

PIA Planning Excellence 2009 Victorian Awards

Consultant Planner of the Year Award

Award to:

SGS Economics and Planning

"In recent times SGS Economics and Planning has grown their practice into a nationally and internationally recognised consultancy. This expansion of the practice has been driven by establishing a strong network of both government and private sector clients and delivering innovative and leading edge thinking in the fields of planning and economics.

Through their project involvement SGS has contributed significantly to raising the profile and awareness of planning issues affecting the community and has sought to share the lessons learnt through their boardroom seminar program and participation in industry events and forums. Specifically, SGS has been involved with research to inform the Victorian Transport Plan, analysis of the potential employment role of Central Activity Districts and contribution to the residential intensification along tramway corridors project.

SGS' long term contribution to Planning News through the monthly column 'The Economy in Space' has provided a suitable forum to strengthen the relationship between planning and economic thinking, whilst providing their team with new exposure to the industry.

Not only has SGS committed to participating in the public policy debate and challenging new thinking within the industry, they have a strong focus on staff development and opportunity. SGS engages their team through structured staff appraisals, surveys, in-house training seminars and staff scholarship for innovative thinking. SGS is committed to providing their team with the opportunity to grow within the practice and provide a valuable contribution to the planning industry."

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