



Green Star Review

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Helping us build a better rating system.

The Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) would like to thank the 180+ Green Star users and industry leaders who took the time to share your ideas as part of the annual Green Star Review. The key message was that the cost of Green Star certification remains a concern. You've said the cost is driven by consulting fees required due to the documentation requirements, the time taken to undergo certification and inconsistent assessment results. While you welcome the move to an online system as a way of saving you time chasing and compiling documentation, the existing rating tools need some work now. In particular;

- The technical manuals need clarity, with credits edited to incorporate general TCs and CIRs, correcting errors and ensuring the submission requirements are clearly displayed in a single location.
- You would like to see real reductions in the documentation requirements, with more trust placed in the GSAPs and technical specialists preparing the documentation.
- You would like to see the GBCA explore alternate assessment models, particularly those used by BREEAM and LEED and consider providing project teams with access to the person undertaking their assessment decisions.
- You have told us many credits need changing. Some should be removed as they have become standard practice, while others lead to perverse outcomes.
- As the GBCA develops new credits and compliance pathways you would like to see these made available to users of existing rating tools.
- You would like to see GSAPs elevated into a position where there's an assumption of trust. This extends to documentation, assessments and the CPD qualification.
- You see a role for Green Star users as a source of feedback on the rating tools and are willing to work with the GBCA to ensure Green Star continues to transform the market.

The GBCA welcomes this feedback, much of which has already been incorporated into the Green Star program of works. A roadmap will be published on the GBCA website showing the entire Green Star program of works, including the projects that incorporate the great ideas you raised within the Green Star Review. The full report on how we're improving Green Star by incorporating your feedback is available [here](#).