



Green Star Communities

National Framework

CHECKLIST

ENHANCE LIVEABILITY		
Key considerations	Your response	Actions
Providing diverse and affordable living		
Is there a diversity of dwellings, buildings and facilities reflecting the socio-economic needs of the community?		
Is there access to local services such as transit, food, health and conveniences?		
Creating healthy, safe and secure communities		
Is community health and safety being promoted through planning and design processes, partnerships and community engagement?		
Fostering inclusiveness and cohesiveness		
Does the project provide diverse and inclusive environments for all ages, abilities, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds?		
Has the community been involved in developing a shared vision for the project?		
Is community cohesion being facilitated by promoting diversity, tolerance and respect?		
Are stakeholders being engaged throughout the life of the project?		
Building community adaptability		
Are considerations being made for building community capacity and the ability for the community to adapt to changing needs?		
Is there a diversity of uses and activities accessible to the community?		



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CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY		
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Promoting education and learning		
Has the community got access to a variety of education and learning opportunities?		
Enhancing employment opportunities		
Does the project provide for a diversity of employment opportunities that meet local and regional needs?		
Is the production and procurement of local goods and services encouraged?		
Attracting investment		
Is the necessary infrastructure provided to facilitate community and business connectivity?		
Is ongoing sustainable and ethical investment possible for local businesses?		
Is there a viable business case, inclusive of externalities, to develop green infrastructure systems and the supporting jobs?		
Encouraging innovation		
Are there initiatives in place to encourage business and community innovation?		
Are there new business opportunities available to enhance competitiveness?		
Is investment in sustainable infrastructure being encouraged?		
Has a life cycle management approach been applied to the project to encourage resource efficiency and reduce lifecycle costs?		



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FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY		
Key considerations	Your response	Actions
Enhancing our natural environment		
Has the natural and culture heritage of the environment been protected, valued, restored and enhanced?		
Has biodiversity been promoted through the provision of habitats, spaces and environments in community and urban areas?		
Are greenhouse gas emissions, contaminants and other pollutants to land, water and the atmosphere being managed?		
Has the potential risk from climate change and natural disasters been assessed and management strategies developed?		
Reducing our ecological footprint		
Are there efficient systems in place for water and wastewater treatment and reuse?		
Are there efficient systems in place for sustainable energy generation and distribution, demand management and energy efficiency?		
Are there environmentally efficient systems in place for waste management and recycling?		
Is greater resource efficiency (within a lifecycle context) encouraged across these systems?		
Are existing buildings being retrofitted and reused?		
Are sustainable transport systems being used and encouraged?		



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Is food security and sustainable food production being promoted?		
Are communities being educated on their individual and collective impacts, by making resource savings and consumption data available?		
EMBRACE DESIGN EXCELLENCE		
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Adopting effective planning practices		
Has an integrated planning framework been established, to enable the delivery of a shared design vision, in collaboration with stakeholders?		
Has planning been undertaken for considered density, mixed use and connectivity		
Are valuable land uses such as good quality agricultural land being protected?		
Have specific design outcomes for the project been identified, and are they clear, measurable and communicated to stakeholders?		
Encouraging integrated design		
Has the context of the project and site been considered in creating a sense of place?		
Has a coherent urban structure been planned and designed for; to encourage connectivity between places and systems, such as transport, communication, social and physical infrastructure systems?		
Maintaining flexible and adaptable approaches		
Are there opportunities available to retrofit and revitalise existing communities,		



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precincts, places and buildings?		
Has flexibility and adaptability been incorporated into the design of the project?		
Can the project adapt to enhance the comfort, health, safety and well-being of people who live and work there, regardless of changing climatic and other environmental and physical conditions?		
Creating desirable places		
Does the area promote a sense of place, community identity and local character?		
Does the project support a connection with nature?		
Does the project provide a high quality integrated and safe public realm that meets the needs of the local community?		
Has a quality built form been provided that includes landscapes responsive to both climate and context?		
Has the conservation and celebration of cultural heritage and archaeological assets across landscapes, places and sites been considered?		
Have vibrant, stimulating and memorable places to live, work, and play been created?		
Promoting accessibility		
Have higher densities been located closer to public transport systems and services, to enhance the walkability of the area, promote health and encourage public transport use?		
Has accessibility, diversity and mixed use been encouraged to reflect local values and broader metropolitan needs?		



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DEMONSTRATING VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND STRONG GOVERNANCE		
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Establish coordinated and transparent approaches		
Have coordinated approaches among cross-sectoral stakeholder interests been facilitated?		
Has an accountable and transparent decision-making process through inclusion and provision of information been established?		
Have practical, accessible standards of responsibility, resource allocation and programming been established?		
Build a commitment to implementation		
Have practical and enforceable standards of ownership, accountability and delivery been developed?		
Have performance evaluation, feedback and support mechanisms been incorporated to provide opportunities for continual improvement?		
Engaging with stakeholders		
Has a shared vision with stakeholders across the community, industry and government been established?		
Can progress towards this vision - through building community capacity, assessing performance and encouraging leadership – be monitored??		
Fostering sustainable cultures and behaviours		

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Are awareness and education opportunities being provided to enable sustainable practices?		
Are sustainable behaviours and systems for monitoring environmental data, sharing information and facilitating continual improvement being encouraged?		
Encouraging and rewarding innovation		
Is open access to information being provided to enhance innovation?		
Are mechanisms established to reward leadership in innovation and excellence?		