensure SSA Certified Steel Suppliers source responsible steel feedstock, the program also verifies raw manufacturing mills producing semi-finished products.

SSA Certification is achievable at four levels enabling wide participation and allowing all steel sectors and companies to showcase their commitment to sustainability. Assessment of compliance is against clearly defined, best practice environmental, social and governance indicators.

As an independent third party certification program, SSA provides certainty to the construction sector that SSA Certified Steel Suppliers have the capability to supply responsible, ethical and sustainable steel products to the built environment.

SSA is also a recognised initiative within the Infrastructure Sustainability Council rating tools and the Green Building Council of Australia's Responsible Product Framework, awarding points to infrastructure and building projects seeking ISC and Green Star ratings.

## BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

SSA certification provides the construction industry with certainty that certified steel suppliers have the capability to supply responsible, transparent and sustainable steel products to the built environment.



**IDENTIFY SUSTAINABLE STEEL SUPPLIERS**  
Project teams can select SSA Certified Steel Suppliers from the SSA Supplier Listing



**COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**  
Suppliers can quote with confidence on projects with sustainability specifications



**INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT**  
Third party assessment and certification ensures rigour and integrity of the program



**REDUCE BUSINESS COSTS**  
By creating operational efficiencies SSA Certified Steel Suppliers can reduce costs



**BEST PRACTICE SUSTAINABILITY PATHWAY**  
SSA has four levels of certification: a progressive pathway to sustainability best practice



**RESPONSIBLY SOURCED PRODUCTS**  
SSA ensures steel feedstock is sourced from responsible manufacturers that actively manage the environmental and social impacts of their steel operations

Principle	Credit	L1	L2A	L2B	L3
Governance	1.1 Business Integrity	✓	✓	✓	✓
	1.2 Management Systems	✓	✓	✓	✓
	1.3 Stakeholder Engagement	✓	✓	✓	✓
Responsible	2.1 Environmental Management	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2.2 Environmental Product Declaration		✓		✓
	2.3 Health Impacts Disclosure			✓	✓
	2.4 Energy & GHG Emissions Disclosure	✓	✓	✓	✓
Healthy	3.1 Paints and Coatings		✓	✓	✓
	3.2 OH&S Management	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3.3 Procurement OH&S Assessment			✓	✓
	3.4 Modern Slavery			✓	✓
Positive	4.1 Steel Supply Sourcing	✓	✓	✓	✓
	4.2 Carbon Emissions Reduction				✓
Circular	5.1 Resource Management		✓	✓	✓







## BENEFITS FOR STEEL SUPPLIERS

- ✓ Join a proven pathway to sustainability best practice with four levels of achievement
- ✓ Feel confident and reduce risk with rigorous audits by independent auditors, fully separate from both the certifier and your business
- ✓ Showcase your success in meeting best practice sustainability performance expectations
- ✓ Gain a competitive edge when bidding for tenders
- ✓ Position your business as responsible, ethical, and future-focused
- ✓ Improve operational efficiency and reduce business costs
- ✓ Gain industry recognition by contributing points to Infrastructure Sustainability Council and Green Star projects
- ✓ Access exclusive tools, resources and ASI member discounts
- ✓ Prepare early for mandatory reporting requirements



## BENEFITS FOR BUILDERS

- ✓ De-risk steelwork procurement
- ✓ Promote steel as a sustainable material in your projects
- ✓ Be assured in procuring steel from companies with effective business systems - including quality controls, environmental management and work, health and safety procedures
- ✓ Be assured the steel products have met minimum sustainability standards including waste management, modern slavery and carbon emissions
- ✓ Contribute to supporting sustainability across the steel supply chain
- ✓ Increase the value of projects you deliver



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## BENEFITS FOR CLIENTS AND GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Manage environmental and sustainability risks of steel products through a trusted third-party certification scheme
- ✓ Select certified sustainable steel suppliers from the SSA Supplier Listing, with certification levels aligned to your project's specifications
- ✓ Leverage a best practice sustainability standard developed by industry leaders, tailored to suppliers across the full steel supply chain
- ✓ Strengthen and showcase the sustainability credentials of your projects
- ✓ Trust that your steel meets strict ESG standards, certified by independent third-party auditors
- ✓ Earn Infrastructure Sustainability Council and Green Star points for your projects with SSA Certified Steel Suppliers
- ✓ Guarantee steel supplied to your project is sourced from responsible steel manufacturers that actively manage the environmental and social impacts of their steel operations
- ✓ Trust a sustainability scheme backed by the Australian Steel Institute — the peak body representing the full steel supply chain and the manager of compliance programs including SCA and ShedSafe
- ✓ Support the growth of a best practice, responsible steel supply chain in Australia



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