The Slide Connect G2 emergency exit sign was presented the Award for Excellence in Sustainable Design at the 2008 Australian International Design Awards on Friday 30 May.

Co-designed by Formwerx Product Design Consultants and Bluesky Design Group for Legrand Australia, the sign can potentially provide a 70% energy saving and greenhouse emissions reductions. It uses a single, high brightness, long life LED with custom designed optics.

Judges were impressed with the overall quality and ‘smartness’ of design, in particular the ease with which the system can be retrofitted to existing Legrand exit signs.

“The opportunity to potentially retrofit nearly a million existing emergency exit lights without replacing the whole unit offers significant greenhouse emissions savings which can’t be overlooked,” said one of the judges, Kel Dummett, manager of Sustainability Victoria’s Sustainable Design Program.

There are potential greenhouse emissions savings of 40,000 tonnes per year if the system is fitted to 800,000 existing Legrand exit lights.

It also features a functional lens moulding and a downward projection of white light, eliminating the need for separate lights to illuminate exit doors.

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