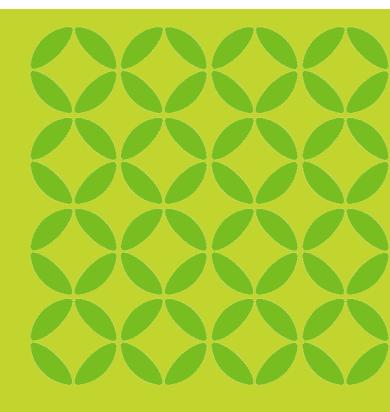


### **Green Star Homes**

A strategy for the future







#### With thanks to our Future Homes Partners

Gold Partner

**Supporting Partners** 

















Associate Partner





# Who is the GBCA?

GBCA is a world renowned organisation dedicated to transforming the built environment.

Established in 2002, the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) has grown to become a highly influential industry association.

Today we are a national, not-for-profit organisation that works with our members towards a common goal — to transform Australia's built environment into one that is healthy, liveable, productive, resilient and sustainable.

"GBCA has consistently served as one of the key organisations driving change in the built environment. We couldn't ask for a better organisation to partner with."

Rod Fehring
Chief Executive
Frasers Property





# What does the Green Building Council of Australia do?

We lead the sustainable transformation of the built environment



We rate



We advocate



We educate



We collaborate





# We set the standard for Australia

From libraries to hotels and from offices to the biggest regeneration projects in the country,

Green Star continues to drive sustainable outcomes.























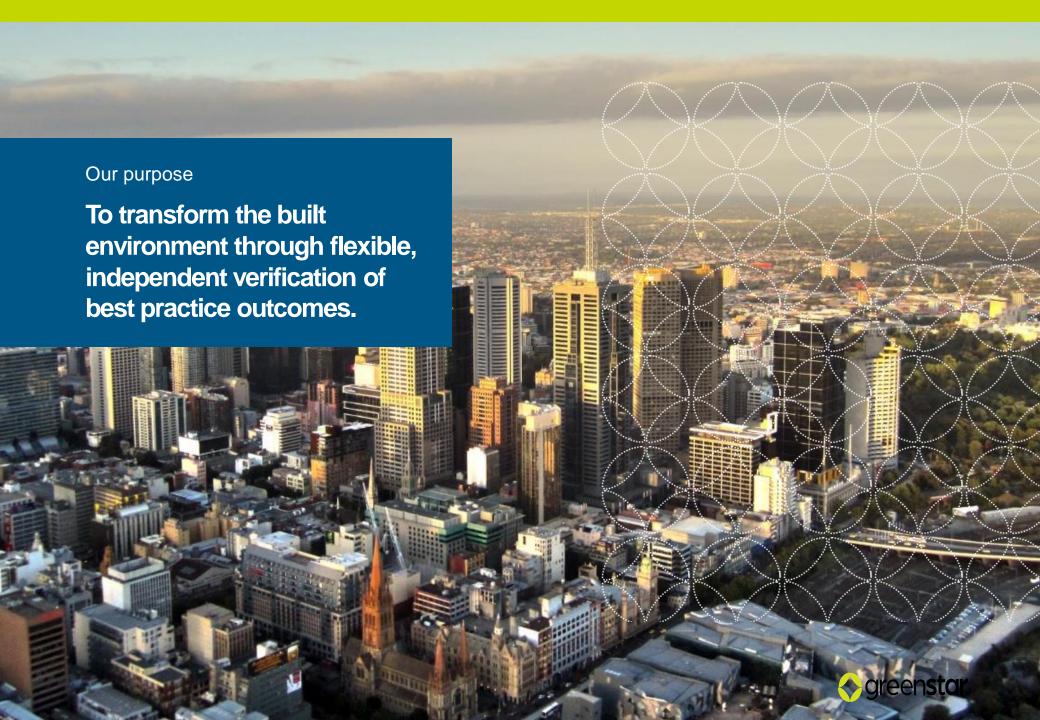












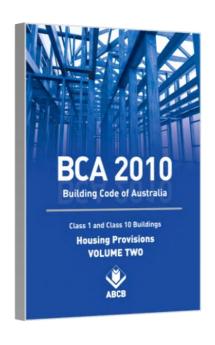
### Why focus on sustainability in homes now?



57% of emissions from the building sector come from homes and apartments.



Research shows consumers want better homes, but don't know how to access them.



Legislation for new homes has not changed since 2010, and won't till 2022





#### National policies for the residential building sector



### National Energy Productivity Plan (NEPP) 2015-2030

- Measure 5: Improve residential building energy ratings and disclosure;
- Measure 31: Advance the National Construction Code;
- ➤ Measure 32: Improve compliance

### Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings and its Addendum – Existing Buildings.

- Set a trajectory towards zero energy (and zero carbon) ready buildings.
- A suite of initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings in Australia.





#### The Trajectory and its Addendum

- Set a trajectory towards zero energy (and zero carbon) ready buildings.
  - These have an energy efficient thermal shell and appliances, have sufficiently low energy use and have the relevant set-up so they are 'ready' to achieve net zero energy (and carbon) usage, if they are combined with renewable or decarbonised energy systems on-site or off-site.
- Proposed increases to energy efficiency provisions in the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022.
- Expand NatHERS to offer nationally accredited whole-of-home tools to enable verification of potential requirements in the NCC.
- Implement a suite of initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings.
- Deliver home energy rating framework for existing homes, which leverages the NatHERS framework and accommodates rating tools.

www.coagenergycouncil.gov.au/publications/trajectory-low-energy-buildings







#### **NatHERS Development**



#### **Expansion**

NatHERS is being expanded to cover whole-of-home ratings (including accrediting whole-of home rating tools - focus is new builds

#### Extension

NatHERS is being extended to-include **existing home** rating tools

#### **Future**

NatHERS could accredit tools beyond energy efficiency, e.g. resilience, embodied energy. Working towards alignment between ratings for new and existing buildings

## Establishing a Scheme Commonwealth-led

- Governs all elements of the assessment/rating process to ensure that it is able to deliver trusted outputs to the market.
- Includes establishing the requirements for tools, assessor training/accreditation and communication materials.

### Establishing new Markets NSW-led

- Identify and establish new markets that can benefit from, and use, energy efficiency ratings and tools.
- Focus on banking and social housing sectors.
- Contact:

<u>Celine.Bachelet@environment.ns</u> w.gov.au

### Delivering a tool/s Victoria-led

- Ensure a market-tested tool is available to the market and to inform the Scheme.
- Includes development of a national version of the Residential Scorecard to be brought under NatHERS.



# The future of homes in Australia

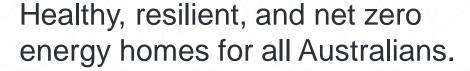
The residential sector accounts for 57% of Australia's built environment emissions. We spend 90% of our time indoors with two thirds of this being at home.

Australians deserve healthy, resilient, energy efficient homes powered by renewables.











Set a common standard for new homes



Engage and educate customers and facilitate industry uptake



Advocate to support industry through a seamless transition



New Homes Standard Create common language

 Harmonise existing guidelines and schemes

 Introduce verification requirements at construction

Existing homes guidelines

 Provide guidance for those seeking to introduce programs to improve homes





#### Overview of the standard

Healthy, resilient, and net zero energy homes for all Australians.



**Positive** 

# Fully electric, draught sealed, efficient and powered by renewables

A net zero energy home has been built to generate sufficient renewable energy to power all estimated regulated loads as well as estimated appliances and plug loads. It does not use gas.



Healthy

# Ventilated, comfortable, with products that are better for you

A healthy home has been built to be well ventilated to prevent the growth of mould. It has also been built to minimise the entry of pollutants, such as bushfire smoke. It is thermally comfortable and uses materials that are low or non-toxic. High quality lighting has been installed.



Resilient

### Water efficient, climate change ready

A resilient home is one that has been built to be better than Code at withstanding natural disasters and future climate change conditions such as bushfires, flooding, and heat stress. The home also considers its effect on the broader climate by reducing water use and its impact on the community.





#### What is this standard for?

Green Star Homes aims to influence the design and construction of Class 1a buildings:

- Freestanding / detached houses;
- Dual Occupancy homes (attached and detached); and
- Townhouses.

Green Star Homes is primarily targeted at **Volume Homes Builders**.







# A best practice standard for new homes



Sets clear simple actions and targets for single family dwellings across health, efficiency, climate resilience and energy source

Introduces verification practices to be an effective, consistent and efficient mark of quality

#### A mark of quality that is simple to communicate

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#### **Certifying under this standard**



#### Designed

#### **Confirms standard design**

Builder submits to GBCA standard plans, modelling results, specification clauses, and material and fixture selections for the product line that will be certified.

Once certified, the product line can be marketed as 'designed to' the Standard.



#### Certified

#### **Confirms outcomes**

Builder submits statutory declarations, air tightness results, and any additional information that is relevant due to any variation.

Homes can be identified as 'built to' the Standard.







#### **Early Access Program**















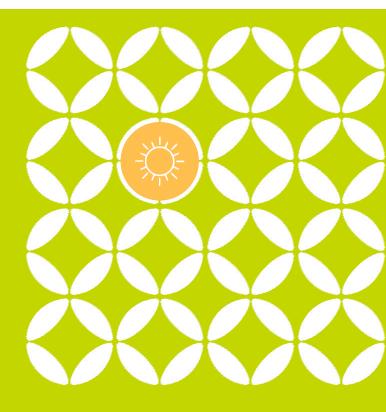








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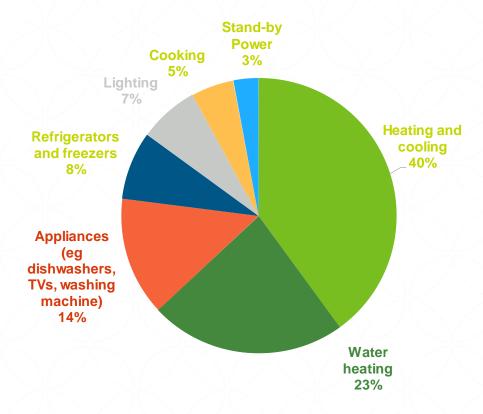






### Home energy use

To deliver efficient homes, it's good to understand how energy is used in most homes. Data shows that on average across Australia, most energy is used to heat and cool homes, with the majority going to the heating of homes during winter. Water heating is the next highest consumer of energy, followed by appliances, lighting, cooking and lastly stand-by power.











City	Minimum NatHERS Star rating
Adelaide	7.5
Brisbane	7.0
Canberra	7.5
Hobart	7.5
Melbourne	7.5
Perth	7.0
Sydney	7.0
Western Sydney	7.5





#### **Overview of Positive category**



#### Positive

## Fully electric, draught sealed, efficient and powered by renewables

A net zero energy home has been built to generate sufficient renewable energy to power all estimated regulated loads as well as estimated appliances and plug loads. It does not use gas. These requirements cover:

- National Heating Energy Rating System (NatHERS)
- · Window system
- Airtightness
- Heating and cooling
- · Hot water
- Appliances
- Renewable energy
- · Home user's guide

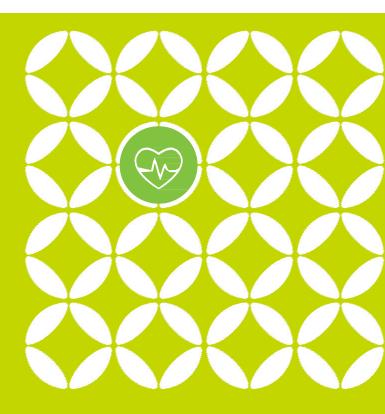








# Healthy





#### **Overview of Healthy Category**



#### Healthy

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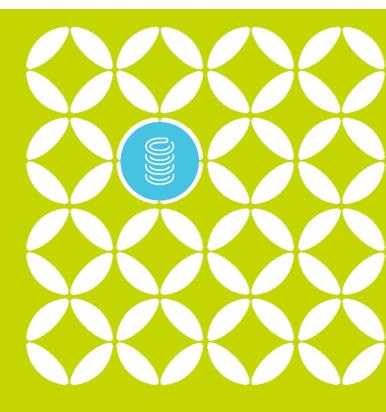
- Air quality
- Moisture management
- Light quality
- Material toxicity







# Resilient





#### **Overview of Resilient category**



#### Resilient

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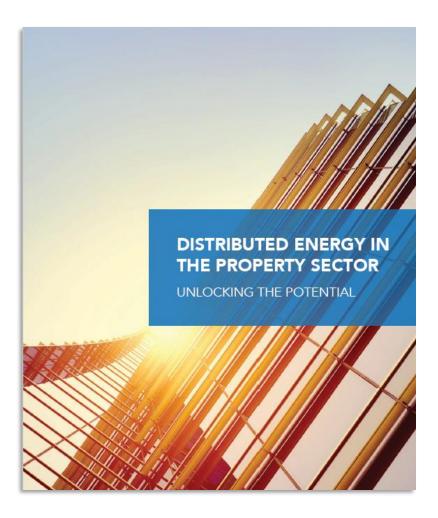
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- Water management
- Heat stress
- Resilience rating





#### **Existing homes opportunities: Renewables**



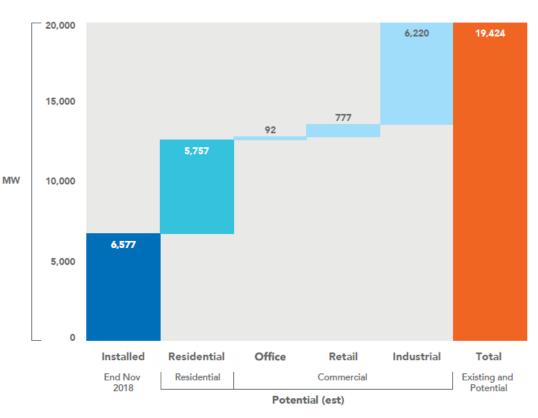
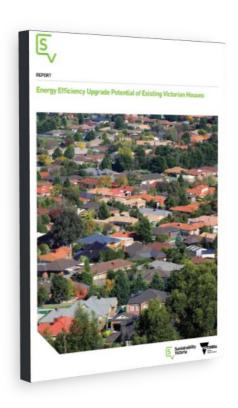


Figure 1: Existing and estimated potential additions to the installed solar PV systems, by property sub-sector, Australia, 2018, MW.





#### **Existing homes opportunities: efficiency**



Energy Efficiency Upgrade Potential of Existing Victorian Houses

Across stock	Av. GHG Saving (Kg/Yr)	Av. Saving (\$/Yr)	Av. Cost (\$)	Av. Payback (Yrs)
LF Shower Rose	95	\$57.9	\$48.8	0.8
Ceiling Insulation (easy)	64	\$19.3	\$78.6	4.1
Lighting	365	\$93.5	\$535.8	5.7
Draught Sealing	496	\$153.9	\$1,019.8	6.6
Clothes Washer	12	\$24.9	\$190.9	7.7
Water Heater – High Eff. Gas	330	\$58.2	\$477.3	8.2
Ceiling Insulation (difficult)	111	\$33.8	\$278.2	8.2
Heating	411	\$125.9	\$1,110.6	8.8
Refrigerator	365	\$93.5	\$1,103.7	11.8
Reduce Sub-Floor Ventilation	36	\$11.2	\$166.7	14.9
Seal Wall Cavity	57	\$17.6	\$270.4	15.3
TV	273	\$54.1	\$964.3	17.8

#### How to get involved

#### Feedback - Check out:

- Green Star for Homes: a Strategy for the Future
- Green Star Homes and provide comments by 30 October 2020

### How to get involved with your projects?

- New homes: use the <u>Standard</u> to influence design
- Existing homes: look at opportunities to make <u>improvements</u>
- Apartments: can be certified in existing Green Star, however GBCA will launch a simplification tool using principles of homes based on feedback.



Contact us: <a href="mailto:homes@gbca.org.au">homes@gbca.org.au</a>





#### **Green Star Homes Consultation dates**

Draft released

Consultation

Certify Homes (Pilot)

Update Standard

Release v1

#### **July 2020**

Release Draft Standard

Open up Early Access program

Set up Homes Advisory Group made up of participants and experts.

#### August – 30 October 2020

Consult on the draft standard

Continue with Early Access Program

Adjust standard based on NCC updates

#### August 2020 - March 2021

Work with Early
Access partners to
certify designs and
Undertake testing and
research to inform key
aspects of Standard.

#### **July – Dec 2020**

Consult on the draft standard

Continue with Early Access Program

Adjust standard based on NCC updates.

#### **April 2020**

Release Standard and certification process

Release supporting documents and calculators







### Thank you

Questions

