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Property market challenges inspire future leaders

The climate change challenges facing Australia's commercial property industry are shaping a new generation of leaders focused on achieving a more sustainable built environment.

Dr Rory Eames, recipient of the Property Council of Australia's ACT Future Leader of the Year Award on 5 August, and NSW/ACT Manager of Viridis E3, said, "high performance buildings are integral to the industry's future, as the focus has shifted in recent years from climate change mitigation to adaptation. Green building is no longer just desirable – it's essential."

Environmental consultancy Viridis E3 works on projects across Australia and internationally, assisting government, the private and not-for-profit sectors address pressing infrastructure and sustainable planning issues.

The company provides technical and design solutions from base building planning to environmental ratings, building and construction.

"Importantly, Viridis E3 also focus on corporate leadership and engagement, to effect lasting change," said Dr Eames. "We work in partnership with companies to re-shape business behavior – demonstrating that sustainability is practical, delivers tangible benefits and increases the resilience of a business."

"In doing so, we go beyond the core understanding of 'green building'. Rather, we aim to help develop the skills of our client's staff, enabling them to become leaders in sustainability."

Over the past four years Viridis E3, with offices in Canberra and Brisbane, and soon to open in Melbourne and Sydney, has assisted over 300 green building projects across Australia, as well as internationally.

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