# Why Green Star – Design & As Built?

The market has come a long way since the introduction of Green Star in 2003. From stadiums to bus depots, schools to aquatic centres, Australia is seeing there is much more to life than the office building.

The introduction of Green Star – Design & As Built provides Australia with a universal rating tool that sets the standard for the design and construction of any building type while ensuring assets are future-ready and deliver value for money.



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# Why are people using Green Star – Design & As Built?



#### **Enhanced benchmarks**

- Addressing new industry concerns such as supply chain management, adaptation and resilience, and health and well-being
- Recognising social sustainability issues, such as local procurement and community engagement, through new Innovation Challenges
- Ensuring good design intentions are carried through to construction.



### Simpler and more flexible

- New templates that streamline submission documentation and assessment processes
- A significant reduction in documentation requirements
- Multiple options for demonstrating your project's compliance
- An optional 'Design Review' certification which can be achieved as soon as you reach the development application (DA) stage, with minimal documentation, allowing you to market your rating earlier.



#### **Cost-effective**

- Reduced documentation requirements means lower costs and a faster path to certification
- Fees are now calculated based on construction value rather than Gross Floor Area to better align with industry practice
- One single fee for 'Design Review' certification and 'As Built certification has halved the cost when compared to the combined legacy registration fees.

# Your questions answered

As with any update of standards or processes, the release of Green Star – Design & As Built raises certain questions.

The GBCA has developed the following resources to alleviate any uncertainty:

- An updated Introduction section of the Submission Guidelines, which clearly outlines scope, eligibility requirements and submission requirements (including mandatory Submission Templates);
- Each credit within the new Submission Guidelines has clearly labelled Compliance Requirements. Any information that is not a mandatory part of the Compliance Requirements has been included in the Guidance section.
- Submission Templates are provided for every credit. A Submission Template is the principal method by which the project team communicates with the assessment panel.

In addition the following services are also available to GBCA members:

- **Technical workshops** can be requested with the GBCA technical team at your office or you can come to us. We also offer online technical workshops.
- Briefing sessions focus on a particular rating tool or process.
- Webinars are available on-demand or 'live' on our website.
- **GBCA communications** sign up for the Green Building Voice and the Green Star Technical update.

Our aim is sustainable places for everyone. The next step to achieve this is Green Star – Design & As Built. For more information visit gbca.org.au or contact a member of the Sustainability Services team.



## Let's talk

To find out more about Green Star - Design & As Built or for assistance with a project, please contact the Green Star team.

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