

Indoor Environment Quality IEQ-15 Indoor Plants

Points Available	Points Claimed	CIR Submitted
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Credit Criteria

Up to two points are awarded, as follows:

1 point is awarded where it is demonstrated that indoor plants are incorporated in the tenancy fitout and comply with the following requirements:

• The plant species are selected on the basis of their suitability to indoor environments;

• A 'Horticultural Maintenance Plan' is in place (minimum two years) to ensure that the health of the plants in maintained; and

• There is a minimum density of one large plant (300mm pot) or two small plants (200mm pot) per two work settings, distributed over the NLA.

2 points are awarded where the above is demonstrated, but the plant density is increased to a minimum of one large plant or two small plants per work setting.

Documents Provided

	Information from the plant supplier that confirms the quantity and species of
	all plants supplied.
	AND
✓	A statement from the plant supplier that the plants were selected for their suitability to indoor environments;
	AND
	Information from the sub-contractor that confirms that the plants supplied were installed within the tenancy fitout. IEQ-15: 1
\checkmark	A copy of the Horticultural Maintenance Plan that includes:
	 the location and density of plants service intervals
	- soil moisture, pH and nutrient monitoring
	- watering and cleaning requirements
	- identification of plant disease or ill health
	 plant replacement regime (any plant of ill health must be replaced to ensure that the density of plants is maintained over the life of the Horticultural
	Maintenance plan) IEQ-15: 2
\checkmark	An extract from the maintenance contract that demonstrates at least a two year commitment to the Horticultural Maintenance Plan; IEQ-15: 3
✓	A summary document that includes the total number and sizes of plants installed and the fraction of the NLA covered by the plants. IEQ-15: 4
\checkmark	A copy of the as-built tenancy plan indicating the location of the plants/planters. IEQ-15: 5





Discussion

• Sizes of plants and compliance described on page 51, IEQ-15: 4. Location of all plants called out on as-built plan supplied on page 52, IEQ-15: 5.



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Joe Karten Green Building Council of Australia L15, 179 Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Joe,

The following plant species have been supplied and installed to your office on Level 15 at 179 Elizabeth 두 Street in Sydney as per BVN plan:

Plant Species	Number of plants provided	Plant size	Area of plants (m2)	
Crassula ovata	16	200mm	3.2	
Euphorbia	16	200mm	<mark>3.2</mark>	
Sansevieria	16	200mm	3.2	
Sansevieria	60	200mm	12	
Cissus	17	200mm	<mark>-3.4</mark>	
TOTAL	125		<mark>25</mark>	

The plants detailed above were selected for their suitability to indoor environments. (______e plants have) been specifically grown for interior use and were considered ideal for this type of office environment.

Hire and maintenance service is undertaken on a regular basis (approximately every 11 working days) and will include hand watering, monitoring soil moisture and pH nutrient levels, fertilisation, dusting and cleaning of leaves, weed litter and dead foliage removal, replacement of unhealthy/ or unsightly indoor plants, replenishment of top dressing, insect and disease treatment and the pruning of foliage. This will ensure that each display is kept at the highest possible standard at all times. This horticultural maintenance plan will be in place for a minimum period of 24 months (2 years) to ensure the on-going health of the plants. Please find attached detailed documentation of servicing and maintenance





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undertaking. Any plant of ill health identified during maintenance service will be replaced to ensure that the density of plants is maintained over the life of the service contract. Rentokil Tropical Plants will provide maintenance to the plants in your office over the next 2 years as per contract.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at 0416 193 794.

Kind regards,

Rachael OK

Rachael O'Keefe National Design Manager Rentokil Tropical Plants



*At the request of Ambius Indoor Plants, the Service Manual provided as part of the submission has been removed due to the intellectual property it contains.

The following documents were provided in order to comply with IEQ-15 Additional Guidance:

- Cleaning of Plants
- Pest Control
- Watering
- Fertilising
- Pruning and Trimming

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A summary document that includes the total number of plants and sizes of plants installed as a fraction of the NLA covered by the plants.

	Number of plants provided	Plant size	Area of plants (m2)
	16	200mm	3.2
	13	200mm	3.2
	6	200mm	3.2
	60	s 200mm	12
	17	200mm	3.4
TOTAL	125		25

Total area of plants:	25m2	
Total NLA:	804m2	Planter box plants
% of plants to NLA:	= 25/804 x 100	Green wall plants
	= 3.11% of NLA	
	contains plants	

As per the CIR ruling on the website that states:

CIR Ruling: The Credit Interpretation Request (CIR) to deem one plant (for one point) or two plants (for two points) per 30m2 NLA as equivalent of the current Criteria is **granted** provided that the plants are distributed across the NLA as per the Technical Manual:

- 1 point = one large or two small plant per 30m2 NLA; and
- 2 points = one large or two small plants per 15m2 NLA.

For Green Star – Office Interiors v1 and Green Star – Office Interiors v1.1, both approaches (the one in the Technical Manual and the one outlined above) are acceptable.

Total NLA:	804m2	
Total number of small plants:	125 small plants	
Number of plants required (according	= 804m2/30m2	
to min. 2 small plants area of NLA:	= 26.8 large plants required for 2 points	
OR		
= 53.6 small plants required for 2 points		
Therefore, the GBCA fitout can claim the 2 points as there are 125 small plants, which exceeds		
the min. 53.6 plants required for 2 points.		



