

# Cowra Hospital Redevelopment

## Ecologically Sustainable Development Report

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# 1. Executive Summary

This Ecological Sustainable Development Report has been prepared on behalf of Health Infrastructure c/- CWPM for the Cowra Hospital Redevelopment located at 64 Liverpool Street, Cowra NSW.

The report aims to identify the ESD concepts and initiatives that are proposed to be included within the project & ensure the development delivers a sustainable project outcome.

Information contained within Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) Report has been prepared in direct response to:

- NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;
- NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy
- National Construction Code (NCC) 2019 Amendment 1
- Health Infrastructure Design Guidance Note No.058 – Environmentally Sustainable Development
- Health Infrastructure (HI) ESD Evaluation Tool
- Cowra Shire Council Development Control Plan (DCP) 2021

This report includes:

- An overview of the sustainability drivers for the project (both regulatory & identified project drivers).
- An assessment of the energy and water uses and proposed measures to ensure energy and water efficiency.
- Detail regarding specific ESD initiatives which are to be targeted throughout all phases of the project.
- A comparison of the project's ESD principles and how they have been considered in line with the NSW Health Infrastructure position on ecological sustainable development.

In accordance with the above, the project will implement several sustainable design principles which include initiatives designed to mitigate the development's environmental impact across the following areas:

- **Management** – including reviews of commissioning and tuning, building information and other operational processes.
- **Indoor Environment Quality** – including high air quality, acoustic/lighting comfort and reduction of indoor pollutants.
- **Energy** – including improved energy efficiency of the building operations through design and technology.
- **Sustainable Transport** – access to public transport and sustainable transport options
- **Water Efficiency** – reduce potable water demand and potentially utilizing the rainwater.
- **Materiality** – Considering the whole of life materials and their selection to minimise harm to the environment, including efficiency and construction.
- **Ecology** - Maintaining ecology through landscaping & on-site environmental management processes during both construction & operation.
- **Emissions** – minimisation of pollution to the environment.



## 2. Introduction

This report contains a series of design elements to assist the project design team to deliver a sustainable development outcome, while ensuring the on-going ecological & environmental impact of the project is minimised.

According to the Principles outlined within the NSW HI Engineering Service Guidelines (DGN 058), the project is to demonstrate the following outcomes, specified to sustainable development:

- A minimum of 45 points (4 star equivalent) to be achieved by the design in accordance with HI's ESD Evaluation Tool;
- All new buildings will have a mandatory requirement of delivering a 10% improvement in energy on NCC Section J.

This report has been prepared having regard to the above & provides further detail on the project specific response within the following pages.

### 2.1 General Overview

The Cowra Hospital Redevelopment project aims to redevelop the Cowra Hospital in-line with the current endorsed Clinical Services Plan including the master planning, design, and delivery of the following health services:

- Emergency department
- General inpatient ward
- Sub-acute inpatient unit
- Peri-operative suite
- Maternity and birthing services
- Ambulatory care
- Renal analysis
- Chemotherapy
- Oral health
- Integrated outpatient and community clinic rooms and treatment spaces



## 2.2 Site Location



Figure 1 Location of the site. Source: Google Maps

## 2.3 Sustainable Design Framework

In pursuit of ESD design principles across the development, the Project will pursue Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) excellence benchmarks to deliver a sustainable project outcome.

These include best practice design initiatives from:

- NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;
- NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy
- National Construction Code (NCC) 2019 Amendment 1
- Health Infrastructure Design Guidance Note No.058 – Environmentally Sustainable Development
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This report addresses the proposed developments approach to ESD in response to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.



### 2.3.1 NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy

The project will be required to demonstrate compliance with all applicable policy measures of the NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP).

The relevant policy measures include:

- E3 – Minimum Standards for New Electrical Appliances and Equipment
- E5 – Whole-of-Government Solar Target
- W3 – Minimum Standard for New Water-Using Appliances
- A2 – Low VOC Materials

These are addressed in their relevant sections throughout this report.

### 2.3.2 NCC Section J – Energy Efficiency

The project will be required to demonstrate compliance with the NCC (2019 Amendment 1) Section J – energy efficiency provisions.

Section J outlines minimum performance requirements including,

- Maximum greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) levels;
- Minimum thermal envelope performance for building elements such as walls, floors, roof and external glazing;
- Minimum performance requirements for building sealing;
- Maximum lighting power densities for internal lighting design;
- Minimum performance levels for building air-conditioning and ventilation systems;
- Minimum requirements for energy and water metering;
- Minimum requirements for energy and water data collection; and
- Minimum access for maintenance requirements.

The proposed performance standards for Section J (2019 amendment 1) will outline the thermal performance requirements for code compliant façade designs, meaning consideration must be shown for the amount of exposed glazing included within the façade design.

The development will need to seek to optimise energy efficiency & thermal performance via design elements which improve the building façade performance including façade design, thermal envelope, HVAC system selection and lighting design.

### 2.3.3 Best Practice Sustainable Development Framework

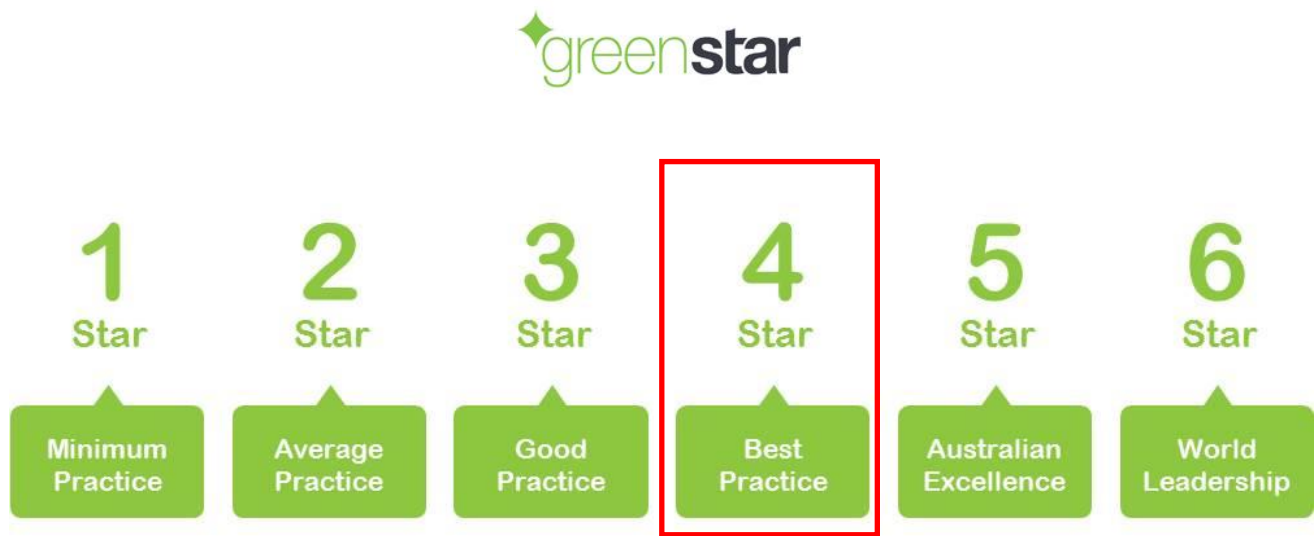
The Project has to benchmark itself against a sustainability framework which reflects ‘national best practice sustainable building principles’ as a minimum performance requirement. Historically, project team teams have responded to this requirement by benchmarking their performance against *Green Star Design & As Built*, published by the Green Building Council of Australia.

This development is proposing to use HI’s ESD Evaluation Tool equivalency pathway, developed by HI NSW to ensure the facility meet the standards with a targeted point requirement of 45. HI’s ESD Evaluation Tool uses some of the key ESD initiatives included in the GBCA rating tools however does not produce a “Green Star” rating, but instead prescribes a minimum number of “points” to be achieved. Please note, during the design phase of works HI requires a 5-point buffer within the ESD evaluation tool be maintained.





### 2.3.4 Green Star Equivalency



Green Star is widely considered as the benchmark environmental assessment tool within the Australian property industry, Green Star is an independent accreditation framework which delivers sustainable built outcomes throughout the project lifecycle. Green Star is a credits-based star rating system ranging from one through to six stars.

Green Star assesses the environmental performance of projects in design, construction and operation via the following category frameworks:

- Management
- Indoor Environment Quality
- Energy
- Transport
- Water
- Materials
- Land use & Ecology
- Emissions; and
- Innovation

Cowra Hospital Redevelopment is pursuing a 45 (+5 buffer) points pathway / **4 Star Green Star Equivalency, assessed under Design and As Built v1.3**. This benchmark demonstrates “Best Practice” Sustainability through the design, construction, and operation.



### 2.3.5 HI's ESD Evaluation Pathway

HI's ESD Evaluation Tool lists the initiatives demonstrating the project's ability to achieve sustainable performance.

A list of ESD and environmental initiatives in accordance with the Green Star framework and HI's ESD Evaluation has been identified below.

- Green Star accredited professionals will be engaged throughout the project to guide the design team and ensure a high level of environmental performance is achieved;
- Services and maintainability reviews of commissionability, controllability, operability and safety;
- High WELS rated water fittings ensuring lower building water demand;
- High level of daylight to occupants within building;
- LED lights, which have longer lives, consume less energy and produce a higher quality light than their counterparts, reducing overall energy demand;
- Energy & water metering for effective monitoring & demand reduction;
- Low-VOC paints, sealants, adhesives, carpets (where applicable), which do not emit dangerous volatile components, risking the health of users;
- Steel sourced from manufacturers who are members of the Australian Steel Institute Sustainability Charter for sustainable and energy reducing steel manufacture;
- Best practice PVC plastics in formwork, piping, cables and conduits. These materials have a reputation for damaging the environment in their production, both upstream and downstream of the manufacturing process;
- Operational waste procedures including defined streams for effective material recycling;
- Contractors will be requested to provide and abide by an Environmental Management Plan and Environmental Management System that is in accordance with NSW Environmental Management Systems Guidelines;
- Consideration of additional material specifications which select & prefer materials and products which include reused content, environmental product declarations, third party sustainability certifications or product stewardship programs;
- Acoustic performance in accordance with both Green Star and health guidelines;
- Dedicated site-specific transport plan including suitable provision for sustainable modes of transport to be utilised by students, staff and visitors;
- Any identified hazardous materials to be removed and disposed of in accordance with relevant EPA and NSW best practice legislation;
- Light pollution shall be managed via effective external lighting design;
- Legionella risks shall be managed via air-cooled HVAC systems;
- Efficiency, high performance HVAC systems with a focus on energy efficiency to be installed. Consideration of mixed-mode natural ventilation shall be considered further during detailed design phase; and
- Additional Green Star innovation challenges in line with HI NSW standards for pre-awarded credits.

HI's ESD Evaluation Tool lists of initiatives demonstrating the project's ability to achieve the 4 Star Green Star equivalent performance (plus a 5-point buffer as per DGN 058 requirements) outcome has been included within Appendix A of this



report. Note, the provisional list of initiatives will be subject to further amendment during project detailed design phase following development approval.

## 3. Ecological Sustainable Development Initiatives

### 3.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions & Energy Efficiency

The proposal will require compliance with the Energy Efficiency provisions of the BCA outlined within NCC Section J 2019. The Project is targeting a mandatory 10% improvement on National Construction Code (NCC) Section J – Energy Efficiency standards.

The energy efficiency strategy generally follows the hierarchy pyramid showed in Figure 2. Best practice energy conservation dictates that in the first instance, demand for Greenhouse Gasses are reduced. This has a much greater benefit to the overall long-term sustainability of the site compared to efficiency measures or renewables/offsets. As such, the focus will be on the elements that provide the greatest return on investment.

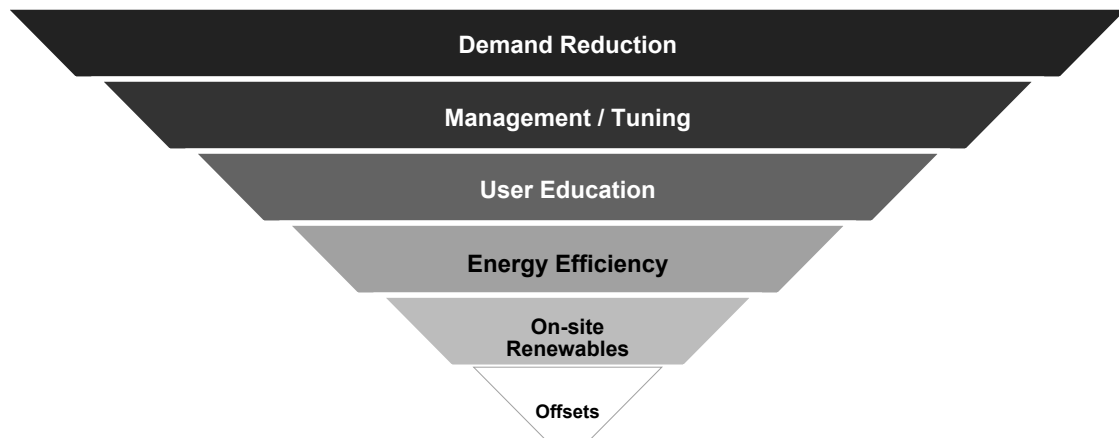


Figure 2 - Energy Saving Hierarchy

Energy efficiency measures which will be applied across the development to reduce its energy consumption include:

- **Architecture** - Vernacular architecture principals, designed to maximise the specific needs of all occupants and users of the building. The building is designed to deliver comfort, practicality, daylight, connection to the outside through views and energy conservation with its architectural design intent. The development will also offer fresh air and daylight access to occupants in many forms to indoor spaces.
- **High quality light** – Focusing on the wellbeing of the occupant to delivering daylight comfort.
- **Shading and Blinds** – Design of external shading and use of internal blinds will reduce direct solar gains, control radiant heat and increase comfort without compromising the connection to the outside.
- **Glazing** – Considering high performance glazing, to exceed the thermal requirements of the Building Code of Australia.
- **Thermally Efficient Construction** – Consideration of thermal mass, insulation where required and the lack of insulation where beneficial. Airtightness in the façade design to reduce bulk airflow, a pragmatic approach to wrapping the entire building to exceed code requirements and using the appropriate colours and finishes.



- **Efficient HVAC System** – Selection the efficient HVAC systems with high COPs, appropriately designed to meet the needs of the internal loads. HVAC systems will require adequate efficiency, with economy cycle to promote energy efficiency in the design. It is recommended to use floor diffuser for air conditioning of common room to reduce the volume of conditioned area in space.
- **Photovoltaic System** – Incorporating a roof-mounted PV system to reduce the energy consumption and Carbon Impact. This will contribute to *E3: Whole-of-government solar target* as required by the GREP.
- **Water Efficient Fixtures and Fittings** - Selection the low-flow showers and taps, which will reduce the hot water demand across the development associated with showering, sinks and hand basins.
- **Efficient Lighting Systems** – Providing high efficiency LED and fluorescent lighting with lighting controls including timers and occupancy sensors to reduce the demand on the lighting system.
- **Energy Efficient Appliances** – Specifying high energy star rated refrigerators/freezers and dishwashers to improve general building energy use, minimum ratings (as per *E3: Minimum Standards for New Electrical Appliances and equipment* of the GREP) include:
  - **Refrigerators** - 2.5 Stars
  - **Dishwashers** – 4 stars
  - **Fridge/freezers** – 3.5 Stars
  - **Freezers** – 3 Stars
  - **Televisions** – 5 stars

Computers, printers, photocopiers and DVD players will have an Energy Star label recognising high efficiency.

- **Smart Energy Metering and Monitoring** - Metering shall be designed to meet metering guidelines under the weights and measurement legislation, as outlined under the current National Measurement Regulations. A detailed monitoring system will be installed to help with early identification of excessive energy users. Metering to be provided to each floor and for any single loads exceeding 5% of the total energy use, or 10% of the total water use.

### 3.1.1 NCC Section J - Building fabric requirements

NCC 2019 Section J – energy efficiency provisions will apply to the design & construction of the development with the intent to ensure the build form and associated building services demonstrate a minimum level of energy efficiency performance.

All conditioned (heated or cooled) areas of the project are required to comply with the thermal performance requirements of Section J 2019. In order to demonstrate section J compliance, the conditioned areas will be assessed in accordance with the energy modelling provisions of an Alternative Solution, known as a JV3 Performance Solution assessment.

A Performance Solution is based on assessing the energy performance of a proposed building against that of a reference building. This involves detailed simulation modelling of the proposed buildings to provide a holistic assessment of the building's energy efficiency in accordance with the requirements of Section J of the BCA. This method of compliance provides much higher levels of flexibility in the design of a building's envelope.

The proposed building fabric will likely exceed prescriptive values in order to work with the architecture and mechanical performance of the building, including:

- Light coloured roof (<0.45 Absorptance)
- **Windows:** As required to exceed compliance. Options include:
  - Double glazed systems



- Low E coatings
- Shading structures as documented
- Operable windows for efficiencies

A detailed NCC Section JV3 report is to be provided in association with the project tender design demonstrating compliance with the provisions of the NCC Section J – energy efficiency.

### 3.1.2 Energy Target Compliance – NSW HI ESG (7.4)

As part of the project's sustainability drivers & under the mechanical consultant services scope of works, the project design team is required to demonstrate the 10% improvement on NCC Section J via JV3 energy modelling protocols. Detailed computer simulation in accordance with Specification JV3 is to demonstrate compliance via a full year energy demand assessment. A number of different design elements and configurations are to be considered to reduce impacts on energy consumption, including:

- Consideration of gravity systems and inherently low energy demand designs and techniques, all mechanical equipment to comply with minimum energy performance (MEPS)
- Energy management systems integrated with a direct digitally controlled BMCS allows monitoring, targeting and load-shedding capability of selected plant
- The incorporation of modular variable speed pumps to minimise and reduce energy output for peak and non-peak demands
- Efficient insulation of hot and warm water distribution pipework to minimise heat losses
- Consideration of energy input for hot water systems including energy and heat recovery from mechanical plant heating systems including tri-generation where applicable
- System zoning and time control of reticulated services to enable maximum turn down during night and weekend off peak parameters
- Intelligent design of maintenance and duty-cycle parameters to ensure availability and maintenance cycles encourage energy efficiency, noting that tariff efficiency may also be impacted in terms of load-factor issues for example.

## 3.2 Water Efficiency

Reduced potable water demand is a key ESD initiative identified within industry best practice standards. The development is targeting a reduction in potable water demand via the inclusion of the following initiatives:

- **Sanitary Fixtures** - By implementing low-flow water fixtures, the consumption associated with the bathrooms will be significantly reduced. As per *W3: Minimum Standards for New Water-using Appliances* of the GREP, all sanitary fixtures are to be at least the WELS ratings identified below:

Fixture / Equipment Type	WELS Rating (minimum)
Taps	5 Star
Toilet	4 Star
Showers	3.5 Star ( ≤ 9 L/min)
Dishwashers	5 Star



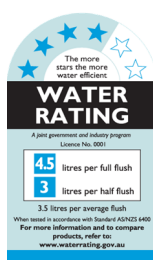


Figure 4: Example of a WELS water efficiency rating label.

- **Utility Meters and Water Consumption Monitoring** - Metering will be designed to meet metering guidelines under the weights and measurement legislation, as outlined under the current National Measurement Regulations. A water monitoring system will be installed to help with early identification of leaks.
- **Rainwater Capture and Reuse** – A rainwater tank will optimize the potential for rainwater reuse on the site refer to **Error! Reference source not found.**

### 3.3 Environmentally Friendly Materials

In accordance with the Project's principles, it is essential to ensure the materials that are consumed or utilised in health areas are organic and non-toxic, since they are all equally exposed to the composition of the materials. To meet the requirements of A2: *Low-VOC materials* of the GREP, The Cowra Hospital Redevelopment is targeting to use environment-friendly via the inclusion of the following initiatives:

- **Low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)** - Selection of all paints, carpets, adhesives and sealants used on site from low volatile organic compound (VOC) content.
- **Low Formaldehyde Emission Wood** - Selection of engineered wood products from low formaldehyde emission products.

### 3.4 Material Waste Management

#### Construction Waste

Construction and demolition waste is becoming much easier to recycle as the traditional landfill evolves into waste recovery centres. Construction waste will be managed through contractual requirements outlining the target recycling rate within the main works contract for the construction and demolition waste produced on this project.

#### Operational Waste

Operational waste which involves the waste produced in the day-to-day operations of the project can also be minimised through effective sorting methods. A dedicated on-site waste management plan will be prepared.

### 3.5 Projected Impacts of Climate Change

As part of the provisional design response for the project, an assessment of project risks associated with the predicted impacts of Climate Change must be undertaken for the proposed development. The assessment has been undertaken to ensure the project design allows for suitable provisions for the predicted impact of climate change scenarios.

To do so, risk assessment of the potential environmental impacts and provide responsive design solutions in collaboration with technical consultants for the following challenge are essential:

- Climate Adaptation for extreme weather conditions



- Heat island effect mitigation
- On site renewable energy generation
- High quality practices for longevity in building design and construction

The table below summarises the projected impacts of climate change across two scenarios (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5\*): the near future 2020-2039 (referred to 2030) and far future 2080-2099 (referred to 2090). These projections are generalised for the 'Murray Basin Cluster' region as defined by the CSIRO and BOM and is taken as the most representative of the proposed site's future climate-change enhanced conditions in Cowra.

\*Representative Conservation Pathway – 4.5 represents normalised emission levels. 8.5 represents worst case scenario based upon 2005 emissions trends.

Climate Variable	Climate Projections (change relative to 1986 – 2005 baseline)			
	2030		2090	
	RCP4.5	RCP8.5	RCP4.5	RCP8.5
Mean temperature change (°C)	0.8 (0.6 to 1.1)	0.9 (0.7 to 1.3)	1.8 (1.3 to 2.4)	3.8 (2.7 to 4.5)
Maximum temperature change (°C)	0.9 (0.6 to 1.3)	1.1 (0.8 to 1.4)	2 (1.3 to 2.6)	4.1 (2.9 to 5)
Minimum temperature change (°C)	0.7 (0.5 to 1)	0.9 (0.7 to 1.2)	1.7 (1.1 to 2.1)	3.5 (2.8 to 4.2)
Extreme temperature (days per year over 35°C)	12 (9.4 to 14)	12 (9.4 to 14)	17 (13 to 23)	29 (22 to 39)
	Substantial increase in intensity and frequency of extreme temperature days			
Mean annual rainfall change (%)	-2 (-9 to +5)	-1 (-11 to +5)	-6 (-16 to +4)	-5 (-27 to +9)
Extreme rainfall	Extreme rainfall events to increase in intensity			
Drought	Time spent in drought conditions to increase			
Bushfire weather (Number of severe fire danger days; FFDA > 50)	Severity of fire-weather climate to increase			
Solar radiation (%)	0.7 (-0.1 to 1.7)	1 (-0.4 to 2)	1.5 (0.1 to 3.2)	2.2 (0 to 4.9)
Relative humidity (% absolute)	-0.7 (-1.6 to +0.5)	-0.9 (-2.3 to +0.2)	-1.6 (-4.1 to -0.3)	-2.7 (-5.8 to -0.8)
Wind Speed (%)	-1 (-2.9 to 1.5)	0.1 (-2.6 to 2.4)	1.3 (-1.7 to 3.7)	-1.3 (-4.6 to 0.8)
Sea level rise (m)	0.12 (0.08-0.16)	0.13 (0.08-0.17)	0.46 (0.29-0.63)	0.61 (0.40-0.84)

**Table 1: Summary of 'Murray Basin Cluster Report: Climate Change in Australia- Projections for Australia's NRM Regions' (Source: Climate Change in Australia, CSIRO 2015)**

#### Summary of major impacts assessment:

##### Mean & Average Temperature

With very high confidence, for the near future (2030), air temperatures are projected to increase due to continued substantial warming from a mean warming of around 0.6°C to 1.3°C above the climate of 1986-2005 with only minor difference between RCPs. Because of rising temperatures, peak temperature events will become more frequent whereby the number of days above 35°C are expected to more than double by 2030 and triple by 2080 (CSIRO, 2022).



In response to the above, the project design seeks to ensure the passive thermal design elements are fundamentally sound ensuring that average daily temperature and peak extreme temperature days are managed as best as possible. External shading, glazing design, HVAC and natural ventilation shall all be fundamentally proven to ensure the proposed project design responds appropriately to the projected risks of climate change.

### 3.5.1 Responses to Impact Assessment

The Project aims to implement the following initiatives to combat the following climate related challenges described above:

#### **Climate Adaptation for extreme weather conditions/Resilience of the development against climate change**

The development is targeting a 10% over-and-above improvement on the NCC 2019 energy efficiency requirements. This will improve the ability of the building to maintain comfortable indoor temperatures in response to the expected external ambient temperature rises.

Furthermore, the use of water efficient fixtures can reduce the consumption of potable water, mitigating the projected reduction in rainfall levels and alleviate pressure on available potable water.

#### **Heat island effect mitigation**

Through selection of a high Solar Reflective Index (SRI) colour for the building exterior, the heat absorption of the development and therefore the heat island effect of the project can be reduced.

#### **On site renewable energy generation**

A solar photovoltaic system is being proposed for the development. Through the ability to generate renewable energy onsite, the reliance on fossil fuelled power generation is reduced.

#### **High quality practices for longevity in building design and construction**

By reviewing the services and maintainability of the building design and ensuring a detailed commissioning process occurs, longevity of the design and construction can be ensured.





## 4. Summary

The proposed Cowra Hospital Redevelopment will incorporate several ecologically sustainable initiatives and energy efficiency measures. These have been developed as a specific response to:

- NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;
- NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy
- National Construction Code (NCC) 2019 Amendment 1
- Health Infrastructure Design Guidance Note No.058 – Environmentally Sustainable Development
- Health Infrastructure (HI) ESD Evaluation Tool
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Through the following initiatives presented in this report:

- Energy Efficiency initiatives (10% NCC improvement, energy ratings of appliances, LED light fixtures, PV system)
- Water Efficiency Initiatives (WELS ratings on fixtures/appliances)
- Sustainable Material selection (Low VOC materials)

The ESD initiatives outlined in this report reflect the Project's design development to date and a summary of the proposed response to the drivers nominated above & the expectations of NSW HI. The specific initiatives that will be installed across the development will be determined throughout the design finalisation process and will be subject to feasibility analysis, including that of the final use and layout provided by the main works contractor.

The development's commitment to reducing the overall environmental impact is evident of the holistic approach taken to long-term sustainability. Documented initiatives cover a range of concepts including:

- Energy & Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Potable water reduction
- Minimising waste to landfill
- Occupant amenity and comfort
- Environmentally-Friendly Material
- Building Management practices



# Appendix A – HI ESD Evaluation Pathway







16B			Performance Pathway - Reference Building		2		ELEC MECH		1	ELEC: Provide solar PV to reduce peak electricity demand by 30%. 99kW likely required for 4 Star. MECH: Provide peak energy modelling results.	1	ARUP (MECH): With 15% improved architectural envelope performance, this will be deemed to be met. Arup spec will identify the following parameters to achieve the required energy saving in lieu of energy modelling results: 1. Identifying all default values used (e.g. occupant density) 2. Identify all of the assumptions made, design-driven inputs and referencing documents.  STN (ESD): Energy modelling is part of the mechanical scope.		
Total						11		1		2	5			
Transport						10								
Sustainable Transport			Performance Pathway			17A.1	Performance Pathway	10	PM TRANS	Hospitals are usually well connected to public transport nodes. Large percentage of patients require access to hospitals via vehicles. Expansion of existing hospital also require additional carparking.	PM: Engage a transport consultant TRANS: Complete the Sustainable Transport Calculator; Green Travel Plan			
						17B.1	Access by Public Transport	0						
						17B.2	Reduced Car Parking Provision	0						
						17B.3	Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure	0	ARCH		ARCH: Provide electric vehicle chargers for 5% of all parking spaces i.e. 2 EV chargers.	1	DJRD (ARCH): Ok, will cost extra.	2 EV chargers required as part of HI guidelines too.
						17B.4	Active Transport Facilities	0			ARCH: Provide end-of-trip facilities and protected bike parking for 7.5% of building occupants & 5% of visitors. 1.2 lockers per occupant bicycle space.	1	DJRD (ARCH): Ok-will cost extra. Coordinate SOA with requirements- have to align HI SOA to GBCA requirements.	CWPM: Confirm staff numbers LHD: number of staff / visitors arriving via active transport is maximum 2 per day ESD: Minimum space for 4 bike racks recommended via a practical approach Stanteca-GCOR-000006
						17B.5	Walkable Neighbourhoods	0	ARCH		8 amenities provided within 400m.	1		
Total						10			0	0	3			
Water						12								
Potable Water			Prescriptive Pathway			18A.1	Potable Water - Performance Pathway	0	HYDR	AusHFG Requirements limit use of RW systems (maintenance / Payback / health risks)  Hospitals require extensive use of potable water and typically lower use for recycled water. AusHFG requirements limit use of rainwater systems, limiting the use to primarily landscaping.				
						18B.1	Sanitary Fixture Efficiency	1	HYDR	1	HYDR: Specify minimum WELS ratings - Taps 5 Star, Urinals 4 Star, Toilets 4 Star, Showers 3 Star (6.0 but <=7.5L/min), Clothes Washing Machines 4 Star, Dishwashers 5 Star.	1		
						18B.2	Rainwater Reuse	1	HYDR	-	HYDR: Provide rainwater capture and reuse infrastructure for irrigation and other end uses as possible.	1	ARUP (HYDR): Confirmed RWH tank allowed for in plan.	
						18B.3	Heat Rejection	2	MECH		No cooling towers	0		
						18B.4	Landscape Irrigation	1	LAND	1	LAND: Drip irrigation with moisture sensor override or no potable water is used for irrigation.	1		
						18B.5	Fire System Test Water	1	FIRE	1	FIRE: Reuse of 80% of the sprinkler system test water for application on landscaping. Recirculation closed-loop system can be considered too.	1	ARUP (FIRE): Will be investigated at SD stage to direct water to RWH tank.	
Total						6			3	0	4			
Materials						14								
Life Cycle Impacts			Prescriptive Pathway - Life Cycle Impacts			19A.1	Comparative Life Cycle Assessment	0		Life Cycle Assessor (additional consultant) required				
						19A.2	Additional Life Cycle Impact Reporting	4		Life Cycle Assessor (additional consultant) required				
						19B.1	Concrete	3			STRUC: Specify that a 30% reduction of the absolute quantity by mass of Portland cement across all concrete used in the project shall be achieved by substitution with fly-ash and/or blast furnace slag.	1	ACOR (STRUC): Where permissible, fly ash or blast furnace slag shall be adopted within the concrete mix to reduce the overall Portland cement content by at least 30% provided such mix can be accommodated without compromising the structural performance of the associated structural elements.  ACOR will integrate this within our structural specification accordingly.  DJRD (ARCH): This is a structural issue, not architectural. I understand this concrete is not available in a regional area like Cowra.  STN: Agree that it is a structural design item. DJRD to confirm why concrete may not be available	



Light Pollution	To reward projects that minimise light pollution.	26.2	Stormwater Pollution Targets	1	CIVIL	Neighbouring buildings are usually the hospital buildings. Consider impacts to surrounding residential if any.	CIVIL: Achieve pollution reduction in accordance with column A from "Table Emi-5.1: Pollution Reduction Targets".	0	CIVIL (ACOR): The design currently does not include any WSUD strategies as it is not required by Council. We can incorporate WSUD to achieve Column A (the table) but this will be a cost increase to the project.	Credit to be reviewed if required.
		27.0	Light Pollution to Neighbouring Bodies	-			ELEC: Confirm compliance with AS 4282 Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting	C	ARUP (ELEC): Confirmed	
		27.1	Light Pollution to Night Sky	1			ARCH, ELEC: No external luminaire may have an upward light output ratio greater than 5% i.e. no uplights.	1	DJRD (ARCH): Ok.	
Microbial Control	To recognise projects that implement systems to minimise the impacts associated with harmful microbes in building systems.	28.0	Legionella Impacts from Cooling Systems	1	MECH	1	MECH: Water-based heat rejection system is to be built in accordance with AS/NZS 3666.1:2011. The system is to be designed and built to maintain constant movement to prevent water stagnation in the system; ð The water contained in the system is never to be at a temperature between 20°C and 50°C while not moving. CONT: Provide a Legionella Risk Management Plan including: Monthly inspections and maintenance of the system(s) as per AS/NZS 3666.2:2011 or as per a performance based maintenance program developed in accordance with AS/NZS 3666.3:2011; • Flushing of the system(s) where the system(s) is not in operation for more than three days; and • Inspection, cleaning and flushing of the system(s) prior to reactivation.	1	ARUP (MECH): Recommend to consider pathway 28C.  STN: Stantec will include 28C.	
Refrigerant Impacts	To encourage operational practices that minimise the environmental impacts of refrigeration equipment.	29.0	Refrigerants Impacts	1	MECH			0		
Total				5		1	1	3		
Innovation				10						
Innovative Technology or Process	The project meets the aims of an existing credit using a technology or process that is considered innovative in Australia or the world.	30A	Innovative Technology or Process	10						
Market Transformation	The project has undertaken a sustainability initiative that substantially contributes to the broader market transformation towards sustainable development in Australia or in the world.	30B	Market Transformation		ARCH HYDR MECH STRUCT CONT					
Improving on Benchmarks	The project has achieved full points in a credit and demonstrates a substantial improvement on the benchmark required to achieve full points. Supplementary or tenancy fitout systems review	30C	Improving on Benchmarks		ARCH		ARCH: Specify ultra low VOC (<5g/L) paints.	1	DJRD (ARCH): Ok.	
Innovation Challenge	Daylight See credit	30C	Commissioning and Tuning		PM		PM: Facilitate a services and maintainability review of tenancy fitout systems to ensure they are properly integrated with the base building systems.			
	Where the project addresses an sustainability issue not included within any of the above Credits.	30D	Visual Comfort		ESD					
	Where the project addresses an sustainability issue not included within any of the above Credits.	30D	Innovation Challenge		HI		ARCH/HI/Contractor: Reconciliation Action Plan and action/activity.			
Global Sustainability	Where the project addresses an sustainability issue not included within any of the above Credits.	30D	Innovation Challenge		PM		PM: Soft Landings: Facilitate at least 3 workshops between design/constructions teams and facility managers. Maintain a register with design gateways.			
	Project teams may adopt an approved credit from a Global Green Building Rating tool that addresses a sustainability issue that is currently outside the scope of this rating tools.	30E	Global Sustainability		HNE		HI: Provide a Green Cleaning policy including HEPA filters on vacuum cleaners, procurement guidelines & methods of use for all cleaning products that employ best environmental practice, and adhere to the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council's Guidelines for routine environmental cleaning.			
Total				10		0	0	1		
TOTAL						23	18	TOTAL	50	

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