

Townsville City Council QLD, Australia

Level 2 Energy Audit & Energy Management Plan

Townsville City Council deploys energy and water conservation measures to become a leader in sustainable industries.

Projected Savings	Average Energy Savings	1,426,000 kWh/yr
	Total Cost Savings	\$310,000/yr
	Simple Payback	6.9 years

Overview

Located in the capital of Northern Australia, Townsville City Council (TCC) are a the largest regional council in Queensland, servicing a community of more than 190,000 residents. TCC wanted to further develop the City's energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives to create a sustainable future for Townsville through the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the unique, natural and built environment.

The Goal

Conservia conducted a Level 2 Energy Audit (EA) for Townsville City Council in August 2019. The project covered 5 of the council's highest electricity consuming sites with a view to measure energy consumption, greenhouse gas impact and subsequently recommend Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) based on the findings of the energy audit.

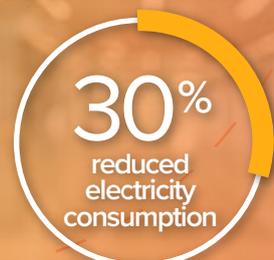
The Energy Audit

A site visit was required to gather information to perform the study. The on-site assessment included reviewing building and equipment data, interviewing site personnel, observing energy related equipment operation & conducting comprehensive site measurements. Following the site visit, the energy assessment was developed into Phase 1 & 2.

Phase 1 consisted of a utility bill audit which established a baseline for electricity consumption and electricity demand usage and facilities benchmarking using 12 months consumption data for electricity. This generated a baseline for the electricity usage that was later used in calculating potential energy savings. A tariff analysis and power factor correction analysis were undertaken to calculate the financial savings for each facility. NABERS ratings were estimated for applicable buildings with a revised estimate based on the implementation of recommended ECMs delivered from the energy audit.

Phase 2 had the purpose of identifying and quantifying ECMs. A comprehensive list of ECMs was proposed with detailed payback estimations. A list of other significant findings regarding incentives, renewable energy sources, thermal storage or other operation and maintenance measures were also reported.

Identified savings opportunities for



Identified energy & water conservation measures were classified in several categories: air handlers, chilled water and air conditioning systems, exterior lighting, interior lighting, building controls, plumbing systems renewables and other.

- Installation of PV systems sized on the facility electricity demand.
- Building Management System (BMS) upgrade and fine-tuning to ensure optimum building control.
- Lighting upgrade – Replacement of T5 and T8 fluorescent fittings as well as metal halide high bays with LED fittings.
- Electrical metering and sub metering with demand limiting.
- Optimising operation of air handling units including the installation of variable speed drives, CO2 control and demand-based control via the BMS.
- Optimising chiller operation including chilled water temperature set point reset and condenser water temperature reset.
- Installation of solar films on windows.
- Optimising after-hours HVAC operation.
- Integrated HVAC /Lighting control on VRF units via HLI to VRF units.
- Electric duct heaters control with solid state relays.
- Chiller replacements where existing units are close to end-of-life with phased out refrigerant R22.

The opportunities for savings were on-site solar PV generation, fine-tuning and optimising existing BMS by incorporating unoccupied set points for select zones, implementing chilled water reset strategy, supply air pressure/ temperature reset strategies in AHU's.

Other ECMs included were LED lighting install replacing existing T8/T5 fluorescent fittings, metal halide high bays and integrated lighting and HVAC control with stand alone VRF/split AC units.

Demand ventilation with CO2 sensors and solar films on windows were also proposed. Tariff analysis were also performed and a cost reduction of \$11,000 was identified by changing to a different tariff.

When implemented, the ECMs will save over \$310,000 per year with an overall payback of 6.9 years. Total savings for electricity is 1,426,000kWh/yr which was 30% of the existing electricity consumption.

Key Project Requirements:

1. Identify and quantify Energy Conservation Measures and make recommendations to reduce electricity usage.
2. Conduct a tariff analysis to select best tariff option for each site.
3. Benchmark the facility with NABERS rating and available benchmarks.

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