



THE REVOLUTION IS BUILDING.

You told us Green Star needed to be simpler, faster, more consistent and more cost-effective.

You had great ideas. We listened.

Now we are delivering a ground-breaking plan to make Green Star better than ever before.

Green Star Revolution will:

- ▶ Simplify and streamline Green Star certification
- ▶ Ensure greater consistency, transparency and rigour
- ▶ Deliver the next generation of Green Star rating tools.

Our seven clear goals will help us to build a revolutionary rating system that is:

1. Easy-to-use
2. Efficient
3. Cost-effective
4. Consistent
5. Transparent
6. Rigorous
7. Innovative

Join us on the road to Green Star Revolution. **You talked. We listened.**

1. EASY-TO-USE

Green Star Revolution will make certification simpler and easier.

- ▶ **Spend less time and money on submissions** as we reduce documentation requirements
- ▶ **Download standard templates and examples of successful submissions** to guide your project team through the certification process
- ▶ **Access a comprehensive, consistent online Green Star rating tool** for all building types.

"The Green Building Council of Australia's plan to revolutionise Green Star will lead to faster, cheaper, more efficient Green Star certification – and more building projects attaining Green Star ratings."

Rowan Griffin,
Head of Sustainability
Property, Colonial First State
Global Asset Management



2. EFFICIENT

Green Star Revolution will deliver more efficient processes.

- ▶ **Achieve fast, cost-effective certification** with anytime, anywhere online access to your submissions at your fingertips
- ▶ **Increase the certainty of your credit claims** with a free Credit Interpretation Request (CIR) ruling at the start of your project to define the areas addressed by each credit
- ▶ **Make the important decisions earlier** with additional expert technical advice.



3. COST-EFFECTIVE

Green Star Revolution will reduce the costs of certification.

- ▶ **Decrease costs and increase the certainty of Innovation credit claims** as Innovation assessments move to Round 1
- ▶ **Reduce documentation requirements, time and money** with new 'deemed to satisfy' criteria for all projects, regardless of size
- ▶ **Eliminate expensive buffer credits** through pre-assessment of critical credits
- ▶ **Gain rewards and recognition for 'doing good'** through a value-for-money certification process.

"Green Star Revolution will provide the quantum leap necessary for Australia's built environment to become the world's greenest."

Tony Arnel, Chairman
Green Building Council
of Australia



4. CONSISTENT

Green Star Revolution will improve the reliability and consistency of Green Star.

- ▶ **Better understand how your Green Star rating links to NABERS** as we work together with government to develop a common language for the two rating systems
- ▶ **Measure your projects against global common metrics** being developed by the WorldGBC and GBCA
- ▶ **Access fair, robust assessment**, as we improve assessor training and quality, and conduct regular audits.

"Green Star Revolution is what industry is calling for. The Green Building Council of Australia is listening to its members and delivering a blueprint for the future of Green Star."

Peter Verwer, Chief Executive
Property Council of Australia



5. TRANSPARENT

Green Star Revolution will improve the clarity and transparency of Green Star.

▶ **Learn from the successes of other projects**

through easy access to updated credits, technical clarifications and credit interpretation requests

▶ **Benefit from a more transparent environmental weighting system**

that ensures environmental impacts, such as water efficiency, reflect climatic variances within each state

▶ **Obtain regular updates**

on Green Star Revolution's progress

▶ **Share your ideas and experience**

through annual satisfaction surveys so we can quantify the transformational changes to Green Star.

"Some of these are small changes that will make a big difference to how project teams manage their Green Star submissions. Other projects will propel our industry into the next era of its green building revolution."

Romilly Madew,
Chief Executive,
Green Building Council
of Australia



6. RIGOROUS

Robust new processes and projects will ensure Green Star remains the market-leading environmental rating tool for buildings.

▶ **Reinforce the importance of Green Star with your stakeholders,** as we examine how to introduce expirations on Green Star Design and As Built ratings

"This is a huge step forward for Green Star and the green building industry."

Daniel Grollo,
Chief Executive Officer
Grocon

▶ **Achieve recognition for the most sustainable solutions**

through the introduction of conditional category requirements and minimum standards for each star rating

▶ **Increase the rigour of Materials credit claims,**

with the inclusion of life cycle assessment-based credits in the Green Star Materials category.



7. INNOVATIVE

Innovative new rating tools will deliver the next generation of Green Star.

▶ **Assess the operational performance of your existing buildings**

with the new **Green Star – Performance** tool

▶ **Rate your public buildings –**

from law courts to libraries, and museums to places of worship – with the Green Star – Public Building tool

▶ **Collaborate on a Green Star – Custom tool** for any project outside the scope of existing Green Star rating tools

▶ **Get behind the Green Star – Communities**

project to support best practice planning, design and construction of Australia's precincts, communities and cities.

Green Star – Performance: the next generation of Green Star

It's time to turn our attention to where the biggest opportunity lies – with the **98% of our buildings that are already in operation.** The leaders in our industry are already supporting this revolutionary rating tool. Find out how your company can be part of the next generation of Green Star. www.gbca.org.au/performance



Join the Green Star Revolution

Green Star Revolution will make achieving a Green Star rating faster, simpler and more affordable than ever before.

How can you help build the Green Star Revolution?

- ▶ Sign up for the Green Star Update e-newsletter

GBCA members can also:

- ▶ Volunteer to take part in a technical working group and help shape the Green Star Revolution
- ▶ Sponsor one of our revolutionary Green Star projects.

Find out more: www.gbca.org.au/revolution

Not a GBCA member? Join more than 920 organisations around Australia that are working together to transform Australia's property and construction industry.

Find out more: www.gbca.org.au/membership

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