

Fact sheet: Building sustainability and resilience in strata communities

Why sustainability and resilience?

- Upgrades deliver value for clients (on average, 30% annual bill savings) and community demand is increasing
- Governments have net zero targets and a focus on buildings
- Mandatory disclosure of energy efficiency, electrification and renewables, and resilience planning are on the horizon for strata

Where do I start?

Seek support

- Your local council may provide funding and incentives. For example, the City of Sydney
 provides <u>Green Building Grants</u>, <u>Smart Green Apartments</u>, <u>Recycle Helper Service</u>, <u>Food Scraps Recycling</u>, and a <u>monthly strata e-newsletter</u>
- Be aware of offers on the NABERS website
- The NSW Government provides incentives for households
- Guidance on making your strata building EV ready from the NSW Government
- Information <u>from the City</u> on purchasing accredited GreenPower (including a <u>Master Class</u> you can enrol in)

Learn about your building

- Understand your building's performance by getting a NABERS rating
- Your building may also be eligible for Sydney Water's WaterFix Strata

Identify opportunities

- An energy action plan can be developed alongside your NABERS rating with recommended improvements and a high-level overview of likely costs, payback periods and return on investment
- WaterFix Strata can provide you with advice and support for reducing water and costs

Take action

- Implement low or no cost solutions first
- Factor bigger upgrades into the 10-year capital works plan
- Think about timing upgrades with other major works, or when equipment reaches the end of its life

Celebrate your wins!

 Remember to monitor energy, water, emissions and cost savings and report back on progress at committee meetings

If you have any questions or need more information, please get in touch: sustainableapartments@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

