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Green Tax Write-Offs

This time of the year, businesses across Australia seek to reduce the amount of tax they have to pay come October by purchasing assets like cars or computers - depreciable assets that reduce the amount of tax to be paid for a few years after their purchase. While certainly a shrewd business move, other assets can be purchased that instead depreciate overheads for years to come; assets that actually save the business money, rather than just exist as a cost.

Let's say your business is keen on buying another car to add to the fleet, for around \$35,000.

For that sort of money, solar panels could be on the roof and every desk could have remotely switched powerboards (so you're not paying for electricity when no one is there).

For that sort of money, all the lighting in your building could likely be switched to the latest in energy efficient technology, reducing your power bill from the outset. The biggest day-to-day benefit of energy efficient lighting is also the most overlooked; new LED technology is rated to last 40,000+ hours, meaning someone from maintenance has to come in to change each light once every decade and a half or so, freeing up man hours to be put towards something more useful.

We're not saying you shouldn't get the big depreciable assets, like a car or more computers - just to have a think about spending some of that money on assets that will reduce ongoing costs, rather than increase them with fuel bills, trips to the mechanic or a half dozen more IT employees.

Instead, new lights could cut energy overheads. Solar panels could drive the implementation of a green program among your staff, improving staff retention.

Energy efficiency is the new black, after all.

Please note: this article is not in any way to be considered financial advice. Before making any tax-related decisions, EnviroGroup & EnviroShop always recommends consulting your accountant.

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