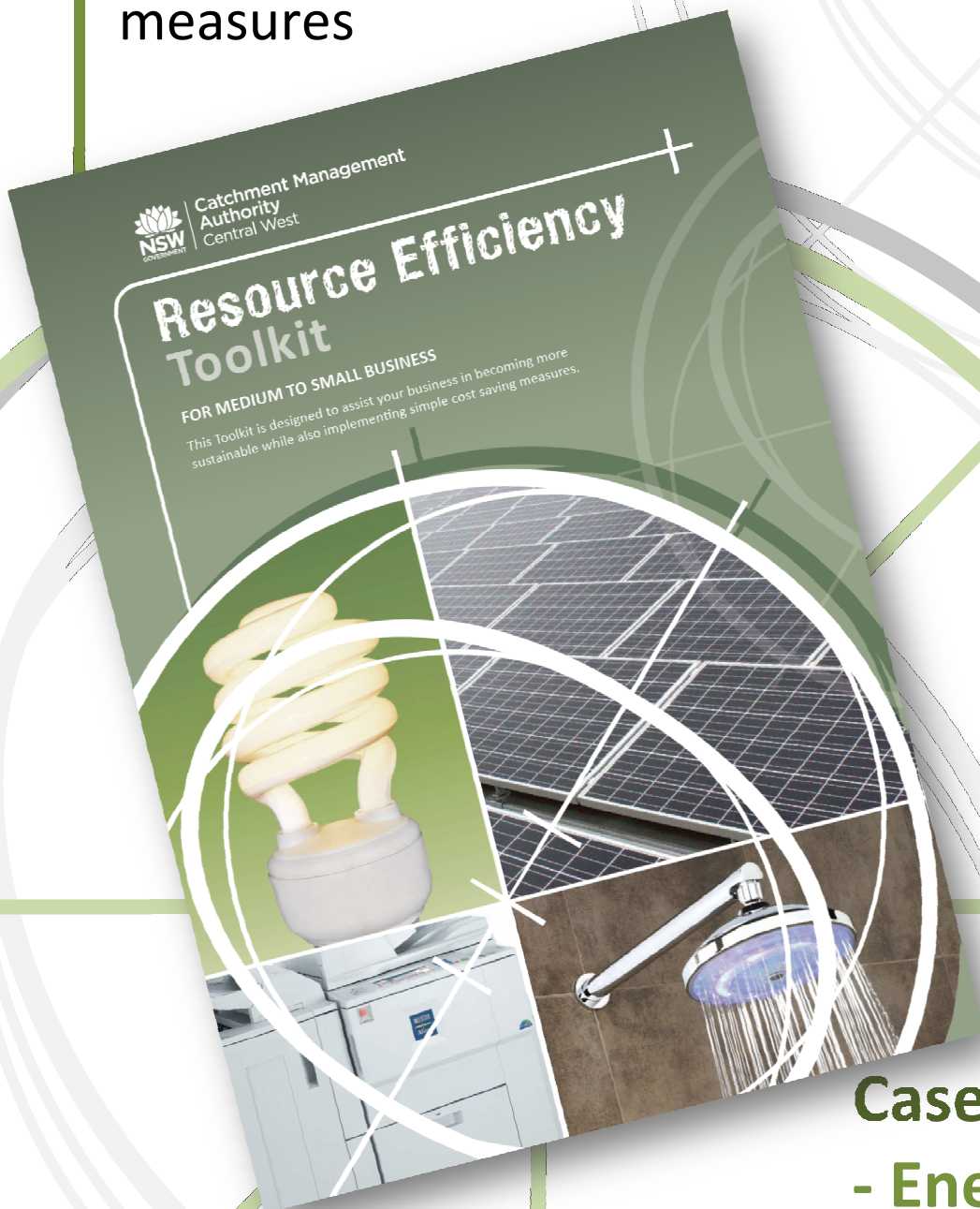


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FOR MEDIUM TO SMALL BUSINESS

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Toolkit



Case Studies on:

- Energy
- Water
- Waste

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This Resource Efficiency Toolkit, for small to medium businesses has been developed to assist in assessing how your business might implement some simple cost savings while making a move to becoming more sustainable.

The toolkit is divided into two sections. The first is the Case Studies that give examples of businesses that were audited in Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo, which include a description of the changes and savings made by these businesses as a result of the audits.

The audits undertaken examined business activities around the areas of:

- Energy
- Water and
- Waste

The second section is the Toolkit. It provides background information and some simple checklists that can assist you to get started and implement some simple cost-effective changes to your business operations.

The original audits were made possible by funding through the Central West Catchment Management Authority (CMA) which supported the Bathurst–Orange–Dubbo Alliance to facilitate audits of small and medium businesses in their towns.

The main focus of the audits in Orange and Dubbo was the Hospitality Industry, targeting larger businesses such as clubs and hotels. These businesses found they were able to make significant savings and operate more effectively using the knowledge gained through the audit process.

The audits were no less successful in Bathurst, but the range of businesses was far more diverse as businesses were identified through the local Business Chamber and through direct invitation.

The experience of Bathurst-based consultants, CDE-Energy, was also sought in the development of this Toolkit. Consequently, although the case studies have a focus on Bathurst businesses, their experiences are similar to a great number of enterprises in the Central West.

The Central West CMA, which has long supported agriculture to become more sustainable, is proud to be associated with both the business water, energy and waste audits and this Toolkit, which seeks to support urban enterprises to identify more sustainable ways of doing business.

Not only can you achieve considerable saving, the changes you make in response to this Toolkit will help maintain *vibrant communities and healthy landscapes* across the catchment.

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