

PILOT FACT SHEET



What is Green Star – Communities PILOT?

Green Star – Communities PILOT is an independent, national, voluntary rating tool which aims to drive more sustainable, productive and liveable communities.

The PILOT rating tool has been developed by the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA), in close collaboration with the market, including all tiers of government, public and private sector developers, professional services organisations, academia, product manufacturers and suppliers.

How does it work?

Green Star - Communities PILOT defines 38 best practice benchmarks across five sustainability categories, plus Innovation, for the planning, design and delivery of sustainable communities:

- Governance
- Design
- Liveability
- Economic Prosperity
- Environment

An independent assessment panel awards points to the project based on each category and the Green Star rating is determined by comparing the overall score with the rating scale:

Score	Rating	Category
45 - 59	4 Star	Best Practice
60 - 74	5 Star	Australian Excellence
75+	6 Star	World Leadership

Projects cannot achieve ratings of 1, 2 or 3 Stars at certification, as these ratings represent minimum, average and good practice, whereas Green Star aims to recognise and reward best practice and above.

Why is it special?

Green Star – Communities PILOT will support the planning, design and delivery of communities, precincts and neighbourhoods that prioritise environmental sustainability – such as minimising energy and water consumption, and reducing dependence on motor vehicles – alongside broader issues such as economic prosperity, liveability and community health and wellbeing.

The Green Star – Communities rating PILOT rating tool will support:

- **federal government** and the National Urban Policy by providing nationally-consistent benchmarks and deliverable outcomes at a project level
- **state governments** with planning and approval of significant projects
- **local governments** with a framework for greater sustainable development outcomes
- **developers** with more efficient processes
- **financiers** with a framework for sustainable investment
- **consumers** to make informed decisions about where they choose to live and work.

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