



ISIS applies a fresh approach to 'green' practice

As reported in The Age on 19th September 2011, "sustainability can be about more than just the physical transformation of an office - it can also affect the nature of a company, according to one of Australia's leading sustainable builders".

ISIS General Manager Tass Roufos told The Age reporter, Natalie Puchalski, that sustainability comprised social as well as economical and environmental elements. Tass was referring to the 5 star Green Star Office Interior certification for Isis' \$4.5 million fit out of its Melbourne office that was completed last year.

The 2447-square-metre office on Queens Road was designed by Kann Finch and has energy-efficient lighting and air-conditioning, recycled timbers, low-solvent materials and a fresh-air rate 150 per cent above minimum requirements.

Some of the more visibly "green" features include a living wall of plants, as well as recycled wall panels sourced from an Altona abattoir.

Mr Roufos said the office had a raw and agricultural feel that aimed to promote a more collaborative atmosphere. He added that the company aimed to improve the work-life balance for employees by providing them with an environment they are comfortable and enjoy working in. "It's a better business. We did productivity surveys at our old office and here at our new one and we've noticed it's had a positive effect on staff," he said. "It helps with staff attraction, staff productivity and engagement."

The ISIS experience complements global research that greening the indoor environment is beneficial to human health and wellbeing.



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