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To: Green Building Council of Australia

Attention: The Manager

Transmitted by Email to: tool.development@gbca.org.au

Re: Life Cycle Assessment in Green Star - Discussion Paper

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have reviewed with interest the above mentioned document.

Whilst the document is well put together and we may have some technical comments about the approach taken, we wish to point out that National Standards, Committee PP-20, Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products, has been working on a number of standards covering LCA based Environmental Labels and declarations, etc.

Attached please find a list of proposed publications being prepared by Committee PP-20 the significant ones of which, NS 11000 to 11005, NS 11100, NS 11400 and NS 11500, are about to be issued for public comment within the next month or so. National Standards has applied to the Accreditation Board for Standards Development Organisations (ABSDO) to become an Accredited Standard developer that will allow these significant National Standards to be published as Australian Standards: this process is not yet complete and we are addressing some of the concerns raised by ABSDO.

GBCA has been an observer member (Ed Warcaba) on Committee PP-20 for some time and has been on the distribution list to receive all Committee documents. Committee PP-20 has been set up around 5 years ago and there has been considerable work undertaken, which we believe should assist GBCA by offering a national approach.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions and we look forward to your participation.

Herve Michoux

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Herve Michoux', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Index of National Standards Publications -Committee PP 20

NS 11000	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - General Requirements
NS 11001	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Product Categories
NS 11002	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Normalisation Factors
NS 11003	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Impact Categories
NS 11004	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Impact Weighting Factors
NS 11005	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Product Category Baseline Assessments (PCBAs)
NS 11006 to 11099	Reserved for series (up to 95) additional standards covering generic requirements and attributes

- **NS 11100 to 11399 series covering Type 1 Environmental Labels**

NS 11100	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Type I Environmental Labels - General Requirements
NS 11101 to 11149	Reserved for series (up to 50): Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Type I Environmental Labels - Building Construction Elements Generic Requirements (BCEGRs) - xxxxxxxxxx (building construction element)
NS 11150 to 11399	Reserved for series (up to 250): Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Type I Environmental Labels - Product Category Specific Requirements (PCSRs) - xxxxxxxxxx (product category)

- **NS 11400 to 11499 series covering Type III Environmental Labels**

NS 11400	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Type III Environmental Labels and Declarations - General Requirements
NS 11401.0	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Type III Environmental Labels and Declarations
Part 0: Whole-of Structure, Whole of Life Benchmark Method	- Generic Requirements
NS 11401.1	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Type III Environmental Labels and Declarations
Part 1: Whole-of Structure, Whole of Life Benchmark Method	- Benchmarking Buildings
NS 11402 to 11499	Reserved for series (up to 98): Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - xxxxxxxxxxxxxx (other methods)

- **NS 11500 covering Design Tools**

NS 11500	Declaration of Environmental Attributes of Building Products - Design Assessment Tools for Material Selection
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