

Empowering Sustainable Development: Insights from Local Planning Policy 1.3





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# Acknowledgement of Country



### Background

Climate change



**GHG** emissions



Global warming



Severe weather events



Loss of canopy

#### Community impact



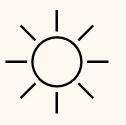
Health



Thermal comfort of homes



Retrofitting sustainability measures



Urban heat island effect

### Strategic Alignment



- Planning and Development Act 2005
- Residential Design Codes
- Local Planning Strategy
- Local Planning Scheme No. 5

LPP1.3: Closing the gap in low-density development - targeting single houses and grouped dwellings and significant additions/alterations to those typologies

### Strategic Alignment

• Local Government Act 1995 amended 1 July 2023:

"to plan for, and plan for mitigating, the risks associated with climate change"



#### LPP 1.3



- Adopted by Council on 31 October 2023
- Points-based approach
- 14 recommended sustainability measures
- Community chooses measures based on their site context and budget
- Flexible, bottom-up approach to sustainable development

#### Collaborative Approach



**Technical experts** 



Other LGs (locally and interstate)



Internal working group



Legal advice



Council



Community



### Application



Using a points-based system and applies to all:



New single houses and grouped dwellings
 100 points required per dwelling



Significant additions/ alterations
 75 points required

## Sustainability Themes







Water Efficiency



Vegetation



Transport



**Energy Efficient Design** 

14 different sustainability measures to choose from within the 5 themes

Alternatively, applicants can nominate their own sustainability measures

#### Choose your sustainability measure!



Solar Panels 25 points



Solar Hot Water System 25 points



Solar Battery 25 points



Heat Pump Water System 25 points



Roof Colour 25 points



Tree Retention 50 – 75 points



Waterwise Garden 25 points



New Tree 25 - 50 points



EV Charger 25 points



Glazed Windows 25 – 50 points



7-star NatHERS certification 75 points



Passive House 100 points



Permeable Driveway 25 points



Greywater Re-use Tank 25 points



Rainwater Tank 25 points

#### Achieving in Practice

100 point could look like...

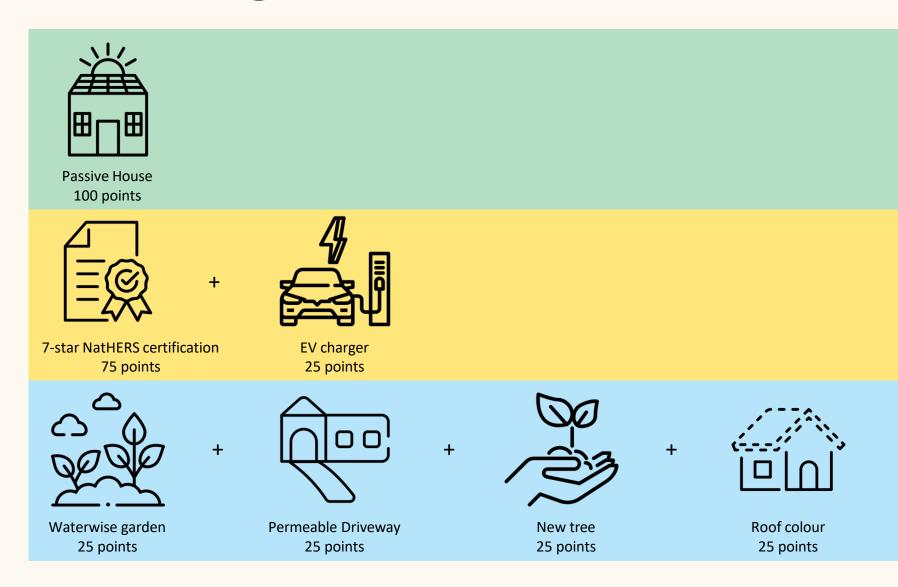
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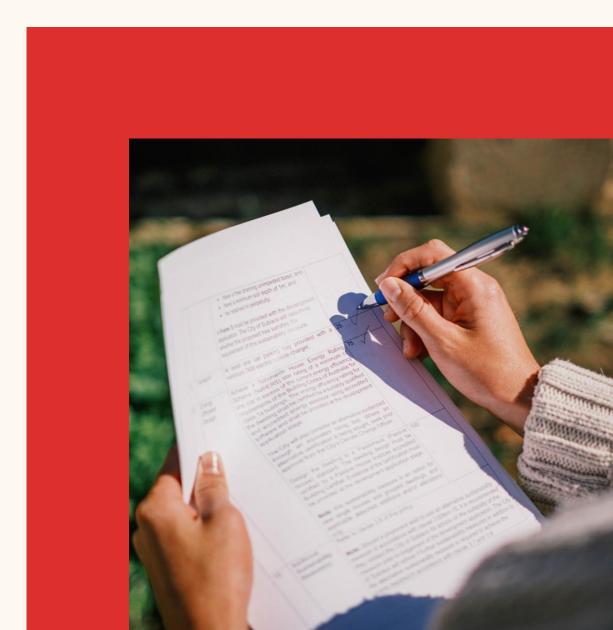
or any other combination that applicants opt for.



#### Implementation

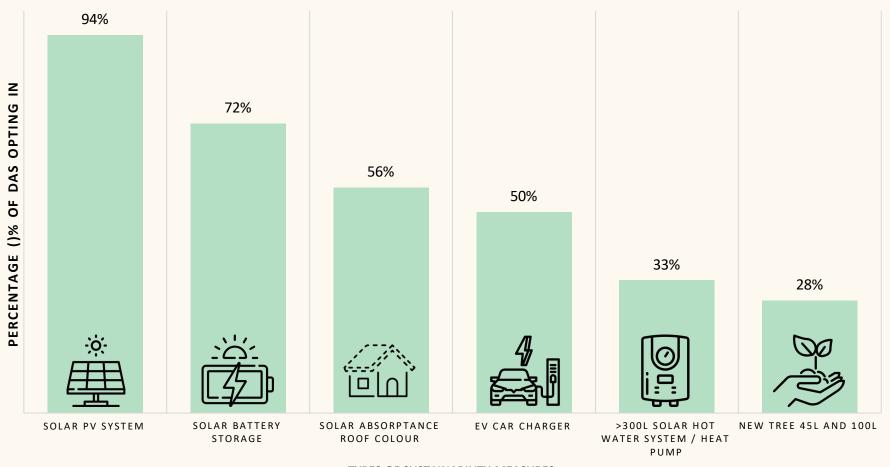
- Sustainability checklist
- Community have embraced
- Positive feedback
- Conditionally approved ~ 20 DAs
- ~ 12 active DAs





#### Success so far

#### THE MOST POPULAR SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES CHOSEN BY APPLICANTS



TYPES OF SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES

#### WAPC Approval?



#### Not required!



Options = not mandating any sustainability measure



Policy provisions have different purpose



Ability to still meet R-Codes if any sustainability measures are chosen

Lower emissions

Long-term cost savings

Comfortable home

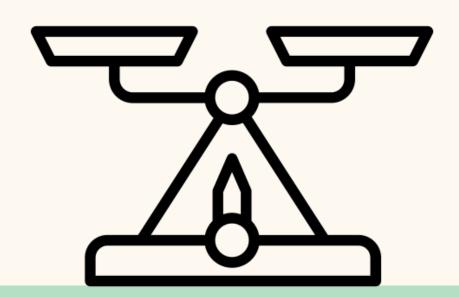
Urban greenery

Community sustainability focus

Scalable to other LGs

Initial Investment - average of

\$8,000 per new dwelling



Benefits

Costs



## Sustainability Sundowner

- Community event
- Celebrate launch of LPP1.3
- Provide overview of policy
- Two sustainability experts
- Panel discussion

#### Transferability

- Simple and flexible
- Can use points allocation to incentivise community priorities
- Highly transferable to other jurisdictions
- Other LGs adopting similar policy = increase the number of sustainable development DAs in WA!



