

**SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN POLICY**

**Intent** To incorporate sustainable building design principles into the design, construction, extension and renovation of Council buildings, with the aim of:

- Demonstrating community leadership
- Reducing building operating costs
- Reducing building environmental impacts
- Increasing building comfort for occupants

**Scope** This policy is applicable to all works to construct, extend, renovate and retrofit Council buildings.

**Outcomes**

Council buildings:

- Exceed minimum statutory requirements for energy and water efficiency where possible.
- Incorporate materials with lower environmental impacts.
- Provide a high quality indoor environment.
- Maximise opportunities for public and active transport access.

**Provisions**

Council will:

- Apply the **Sustainable Building Design Principles** to the design, construction, extension and renovation of Council buildings;
- Apply the **Minimum Energy Performance Standards** (DM#4059565) to the design, construction, extension and renovation of Council buildings; and
- Undertake a Green Star assessment (Green Building Council Australia) for all new Council building projects or substantial renovations with a total project budget of \$10 million or over. The designer and Council must review the assessment and implement any features identified that have a measurable return on investment. Other features identified that promote beneficial outcomes should also be considered.

The above information can be found on Council's website by following this link:

<http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/community-environment/sustainability/sustainability-at-council>

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**This Policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.**

**General Manager Responsible for Review:**

**General Manager Planning & Environment**

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**REVOKED/SUPERSEDED:**



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