

**LOW CARBON LIVING FORUM**

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING RETROFITS**

*Overview of best practice initiatives and frameworks*

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## BACKGROUND – ENVIRONMENTAL RATINGS

*There are numerous environmental rating systems/frameworks.*

### National



An Australian Government Initiative

### State Based



### Local Government



# BACKGROUND – ENVIRONMENTAL RATINGS

## International



## RATING CATEGORIES

Rating Framework	Rating Methodology	Driver
NatHERS	Design (theoretical) – Quantitative performance	Regulatory - NCC (min.) Voluntary - Local government (exceed min. performance)
NABERS	Operational – Quantitative performance	Regulatory – Commercial Building Disclosure (energy) Voluntary – benchmarking
Green Star	Design (prescriptive) Quantitative and Qualitative	Voluntary Property Council Office Guidelines Australian Leadership
One Planet Living	Operational – Quantitative and Qualitative	Differentiation Global Leadership

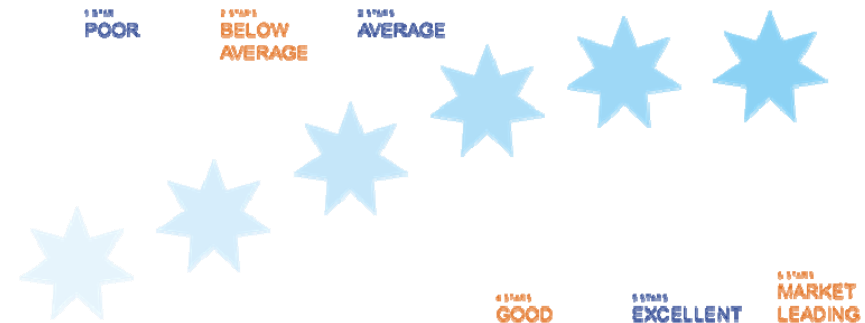
# ENERGY CONSERVATION

## ENERGY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – BUILDINGS / SITE-WIDE

### Guiding Standards & Frameworks

- ISO 50001 Energy Management Systems
- AS/NZS 3598 Energy Audits
- Industry/organisational Benchmarking
- NABERS Energy Performance Ratings
- Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS)

### THE NABERS RATING SCALE



## APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

GATE 1 - Prioritise

GATE 2 – Detailed Assessment

GATE 3 – Incumbent Contractor Coordination

GATE 4 – Business Case

GATE 5 – Stakeholder Engagement

GATE 6 – Implementation

GATE 7 – Performance Verification

## GATE 1 – PRIORITISE BUILDING ORDER

- Benchmark individual building/system/end-use performance
- Establish priority criteria, including but not limited to: -
  - Worse performing buildings/systems  
(energy density; kWh/sqm)
  - Least critical operations  
(disruption impact assessment)
  - Planned capital expenditure  
(to avoid abortive works or opportunities to synchronise with CapEx projects)

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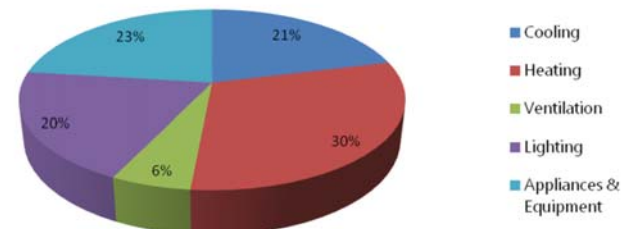
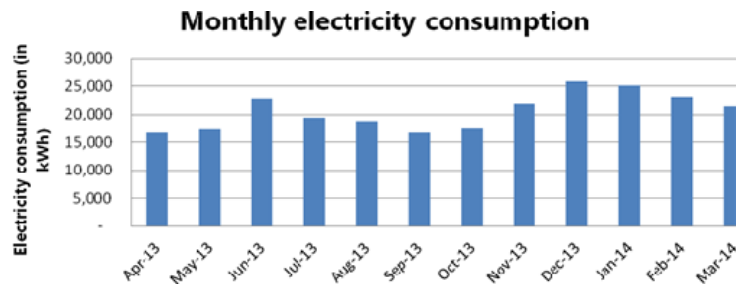
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## GATE 2 – DETAILED ASSESSMENT

- Documentation review  
(as installed drawings, O&M manuals, asset registers)
- Site survey  
(review plant, equipment, HVAC, lighting, BAS – condition and performance assessment)
- Energy analysis  
(energy balance and end use breakdown with pie charts, trends from historical data)
- Power demand analysis  
(peak vs average, off-peak, time of peak)
- Identify site measurement requirements  
(data logging, before & after)
- Identify suitable energy conservation measures (ECMs)



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## GATE 3 – INCUMBENT CONTRACTOR COORDINATION

- Review ECMs with FMs and maintenance contractors  
(discuss proposed initiatives and identify any issues)
- Risk analysis  
(conduct risk analysis for the implementation of ECMs with a focus on continuity of operations, service disruption/shut-downs, safety, cost and programme overruns)

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Likelihood	Consequences				
	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (rare)	L	L	M	H	H

Extreme Risk	E	immediate action required
High Risk	H	senior management attention needed
Moderate Risk	M	management responsibility to be specified
Low Risk	L	manage by routine procedures

## GATE 4 – BUSINESS CASE

- Detailed description of each ECM  
(scope of works, procurement method, drawing mark-ups)
- Business case reporting

ECM	Capital Cost	Energy savings	Operational Cost Saving	Simple Payback Period	GHG Emissions Reduction
	(\$)	(kWh p.a.)	(\$ p.a.)	(years)	(t CO <sub>2</sub> -e p.a.)
Item 1	\$30,000	85,000	\$14,500	2.1	110.5

- Building Analytics opportunities for integration

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## GATE 5 – STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Present ECMs to stakeholders
- Present programme for the proposed works including service interruptions and power outages
- Conduct risk assessment workshop
- Address any operational concerns and risks to continuity of service

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Item	Scope of Works	Comments / Actions
11	<p><u>Internal Zone Air Handling Unit Supply Air Temperature</u></p> <p>Shall be calculated based on 'average' space temperatures within respective zones. Any temperature sensors that are adversely affected by tenancy equipment or dumping air from ceiling registers shall be removed from the calculation sample.</p>	Completed.
12	<p><u>VAV Dead Band</u></p> <p>Incorporate a dead band control philosophy whereby each VAV damper is at minimum air flow position and the heating hot water reheat valve is closed (0%) when the space temperature is within the range of 21.0 and 23.0°C DB via the BMS.</p> <p>Proportionally modulate the damper open when the space temperature exceeds 23.0°C.</p> <p>Proportionally modulate the heating hot water valve open when the space temperature drops below 21.0°C.</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Ongoing maintenance works are associated with the following VAV's:</p> <p>i.e. NW L1, NW L2, NE L2, NE L3, NE L6,</p>

# GATE 6 – IMPLEMENTATION

- Develop technical scope of works, specification
- Develop engineering drawings and schematics
- Market tender | quotations with incumbent contractors
- Contractor engagement
- Oversee installation works

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**Sequencing**

- Sequencing of chiller stages is to be as follows:-


Stage	Generator & Absorption Chiller Operational	Generator and/or Absorption Chiller Not Operational
1	CH-5	CH-2
2	CH-5 + CH-2	CH-1
3	CH-5 + CH-1	CH-1 + CH-2
4	CH-5 + CH-1 + CH-2	CH-1 + CH-2 + CH-3
5	CH-5 + CH-1 + CH-2 + CH-3	-

Schedule of Chillers:-

Designation	Cooling Capacity	Description	Location
CH-1	1200 kW	Trane Screw	Level 17 Plantroom
CH-2	800 kW	Centrifugal, Turbocor	Level 17 Plantroom
CH-3	550 kW	Trane Screw	Sub-basement Plantroom
CH-4	170 kW	Reciprocating (not in use)	Sub-basement Plantroom
CH-5	250 kW	Absorption	Level 18 Roof plant

**Stage up**

- The next chiller stage will be enabled under the following conditions:-
  - If the current chiller stage has been enabled for more than 20 minutes (adjustable), AND
  - If the chilled water return temperature (prior to mixing with by-pass flow) exceeds 14°C (adjustable) for more than 20 minutes (adjustable), OR
  - If the current chiller thermal production in kW (calculated per chiller via flow rate and delta T across the evaporator) has reached maximum for more than 20 minutes (adjustable)

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- Modulate fan speed via VSD for each respective AHU to maintain the following duct static pressure:-

Average Zone Temperature	Time Schedule Mode Static Pressure (Pa)	After Hours Mode Static Pressure (Pa)
≤ 20.5	500	300
> 20.5 ≤ 21.0	400	250
> 21.0 ≤ 21.5	300	250
> 21.5 ≤ 22.0	300	250
> 22.0 ≤ 22.5	350	250
> 22.5 ≤ 23.0	400	250
> 23.0 ≤ 23.5	450	250
> 23.5 ≤ 24.0	500	300
> 24.0	500	300

- An acceptable alternative method to achieve the above would be to implement a Proportional plus Integral (PI) control algorithm such that the static pressure setpoint is adjusted (scheduled up from a minimum of 300 Pa) as the average zone temperature drifts away (above and below) from setpoint of 22.5°C.

**Temperature Control**

- Heating or cooling call generated anytime an AHU chilled water or heating hot water valve is opened greater than 50% (adjustable) for a period greater than 5 minutes (adjustable).
- Anytime when the supply fan is on and there is call for cooling or heating, modulate the chilled water and heating hot water control valve positions respectively to maintain the supply air temperature setpoint.
- Heating hot water valve shall not open unless the chilled water valve is closed and vice versa.
- When the zone temperature exceeds the zone temperature setpoint the supply air temperature setpoint shall be reduced and vice versa.
- Cooling Mode: Implement a Proportional plus Integral (PI) control algorithm such that the supply air temperature setpoint is adjusted in cooling mode i.e. scheduled down from a maximum of 18°C to a minimum of 12°C (adjustable) as the average zone temperature increases above setpoint of 22.5°C for respective AHU zones. Where a SAT of 12°C occurs at average zone temperature ≥ 24.0°C.

## GATE 7 – PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION

- 'Before' and 'After'
- Compare results against established energy performance indicators (EnPI)
- Utilise existing and new energy metering devices including variable speed drives
- Report on outcomes at 1, 3 and 6 months.

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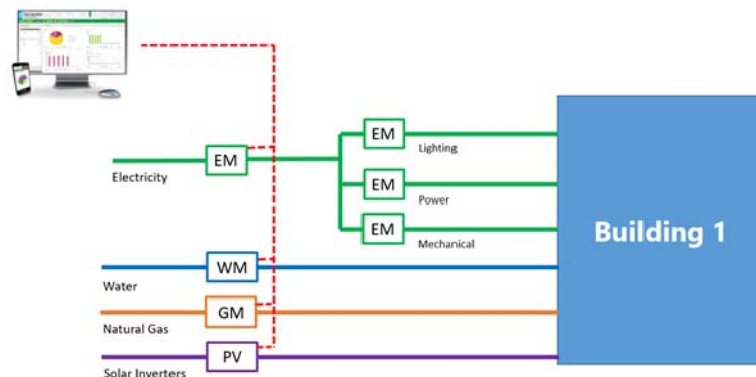
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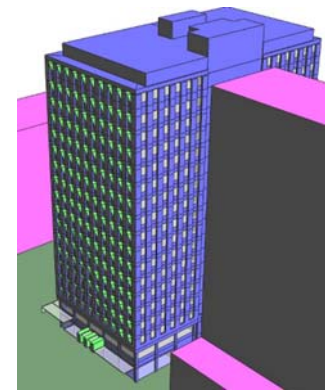


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## Project Scope

Sustainable Energy System (SES) incorporating the following systems and technologies: -

- Tri-generation plant including a natural gas generator and absorption chiller
- Roof mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) array
- Replacement of existing chiller with a high efficiency, magnetic bearing 'frictionless' type chiller
- Upgraded building management system (BMS) complete with intelligent, efficient control strategies
- Outside air pre-conditioning cooling coils



# CASE STUDY – 1 KING WILLIAM STREET

## Project Scope (Cont.)

- Facade cladding incorporating insulated panels and 'sun hood' shading devices
- Roof mounted weather station to influence building heating and cooling strategies
- Utility energy metering and monitoring system (EMS) with a web-enabled 'dashboard' graphical interface
- Internal blinds with automated operation that follows the sun with solar radiation tracking technology
- End of Trip (EOT) cyclist facilities
- Electrical main switchboard replacement





# CASE STUDY – 1 KING WILLIAM STREET

## Project Objective

from 2 Star to +5 Star energy performance

## Building Details

- 20,000 sqm, 19 storey, Grade A commercial office, occupied, Adelaide CBD

## Stage 1 Quick Wins Project

1. Energy audit & real-time BMS monitoring
2. Coordinate with incumbent contractors
3. Developed control philosophy modifications
4. Active commissioning witnessing and tuning

## Stage 1 Outcomes

1. +1,000 GJ gas reduction in 3-months
2. +120,000 kWh electricity reduction
3. 1.5 Star NABERS improvement
4. \$100k energy savings p.a.
5. Capital costs \$45k
6. Financial payback < 6 months

