



POLICY PRIORITIES

1. Achieving more productive, liveable, sustainable, and healthy cities.

- Support better governance for improved decisions, ongoing investment, long-term integrated planning and sustainable development across our major cities and urban growth areas.
- Help deliver priority infrastructure with success measured through the delivery of better economic, social and environmental outcomes across our communities.

2. Securing more resilient communities.

- Work in partnership with industry and government to help manage risks to our communities associated with future economic, environmental and social change.

3. Delivering a low carbon, high performing built environment.

- Use buildings to help meet Australia's energy productivity goals, reduce emissions and help keep global warming below 2°C with net zero emissions by 2050.
- Lead collaboration between government and industry, and incentivise new markets that leverage the opportunity to deliver efficiencies within the mid-tier commercial building sector.
- Use best practice procurement by government to demonstrate through example the opportunity within our built environment, and to drive market demand.

4. Raising minimum standards through the National Construction Code.

- Support the upgrade of the National Construction Code to raise minimum energy performance standards by 2019, and establish a trajectory for ongoing upgrades to support continuous improvement across industry.

5. Facilitating sustainable utility infrastructure.

- Seek independent advice to help governments provide the reforms necessary to: facilitate district-based utilities; address energy market barriers; ensure and provide fair tariff structures and value for distributed solutions; and improve access to networks.

About Us:

Established in 2002, the Green Building Council of Australia is the nation’s authority on sustainable buildings, communities and cities. Our vision is to create healthy, resilient and positive places for people and the natural environment. Our purpose is to lead the sustainable transformation of Australia’s built environment. To do this, we:

- **We rate** the sustainability of buildings and communities through Australia’s only national, voluntary, holistic rating system – Green Star.
- **We educate** industry and government practitioners and decision-makers and promote green building programs, technologies, design practices and operations.
- **We advocate** for the sustainable transformation of the built environment.

Our Industry:

The GBCA represents 650-plus individual companies with a collective annual turnover of more than \$40 billion.

Our membership reflects the diversity of Australian business with over 500 small-to-medium enterprises through to 75 companies with annual turnover of more than \$100 million and 24 companies now listed in the ASX200, with a combined market capitalisation of more than \$620 billion. Members include major developers, professional services firms, banks, superannuation funds, product manufacturers, retailers and suppliers. We also have 44 local government, 26 state government departments and land organisations, and 18 university members.

GBCA company members alone employ more than 50,000 staff across Australia. Our professional development program boasts over 1,200 people advancing their careers and building their skills through their membership with the GBCA.

Key Statistics:

We currently have 1,754 Green Star-rated projects.

- 37% of office space is Green Star certified
- 6% of the workforce head to a green office each day
- 48,000 people live in Green Star-rated apartments
- 485,000 people are moving into Green Star communities
- 1.3 million people visit a Green Star-rated shopping centre each day.

We have certified over 27.6 million sqm of building space.

Green Star Design & As Built (including legacy projects) with duplication removed	13,379,477
Green Star – Interiors	1,592,505
Green Star – Performance	14,284,445
Amount of space with more than one type of rating (Design & As Built, Interiors, Performance)	6,532,307
Total	27,684,189



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