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Sustainable Design Assessment Report

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	The report outlines overall intent and sustainable design features to be included within the design, as well as an overall assessment of the expected outcome for the project.

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Executive Summary

FCDS are commissioned to assist the design team in achieving a 5-Star certified outcome for the two proposed residential developments on Seymour Avenue in Shenton Park. Both projects have made commitments for formal certification at a 5-Star level, including targeting:

- >7 Star NatHERS Average (~15% improvement over BCA)
- Carbon Neutral Certification in operation
- Embedded meter network, with self-check functionality
- Building envelope pressure testing
- ~110kW PV Array across both buildings

The two projects are both residential; a Build to Sell and Build to Rent. This note addresses the Build to Sell Scheme, at 2 Seymour Avenue. The Build to Rent scheme is

addressed in a separate report, albeit it addresses many of the Target same elements and requirements.

FCDS assessment of the current project documentation indicates an expected score of 7 points, with an additional 36 expected inclusions and a further 9 which could be included if needed. There remain a total of 22 points still to be confirmed.





Design features are set to prioritise low carbon operation, as well as occupant heath and wellbeing and a connection to nature. Specific recommended elements include:

- 50kW PV array for the building
- Risk assessments for building operation, covering climate change, grid and operations
- Low carbon construction
- Fossil fuel elimination
- Formalised commissioning oversight and performance verification
- Integration of nature and views



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1. Introduction

This report provides a summary of the sustainable design inclusions and intended pathway for the Build to Sell component of the development of Lots 35 and 36 Montario Quarter in Shenton Park. The development includes two buildings, a Build to Rent and a more typical build to sell residential tower. Overall the site includes almost 300 dwellings as well as residential amenities a work hub and café/bar.

The project has set itself high sustainable design targets, seeking to achieve a minimum 5-star Green Star certified outcome and has already registered with the GBCA.

1.1 Site Description

The project is located at 2 Seymour Avenue in Shenton Park.

The overall project budget is around \$45M and includes ~8,000m² of occupied area comprising 64 apartments with six townhouses:

Number of Bedrooms	1	2	3	Town House	Total
Number of Apartments	9	21	34	6	70
Total Number of Occupants	18	63	136	30	247

The development includes 11 occupied levels above ground and 140 car bays.

The design includes residential amenities on level 1 and the ground floor, including a pool.

Key project program dates are to be confirmed:

- Design Approval
- Tender

- Construction Commence - Construction Completion





1.2 Sustainability Targets

The project is aiming to achieve at least 35% (5-Star / Australian Excellence level) under the Green Star Buildings rating system.

Design features to prioritise energy efficiency and simplification of operations as well as improving occupant comfort are being prioritised.

Category	Target	Design Team Response
General Sustainability	Best Practice Design	The project is targeting a formal certification at 35% under the Green Star Buildings rating tool – representative of 5 stars – Australian Excellence
	Operational Performance	Monitor and tune building performance in operation – targeting a 5 Star NABERS equivalence – around 3 MWhrs per apartment per annum. ~ 40kWhrs per m ² per annum.
Energy Consumption	15% Improvement over BCA 2019 - Envelope	This will require insulation and glazing performance in excess of minimum standard.
	15% Improvement over BCA 2019 Minimum Practice - Overall	 Energy efficient services (lighting and mechanical in particular) to be provided. Reverse cycle heat pump for domestic hot water.
	Renewable Energy	The project should include a large solar photovoltaic array, up to around 50kW peak output – pending roof configuration
Water Consumption	Low Flow Tapware	Ensure all taps, showers, WC's, urinals, dishwashers and washing machines provided are within 1 star of the best available WELS rating.
	Waterwise Irrigation	Utilise drought tolerant and native planting where possible. Utilise rain / moisture sensing and sub-soil drip irrigation for all planted areas.
Waste Targets	75%+ Recycling in operation	Design to facilitate capture of recyclable goods and use of comingled recycling. Minimum four waste streams to be collected.
	>90% Recycling in construction	Use of high efficiency resource recovery facility to sort waste in construction.
Durability	>10 Years for Common Area Finishes	Internal finishes shall target >10 year life spans, with minimal repair and maintenance rather than regular replacement.
Indoor Environment Quality	Mixed Mode Operation	Key spaces to be able to function in air conditioned or naturally ventilated modes. Provide CO_2 detection and control in areas with variable occupancy. Provide ducted outside air intakes for all apartments, with filtration and air flow control to meet AS 1668.2 requirements.

The project is aiming to undertake a formal certification.



1.3 Green Star Buildings

Green Star Buildings assesses proposed facilities for people against a number of sustainable design metrics, specifically, the tool requires that buildings:

- Protect of environmentally significant areas
- Reduce carbon emissions in **construction** and operations, aligning with a pathway to Net Zero by 2030
- Aare water efficient
- Provides a high quality indoor environment
- Promotes physical activity
- Consider and address climate change impacts
- Reduces environmental impacts during construction
- Embraces diversity
- Reduces operational waste
- Undergoes performance verification

Performance is assessed across a number of categories, as described below. Many credits have an emphasis of planning and consultancy:.



Projects have a relatively low percentage requirement to achieve certification as best practice as only 15% above minimum performance requirements, however, a 6-Star certification requires design team to achieve almost three quarters of all available optimisations.

Star Rating	Buildings
4 Star – Best Practice	15 Points
5 Star – Australian Excellence	35 points
6 Star – World Leadership	70 Points



1.3.1 Assessment Categories

Buildings	Sustainable Design Features
Responsible	Features which are intended to minimise ecological footprint by control of the design, construction and commissioning process. The features also include elements to optimise operational performance through design of effective spaces and measuring consumption.
Healthy	Features aiming to ensure the building provides a strong response to occupant health and wellbeing.
Resilient	Rewards projects preparing and for the imminent impacts of climate change, including provision of support to the surrounding community. Shocks to power infrastructure, ongoing weather pattern adjustment and the urban heat island effect
Positive	Design elements which contribute positively to the environment. Buildings must minimise harm as a starting point and also act as a restorative force for good to achieve points.
Places	Features which reflect outcomes that are linked to the location and nature of the development. Points are achieved by reducing the impacts of transport – on the environment and occupant health.
People	Features which improve social sustainability outcomes within the development and community.
Nature	Features and design solutions which prioritise and restore the natural environment around prospective developments
Leadership	The category for projects to demonstrate leadership beyond the scope of the current Green Star framework, addressing Challenges which have been developed by the GBCA or which break barriers and inspire others to follow.

1.3.2 Project Approach

The design team are focusing on providing an efficient, durable and effective learning environment. As such, design features within the Healthy, resilient and positive categories are being prioritised.

Features within the Places, People and Nature categories are largely set by project location and nature.

The following sections present a summary of the project approach within the various categories.



2. Responsible Design Features

The Responsible category refers to credits which are intended to minimise ecological footprint by control of the design, construction and commissioning process. The features also include elements to optimise operational performance through design of effective spaces and measuring consumption.

The following section outlines FCDS expectation with respect the Responsible design elements intended to be included by the project team:

2.1 Marketing Excellence

The design team will produce documentation to describe sustainable design features of the development for key stakeholders – including prospective occupants of each dwelling.

2.2 Environmentally Responsible Construction

The main contractor will be expected to implement an environmental management system, using ISO 14001 practices to monitor its implementation on site.

The plan will include waste management and minimisation, targeting a minimum of 80% of construction and demolition waste diversion from landfill.

Contractors visiting site for more than 3 days will be required to undertake site familiarisation and sustainable design training covering design features for this development, as well as a wider overview of sustainability issues.

2.3 Commissioning, Verification and Handover

The design team have been provided clear design targets for environmental performance – refer to Section 2 above.

The designers and contractors will complete a constructability and maintainability review as part of the shop drawing process.

Commissioning will be in accordance with best practice international standards, including CIBSE, ASHRA and Airah. The building envelope will be tested for air leakage prior to practical completion.

Common area services will be closely monitored over the first 12 months of operation to minimise performance issues and optimise operational efficiency against design targets.

The designers will include meters for each dwelling, utilising utility meter reading systems to monitor and report on performance.

Detailed handover documentation will be provided to building stakeholders in electronic format, including As Built drawings and functional control descriptions.



2.1 Operational Waste

The design already includes well located and sized waste stores. Green Star compliance requires the accessibility and sizing of the store to be signed off by a waste contractor. In addition, the design must allow for segregation of any waste stream making up ore than 5% of the expected total site waste volume. FCDS expect this will include; paper / cardboard, plastics, general waste, FOGO and missed recyclables.

Based on the Randwick City Council guide for waste generation rates (referenced GBCA best practice guide), the development would be expected to generate around 800 L of waste and 400 L of recyclables per day;

			Daily Gene	eration Rate	Weekly Generation Rate		
Usage			Waste	Recycling	Waste	Recycling	
Residential	70	Units	800	400	5,600	2,800	
Total			800	400	5,600	2,800	
240 L Bins			4	2	24	12	
660 L Bins			2	1	9	5	

Waste storage is available on ground floor, with excellent acces for waste collection vehicles and waste chutes for occupant convenience.



The above notwithstanding, FCDS review of the proposed location of the store seems to meet all Green Star requirements:

Criteria	Requirement	
Distance of Travel	<10m between waste store and vehicle	Compliant
Path of Travel	Free from curbs and grade change.	Compliant
Clearance	Maintain >4m clearance for collection vehicles	Compliant

2.2 Sustainable Design Professional

The project team have included sustainable design considerations from schematic design phase and will continue through to practical completion and beyond.

2.3 Waste Minimisation

Beyond the minimum requirement to divert 80% of construction and demolition waste, the contractor will be expected to control materials brought to site and the waste disposal process to achieve a net 90% diversion of all construction and demolition waste, by mass, by practical completion.

2.4 **Responsible Products**

This category review products selected for building structure, envelope, systems and finishes and provides points for projects which can demonstrate performance improvement over standard practice.

Key elements supporting these features are:

Procurement Guidance

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- Design and Construction procurement processes to align with ISO 20400 Sustainable
- Mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems are to include at least 20% (by cost) achieving a Responsible Products Value, greater than 6, as per the table below:
- Finishes to follow similar sustainable requirements, with a net score of at least 9 for more than 20% of products

Metric	Score
Industry specific environmental product declarations (EPD)	2 Points
Product specific environmental product declarations (EPD)	4 Points
ISO14001 certification	3 Points
Reused Product	15 Points
FSC Certified	10 Points
Best Practice PVC certification	5 Points

Based on our understanding of the project and recent experience in this space, FCDS expect the project team will deliver sustainable material selections in building envelope and structure, as well as the building services.

FCDS expect to work with the Christou Design team to prioritise sustainable finishes, including painting and floor coverings which meet international best practice performance requirements.

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3. Healthy Design Features

The Healthy credit category is about ensuring the building provides a strong response to occupant health and wellbeing. Features supporting air quality, views, access to light and noise contribute to point scoring within this category:

3.1 Ventilation System Attributes

Outside air and natural ventilation systems are to comply with the prescriptive requirements of AS 1668.2 (mechanical ventilation) and AS 1668.4 (natural ventilation) for air quantity, intake location and exhaust separation.

Local exhaust systems are to be provided to isolate occupied spaces from contamination such as kitchens.

3.2 Lighting Systems

Lighting systems are to be flicker free and provide a minimum Colour Rendering Index (CRI) average R1 to R8 > 85, and a CRI R9> 50r, with a maximum of 3 MacAdam Ellipses.

The design will meet best practice illuminance levels for each task within each space type with a maintained Illuminance values must achieve a uniformity of no less than that specified in Table 3.2 of AS/NZS 1680.1:2006

3.3 Glare Control

External shading systems will provide some coverage from direct solar penetration, however, occupants will be able to appoint their own window treatments.

Lighting systems are to be provided with diffusers or other design features which maintain direct glare from the luminaries below the UGR (Unified Glare Rating) limit within AS 1680.1

3.4 Access to Daylight

All occupants have excellent access to natural lighting through strong passive design (north facing windows with overhangs) and relatively shallow plans.

3.5 Noise Levels

The use of high-quality mechanical plant and good architectural detailing will result in comfortable internal noise levels, generally matching AS 2107.

3.6 Connection to Nature

At least 60% (close to 100% for this project) of spaces are within 8m of a view to outside, including nature.

FCDS recommend the project team target the use of natural finishes and motifs to further promote the connection of users to nature.

3.7 Low Toxicity Products

The design team are expected to select finishes and composite wood products with low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) and low formaldehyde content. This includes joinery, carpets, adhesives and sealants. Wall and ceiling paints will target a level <5 g/L for VOC content.



4. Resilient Design Features

The Resilient category of credits highlight the need for projects to be ready for the imminent impacts of climate change and to provide a level of support to the surrounding community. Shocks to power infrastructure, ongoing weather pattern adjustment and the urban heat island effect are considered within the category.

4.1 Climate Change Resilience

FCDS have undertaken a base review of the project and the potential likely impacts of climate change on the site, based on the following likely impacts of climate change in South West WA:

Variable	Current	Predicted	Expected Change	Possible Range
Annual Average Temperature (°C)	25.8℃	26.6°C	+0.8°C	26.4 – 27°C
Number of days over 35°C	28	35.3	+7.3	33.1-38.7
Annual Average Rainfall (mm)	835.1mm	785mm	-6%	726.5 – 827mm
Annual Average Potential Evaporation	1800mm	1836mm	+2%	1818-1872mm
Annual Relative Humidity	55%	54.4%	-0.6%	53.7 – 55%

The site not considered susceptible to flooding under climate change scenarios – a 10m sea level rise is shown right, with the higher predicted rise shown below:





The site is moderate risk of bushfire, with 'prone' areas to the west of site, but not the specific development area:



4.1 Climate Change Risk Management

Following the base risk review above, the design team have included the following features to mitigate risks and provide an improved outcome for occupants and the local community:

Climate Change Impact	Risk	Proposed Response
Increased temperatures lead to increased bushfire risk and intensity.	Moderate due to current classification of site.	Provide MERV8 + air filtration on air conditioning systems. Provide dedicated air intake point, with filters, for all dwellings Utilise cooling towers for heat rejection
Rising sea levels and increased flood risk.	Very low.	Avoid key infrastructure below ground level. Ensure structure can adapt to changing water levels.
Reduced rainfall	Increasing requirement for irrigation, increased cost of scheme water.	Utilise smart irrigation, including moisture detection and prioritise drought tolerant planting. Utilise native grass for turfed areas. Provide rainwater capture for toilet flushing and cooling tower recharge
Increased temperatures lead to increased reliance on air conditioning.	Building is unable to provide comfortable environment for extended periods.	Provide high efficiency air conditioning systems with automatic controls. Upgrade building envelope in excess of BCA minimum requirements.
Increased temperatures lead to increased power demand.	Operating cost increases as electrical prices increase. Power security becomes questionable.	Good control systems and energy efficient design. Installation of solar photovoltaics for renewable generation.



4.2 Heat Resilience

The project should include the selection of light colours to external finishes as well as shaded area (from fixed building shading and planting) and landscape integrated into the site to minimise the impacts of urban heat island on the site. The following table shows the recommended colour palettes with respect colours and solar absorbance:



The site layout has limited hard stand and, with appropriate shading and colour selection compliance should be achievable.



5. Positive Design Features

The Positive category refers to design elements which contribute positively to the environment. Buildings must actively reduce their harm, but also act as a restorative force for good in order to achieve credits. The category assesses energy use, energy source, water consumption and refrigerant emissions, aligning with the National Standard for carbon neutral assessment and certification (Climate Active).

5.1 Upfront Carbon Emissions

The design team will target material selections which reduce the embodied energy by a minimum of 10%. Features to support this include the reuse of structures and civil infrastructure on site, as well as the use of natural finishes, waste diversion and high durability as part of the proposed solution.

5.2 Energy Use

The design team will ensure low energy use by improving performance against BCA Section J minimum, across building envelope, air conditioning and ventilation systems and lighting.

5.3 Energy Source

Ideally, the design will omit all fossil fuels from site or – at least – have a clear plan for their removal as soon as practical.

5.4 Water Use

The development is targeting a minimum 15% reduction in water

consumption against benchmarks, including the provision of low flow fixtures are being provided for sanitary uses in accordance with the table below:

Fixture Type	Minimum WELS rating	Maximum Flow Allowable
Taps	5 stars	4.5-6 L/min
Urinals	5 stars	1.0 L / Flush + Smart demand flush device
Toilets	4 stars	<3.5 L average flush <4.7L full flush, <3.2 half flush
Showers	3 stars	6.0 – 7.5 L/min
Clothes Washing Machines	4 stars	
Dishwashers	5 stars	

5.5 Net Zero Energy and Emissions Reduction

The design team are confident that the proposed energy efficient design features and onsite renewable generation will represent an annual energy consumption reduction of at least 30% against BCA minimum requirements.

5.6 Overall Footprint Reduction

The design team are confident that the proposed design features will result in a net life cycle emissions reduction of at least 30% if assessed by an LCA practitioner.

Material	PER embodied energy MJ/kg
Air dried sawn hardwood	0.5
Stabilised earth	0.7
Concrete blocks	1.5
In situ concrete	1.9
Precast tilt-up concrete	1.9
Kiln dried sawn hardwood	2
Precast steam-cured concrete	2
Clay bricks	2.5
Gypsum plaster	2.9
Kiln dried sawn softwood	3.4
Autoclaved aerated concrete	24
(AAC)	3.0
Plasterboard	4.4
Fibre cement	4.8
Cement	5.6
Local dimensioned granite	5.9
Particleboard	8
Plywood	10.4
Glue-laminated timber	11
Laminated veneer lumber	11
MDF (medium density	11.2
fibreboard)	11.3
Glass	12.7
Imported Dimensioned Granite	13.9
Hardboard	24.2
Galvanised steel	38
Acrylic paint	61.5
PVC (polyvinyl chloride)	80
Plastics — general	90
Copper	100
Synthetic rubber	110
Aluminium	170



6. Places Design Features

The places category reflect outcomes that are linked to the location and nature of the development. Design features which reduce the impacts of transport – on the environment and occupant health – are rewarded with credits. In addition, proximity of the development to local amenity and public transport which can promote walking and reduce reliance on vehicles is also recognised.

Within the site, the category considers the provision of communal spaces and their potential beneficial impacts on the occupants. Externally, project teams are encouraged to engage with, consult and justify their design to the local community as well as their shareholders.

6.1 Active Transport

The design currently includes bike parking for occupants around ground level and excellent connection to pedestrian infrastructure:



6.2 Sustainable Transport

Green Star Buildings requires project teams to make provision for car sharing as well as EV Parking and future charging. Exact requirements are to be set by a sustainable transport professional, however, FCDS provide the following indicative guidance.

Considering the location of the development, strong consideration should be given to EV charging facilities, including potential for paid fast charging.

Attribute	Green Star Target	Design Requirement	Met?
Ready to charge EV	5% of all parking spaces	7 EV Bays	
Parking			
Future car share parking	Additional 5% of bays	7 Car Share Bays	
spaces with potential for			
EV			
Load management and	Cater for 25% of all car	35 Bays	
infrastructure	parking spaces.		
Cater for 7kW and 22kW	Design team to confirm		
charging points	mix		
Cable paths for future	Potential to provide		
provision	charging to all bays		

6.3 Contribution to Place, Culture Heritage and Identity

The design provides an enjoyable location for the general public, with large public access areas which FCDS expect will be fully activated by the Shire of Harvey.

The space also includes substantial heritage buildings providing a strong cultural and heritage outcome.



7. People Design Features

The People category of credits provides an increased emphasis on social sustainability outcomes within the Green Star system. Projects are required to consider gender inclusivity and provide staff support around issues such as mental and physical health as part of their impact on the people building the project as well as the people who will use it long term.

The category also rewards projects that deliver strong outcomes for Indigenous or disadvantaged and under-represented social groups.

7.1 Minimum Requirements

The main contractor will be required to provide gender specific bathrooms and PPE on site and provide policies and training on discrimination, racism, bullying, drug and alcohol awareness and mental health. This will including introducing programs and solutions to address at least five current health issues such as suicide prevention, healthy eating and depression.

7.2 Needs Analysis

The contractor will be required to complete a needs analysis of site workers and contractors to inform the programs and policies implemented.

7.3 Accessible Navigation

The design team will ensure the building's design and construction must be able to be navigated and enjoyed by stakeholders of diverse ages, genders, and abilities (for example physical, sight, sound, mind, spectrum). The design will provide equal access to the building, diverse wayfinding and inclusive spaces.



8. Nature Design Features

The Nature category is based on providing design solutions which prioritise and restore the natural environment around prospective developments. Features consider biodiversity, previous site usage, site emissions and waterway protection. Projects are required to demonstrate best practice performance across the range of local impact areas considered.

8.1 Minimum Requirements

- The site is not an old growth forrest, prime agricultural land or within 100m of a nationally significant wetland.
- The external lighting will comply with AS 4282 Control of the obtrusive effects of Outdoor Lighting
- No external light fitting will have an Upward Light Output Ratio (ULOR) of more than 5%.

8.2 Ecological Value

The current and future ecological value of the site will be retained through the use of primarily native planting, with green spaces across the site.

8.3 Stormwater

The design is to infiltrate a proportion of stormwater into local ground water, aiming to minimum outflow and achieve pollution reduction matching the performance below:

Pollutant	Contaminant Reduction
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	90%
Gross Pollutants	95%
Total Nitrogen	60%
Total Phosphorus	70%



5 Star

Target

4 Star

Not Rated

To Be

6 Star

Confirmed

9. Assessment Review

Based on the above, the project is expected to achieve around 43 points, nominally 20% over the target for 5-Stars of 30 points. Target Design

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