

Umow Lai

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Umow Lai has committed to the journey of becoming a responsible and sustainable business by registering on the Good Business Register.

The Good Business Register has been created to assist businesses of all sizes to communicate their sustainability credentials in the supply chain and to key stakeholders including customers, investors, employees and the community.

Our business values responsible business practices. We care about: At Umow Lai, environmental sustainability is ingrained in everything we do. Forty-seven of our consultants are Green Star Accredited Professionals, including Directors of the firm. Our team includes two LEED Accredited Professionals, one Green Star Assessor and six NABERS Accredited Assessors.

The firm has been involved in a number of landmark building projects certified through the Green Star and NABERS rating schemes.

Through regular overseas study tours we learn about world's best practice and enhance our knowledge of emerging technologies and advanced design techniques, thus ensuring the most up-to-date design principles are implemented on our projects. Our engineers regularly present at forums and seminars and lecture for Engineering / Sustainability courses at a number of Universities.

About us

Umow Lai, a multi-disciplinary building services engineering and sustainability consultancy, provides high quality, innovative, sustainable and cost-effective design solutions to the Australian and international markets.

Founded in Melbourne in 1991 by George Umow and Dominic Lai, Umow Lai employs over 160 professional engineers and support staff in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

The firm provides planning, design and documentation and contract administration consulting services for building projects in the education, health, aged care and other social infrastructure sectors.

This includes over 200 projects with Telstra, with whom the firm has a long standing relationship with.

The Good Business Register is built upon 5 Principles of Responsible Business Practice.

1. **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY** - Operate our business in an economically sustainable manner
 2. **WORKPLACE** - Provide a workplace that supports worker and employee wellbeing and inclusiveness
 3. **SUPPLY CHAIN** - Promote responsible business practices throughout our supply chain
 4. **STAKEHOLDERS & COMMUNITY** - Actively engage with our community and other stakeholders
 5. **ENVIRONMENT** - Minimise the impact of our business activities on the environment
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