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Victorian Master Electrician awarded for national power-saving retail project

Victorian electrical contractor SEDAC Energy Management Pty Ltd has been awarded Australia's best green energy project for a power-saving lighting system for one of the country's largest supermarket chains.

The company won the Master Electricians Australia "Green Project of the Year" for its innovative lighting control system, which has now been rolled out in 525 supermarkets across Australia.

The multi-million dollar project involved automated systems to switch off unnecessary lighting out of hours and at times of the day when it was not needed.

This has led to a reduction of tens of thousands of tonnes of CO2 per year, and a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars per month in electricity costs for the retailer.

Master Electricians Australia Group CEO Malcolm Richards said the supermarket lighting reduction project was a perfect example of the innovative, high-quality and energy-efficient work the organisation encouraged among its accredited members.

"The judges were highly impressed with this project, not just with the outcomes SEDAC Energy Management was able to achieve, but with the way they involved the client and took into account their needs at every step of the process.

"SEDAC are deserving winners of this award, and they have set a very high bar for other contractors in the future."

SEDAC National Operations Manager Craig Lewis said the company had developed a strong track record in achieving energy savings within retail environments, and the supermarket project was an extension of this record.

"We are proud of how we have been able to deliver the client's main goal – energy and cost savings – while working under very tight deadlines," Mr Lewis said.

"This project has delivered precisely the savings shown by the trial sites, and was delivered by six teams working to the same exacting standard across Australia.

"As a result of this commitment to uniform quality and results, the client now has almost identical reductions in power use across all its stores, and will quickly recoup its investment in this significant project."

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