

Sustainability Summit

The below answer sheet is for your own self-assessment. Please keep your completed questionnaires and answers on file for your record.

Why 10-Star Homes Will Become The Norm In Residential Design. But How To Get There?

1. Is 10 stars the right target?

Currently it's the highest target a project can achieve in Australia. Designed to be future-ready, the 10 Star Home anticipates the changing needs of its occupants and can adapt to new technologies and lifestyles.

2. Does the current way of measuring stars capture good design attributes for the Australian climate, and the needs of a zero-carbon future?

These rating tools can help you incorporate sustainability and energy-saving features into your home. Some tools allow you to model your home or to test how various changes will affect the rating. Some have been developed by governments, others by industry bodies or private companies.

3. What other aspects of the design of homes are important beyond energy efficiency?

Improvements to the design, quality, and performance of a dwelling also results in reducing the need and usage of mechanical heating and cooling.

4. Are star ratings working? Do the buildings that achieve high stars deliver their potential?

Overall, systems such as the Green Star ratings have been created to encourage building owners improve sustainability.