

APGA Environment Award 2026

Awards Open	1 May 2026
Awards Close	30 June 2026
Categories	1. Effective management of an on-going or emerging environmental risk 2. Innovation or new environmental solution 3. Collaboration for environmental outcomes 4. Environmental stewardship and long-term sustainability
Award	Perpetual trophy for Environment
Consideration	Full Member association or Individual Member
Submission type	Digital
Adjudication	APGA Committee

AWARD PURPOSE

The APGA Environment Award recognises outstanding achievements that measurably improve environmental performance, environmental management, and sustainability outcomes within the Australian pipeline industry.

The award highlights initiatives implemented over the past 12 months that demonstrate how the industry is proactively reducing environmental impact, improving environmental stewardship, and aligning operations with the **APGA Code of Environmental Practice (2022)**.

Submissions should demonstrate alignment with the principles of the Code, including environmental risk management, impact minimisation, regulatory compliance, and continuous improvement.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all APGA Members (individuals and companies)
- Nominations must be submitted by current Full Members or Individual Members

AWARD CATEGORIES

1. EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF AN ON-GOING OR EMERGING ENVIRONMENTAL RISK

Purpose: Recognise organisations that have effectively identified and managed a persistent or emerging environmental risk.

Examples may include biodiversity protection, water management, emissions reduction, land rehabilitation, cultural heritage considerations, or climate-related risks.

Submissions should demonstrate:

- Clear identification and understanding of the environmental risk
- Alignment with environmental risk assessment frameworks consistent with the Code
- Implementation of effective controls and mitigation measures
- Measurable environmental outcomes (e.g. reduced impact, improved rehabilitation success, emissions reduction, or improved environmental performance)

- Monitoring, verification, and continuous improvement processes
- Scalability, transferability, or broader industry value
- Degree of innovation or excellence in environmental practice
- Long-term value and alignment with ongoing environmental management practices
- Planning, stakeholder engagement, execution, and integration

Why this category is important:

Environmental risks are evolving with regulatory expectations, climate pressures, and stakeholder scrutiny. Proactive and systematic management is essential to maintaining industry credibility and sustainability.

2. INNOVATION OR NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTION

Purpose: Recognise innovative approaches, technologies, or systems that significantly improve environmental outcomes or reduce environmental impact.

This may include new technologies, monitoring systems, rehabilitation techniques, emissions reduction initiatives, or data-driven environmental management tools.

Submissions should demonstrate:

- Clear articulation of the environmental challenge being addressed
- Innovation, uniqueness, or significant improvement over existing practices
- Demonstrated effectiveness and outcomes supported by data or case evidence
- Alignment with principles of impact minimisation and sustainability from the Code
- Cost-effectiveness and practicality
- Scalability and broader industry applicability
- Degree of innovation or excellence in environmental practice
- Long-term value and alignment with ongoing environmental management practices
- Planning, stakeholder engagement, execution, and integration

Why this category is important:

Innovation is critical to achieving better environmental outcomes and supporting the industry's transition toward more sustainable practices.

3. COLLABORATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

Purpose: Recognise collaborative initiatives that deliver improved environmental outcomes through partnerships.

This may include operator–contractor collaboration, cross-industry initiatives, engagement with regulators, Traditional Owners, landholders, or community groups.

Submissions should demonstrate:

- A clearly defined shared environmental challenge or objective
- Effective collaboration structures and governance
- Roles and contributions of each party
- Alignment with community and stakeholder engagement principles within the Code

- Measurable environmental improvements or outcomes
- Shared learning and broader industry benefit
- Degree of innovation or excellence in environmental practice
- Long-term value and alignment with ongoing environmental management practices
- Planning, stakeholder engagement, execution, and integration

Why this category is important:

Environmental outcomes are often achieved through coordinated efforts across multiple stakeholders. Collaboration strengthens trust, improves outcomes, and supports social licence to operate.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

Purpose: Recognise initiatives that demonstrate long-term environmental responsibility and embed sustainability into ongoing operations.

This may include rehabilitation programs, biodiversity offsets, emissions reduction pathways, or long-term environmental monitoring frameworks.

Submissions should demonstrate:

- Long-term environmental strategy or program implementation
- Alignment with sustainability and lifecycle management principles in the Code
- Measurable improvements over time
- Integration into business-as-usual operations
- Evidence of enduring environmental and/or community benefit
- Lessons learned and continuous improvement
- Degree of innovation or excellence in environmental practice
- Shared learning and broader industry benefit
- Planning, stakeholder engagement, execution, and integration

Why this category is important:

Sustainable environmental management requires long-term thinking beyond compliance. This category recognises organisations embedding environmental stewardship into their core operations.

STANDARD EVALUATION CRITERIA (WITH WEIGHTINGS)

All submissions will be assessed using the following weighted criteria:

Criteria	Description	Weighting
Impact & Measurable Results	Demonstrated environmental outcomes, including impact reduction, rehabilitation success, emissions reduction, or improved environmental performance	35%
Innovation, Improvement, or Technical Excellence	Degree of innovation or excellence in environmental practice	20%

Industry Applicability & Scalability	Potential for replication or adoption across the pipeline industry	15%
Sustainability & Longevity	Long-term value and alignment with ongoing environmental management practices	15%
Implementation Quality	Planning, stakeholder engagement, execution, and integration	10%
Presentation & Evidence Quality	Clarity, completeness, and supporting evidence	5%

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Entries must include:

- A concise executive summary
- Contact details of the nominating member
- Statement of category being applied for
- Clear description of the initiative or achievement
- Evidence of environmental outcomes (qualitative and/or quantitative)
- Demonstration of alignment with the **APGA Code of Environmental Practice (2022)**
- Supporting documentation (data, visuals, references, case examples)
- One PowerPoint slide summarising the submission for presentation at the Convention

The deadline for submissions for the **2026 Award is 30 June 2026**. Entries must align with the specified criteria to be considered.