

An architectural rendering of a modern school building with a mix of brick and dark grey panels. It features large windows, balconies with glass railings, and a central courtyard with trees and a brick play area where children are playing. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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1. Executive Summary

BSE has been engaged by to undertake the required Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) assessments and provide a sustainability report for the proposed upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School at Chatswood NSW.

The principles of ecologically sustainable design will be an integral consideration throughout this development. This report summarises the ESD provisions for the development which demonstrate commitment to environmental sustainability.

The sustainability targets for the development will be achieved in an integrated and staged approach through minimising the need for energy consumption (via passive measures) and then consumption optimisation (energy efficiency) and use of renewable resources where required.

The initiatives presented in this report demonstrate a wide range of measures which will result in high levels of environmental performance and also improvement of occupants' health, productivity, comfort and satisfaction.

Aiming at leading practice in energy and environmental targets, the project architect and building services design team will maximise energy efficiency in an integrated and staged approach:

Load Reduction (minimising the need for resource consumption e.g. energy, water and material)	Passive Design
	Building fabric improvements
	Maximise use of natural lighting
	Maximise use of Natural ventilation
Optimising energy and water consumption	High efficiency Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
	High efficiency lighting
	High efficiency hot water systems
	High efficiency appliances
Use of renewable resources (renewable energy and rainwater harvesting)	Application of Solar Energy or Solar thermal systems where practical
	Rainwater harvesting

Benchmarking and compliance requirements:

The development will meet and outperform the following regulatory sustainability requirements:

- Standard Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) – ESD requirements
- NCC 2016 Section J (Energy Efficiency – will be assessed as part of the NCC Section J JV3)

Sustainability targets beyond the minimum requirements

Although not seeking formal rating certification, where feasible, the design team will also consider the sustainable design principles based on the following sustainability tool.

- Green Star Design & As Built Tool – Green Building Council of Australian.

As designed assessment against the Green Star requirements has been provided to address the SEARs and demonstrate the proposed building design is consistent with Australian best practice ESD principles (indicated below):

- Integrated Design Approach
- Greenhouse gas emission reduction
- Community
- Community Facilities
- Sustainability Displays
- Management
- Environmental Ratings and Involvement of a GSAP
- Commissioning Clauses
- Building Tuning
- Building User's Guide
- Environmental Management Plan
- Waste Management System
- Environmental Management and Maintenance
- Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Initiatives
- Thermal Comfort
- Effective Daylighting / Natural Lighting
- Natural Ventilation
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
- Formaldehyde Minimisation
- Energy Conservation Initiatives
- Passive Design
- Building Envelope
- Energy Efficient Systems and Services
- Renewable Energy – Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System
- Transport sustainability measures
- Water Conservation and Management Initiatives

A framework for ensuring the proposed ESD measures are incorporated in the as-built design is currently being developed and will be provided to DPIE prior to determination.

While the Green Star – Design & As Built tool has been used as a framework to demonstrate best practice and the project has been designed to that standard, formal Green Star certification by the Green Building Council of Australia will not be proposed as part of the SSD.

2. Introduction

The design team recognise the importance of sustainable developments in terms of environmental preservation, occupants' health, safety and wellbeing, as well as in terms of greenhouse gases emissions reduction.

The project architect, consultants and contractors will strive to design and construct the building based on the Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) principles which outperforms the minimum NCC Section J requirements.

The facade and floor plans are designed with the vision to give occupants the very best in terms of passive heating and passive cooling. This, when combined with other energy efficiency strategies (listed later in the report) will lead to low energy demands for the apartments and base building and therefore lower greenhouse gas emissions during the life of this development.

Natural lighting and natural ventilation will be utilised very effectively throughout the development. In addition to thermal comfort, energy and water efficiency, the proposed building design will provide sustainable and efficient operation to the occupants.

The proposed sustainable design initiatives will not only improve the building services life but are low-cost, low maintenance and reliable, especially when compared to often prohibitively complex and expensive retrofits. Furthermore, the passive design principles will facilitate a low-energy and cost-effective operation for the occupants.

The following are some of the design initiatives which will improve the environmental performance of the development and deliver long term energy efficiency during the life of the building.

- Optimising the size of the mechanical plant to ensure the plant is working at its peak efficiency and minimise the capital cost of the plant;
- Having high efficiency lighting and air conditioning equipment will reduce the energy consumption of the buildings;
- Variable Speed Drives (VSD) controls the speed of pumps, fans and other mechanical plant to ensure that they are only using as much power as it is needed;
- Commissioning of all services equipment to ensure their correct operation;
- A high-performance façade will limit the heat entering the buildings, reducing air conditioning system sizes and the energy use over the year;
- A mixed mode approach allowing the buildings to be naturally ventilated when outdoor conditions are suitable allowing significant energy reduction by not requiring the air conditioning system to operate at all times;
- Emission reductions and material optimisation;
- Maximise use of non-toxic building materials;
- Maximise use of materials that are recyclable;
- Minimise Waste in Construction;
- Minimise Waste in Operation.
- Renewable Energy generation – Solar PV

3. Benchmarking

The development will meet and outperform the following regulatory sustainability requirements:

- Standard Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) – ESD requirements
- NCC 2016 Section J (Energy Efficiency – will be assessed as part of the NCC Section J JV3)

Sustainability targets beyond the minimum requirements:

Although not seeking formal rating certification, where feasible, the design team will also consider the sustainable design principles based on the following sustainability tool.

- Green Star Design & As Built Tool – Developed by Green Building Council of Australian

3.1. Response to SEARs

The ESD SEAR's report is required by the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). This table identifies the SEARs and relevant reference within this report.

SEARs Items	Project Response
Detail how ESD principles (as defined in clause 7(4) of Schedule 2 of the Regulation) will be incorporated in the design and ongoing operation phases of the development	The sustainability targets for Chatswood Education will be achieved in an integrated and staged approach through first minimising the need for energy consumption (via passive measures) and then consumption optimisation (energy efficiency) and use of renewable resources where required. The outcome of this staged approach is to ensure the schools aligns with the ecological sustainable development principles of Clause 7(4) of Schedule 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. Refer to section 5 (ESD measures) and Appendix B (Green Star Matrix) of this report for further details about the proposed sustainability measures which will be incorporated in the design and ongoing operation phases of the development
Include a framework for how the future development will be designed to consider and reflect national best practice sustainable building principles to improve environmental performance and reduce ecological impact. This should be based on a materiality assessment and include waste reduction design measures, future proofing, use of sustainable and low-carbon materials, energy and water efficient design (including water sensitive urban design) and technology and use of renewable energy.	Chatswood Education is targeting a 4 Star Green Star rating utilising the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) Design and As-built rating tool version 1.2. A 4 Star Green Star rating is considered 'Australian excellence' level. Green Star rating tools include the following nine separate environmental impact categories, Management; Indoor Environment Quality; Energy; Transport; Water; Materials; Land Use and Ecology; Emissions, and Innovation. Refer to section 5 (ESD measures) and Appendix B (Green Star Matrix) of this report for further details about the proposed sustainability measures.
Include preliminary consideration of building performance and mitigation of climate change, including consideration of Green Star Performance.	Building performance will be considered in the design of Chatswood Education. Section 5, and Appendix B (Green Star matrix) provides building performance measures considered to reduce resource consumption and carbon emissions, and impact on climate change. Green Star Performance has been considered in line with the project briefing requirements to target a 4-star Green Star rating.

Provide a statement regarding how the design of the future development is responsive to the CSIRO projected impacts of climate change, specifically: ▪ hotter days and more frequent heatwave events ▪ extended drought periods ▪ more extreme rainfall events ▪ gustier wind conditions ▪ how these will inform landscape design, material selection and social equity aspects (respite/shelter areas).	A climate change adaptation study has been undertaken to identify the climate risks in response to the projected impacts. Actions and design strategies have been identified to lower the impacts and the associated risk levels. The climate change design response is provided in Appendix A of this report. The plan is based on NSW and ACT Government Regional Climate Modelling (NARClIM) climate change projections.
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3.2. National Construction Code (NCC) Section J

Section J of the NCC sets regulations for energy efficiencies for all types of buildings with respect to the building's construction, design and activity.

The objective of the NCC Section J is to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. Section J requires that a building, including its services, must have features to the degree necessary that facilitate the efficient use of energy.

The NCC offers two compliance methods that differ in complexity and flexibility. The two compliance methods are:

- Deemed-to-Satisfy (DTS) Compliance
- JV3 – Verification using a referenced building.

The Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions in Section J of the NCC 2016 include the following 8 components.

- Part J1 - Building Fabric – Minimum thermal performance constructions for roofs, ceilings, roof lights, walls, glazing and floors in the relevant climate zone.
- Part J2 - Blank in NCC 2019
- Part J5 - Air-Conditioning and – Provisions to reduce the loss of conditioned air and restrict unwanted infiltration to a building.
- Part J4 – Blank in NCC 2019
- Part J5 - Air-Conditioning and Ventilation Systems – Requirements to ensure these services are used and use energy in an efficient manner.
- Part J6 - Artificial Lighting and Power – Requirements for lighting and power to ensure energy is used efficiently within a building.
- Part J7 - Hot Water Supply – Restrictions for hot water supply design except for solar systems within climate zones 1, 2 and 3.
- Part J8 - Facilities for Energy Monitoring

The development will meet and outperform the NCC energy efficiency requirements of Part J. A section J report will be prepared for the development once the design is further developed.

3.3. Green Building Council of Australia Design Framework

Overview

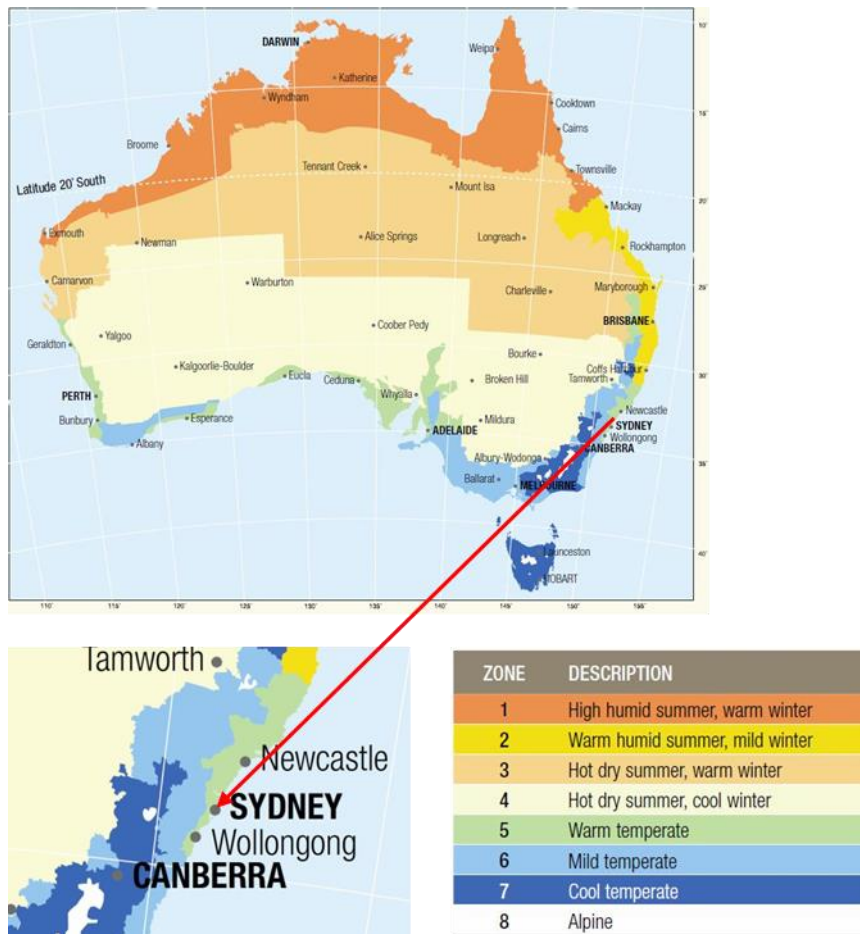
The Green Building Council of Australia's provides an internationally recognised system to assess sustainable outcomes throughout the life cycle of the built environment. It was developed by the Australian Building Industry through the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA), which is now the nation's leading authority on sustainable buildings and communities. Although the Project is utilizing the EFSG to benchmark the project to Industry Best Practice Sustainability there are a number of initiatives covered by the Green Star tool that are additional to the requirement of the EFSG. As such the project is looking to implement some additional elements drawn from this tool to more holistically address some elements of Ecologically Sustainable Design Principles. This section provides a brief summary of the additional elements drawn from the Green Star tool being applied for the upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School.

The Green Star system incorporates ESD principals across nine major categories:

- Management
- Indoor Environment Quality
- Energy
- Transport
- Water
- Materials
- Land Use and Ecology
- Emissions
- Innovation

4. Development Location

The development is located in Chatswood NSW which is within the NCC climate zone 5 (warm temperate). The main building classification for the building is Class 9b.



5. Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) Initiatives

The principles of ecologically sustainable development are an integral consideration in design and construction of proposed development and also in assessing its benefits and impacts.

The design team will focus on a wide range of ESD strategies which will result in high levels of environmental performance and an increment on occupant's health, productivity, comfort and satisfaction.

5.1 Integrated Design Approach

The integrated design process is a process by which all of the design variables that affect one another are considered together and resolved in an optimal fashion. Often referred to as holistic design, this approach considers the development as a whole with the emphasis on integrating the different aspects of building's design.

5.2 Greenhouse gas emission reduction

Greenhouse gas emission reduction is achieved in a staged approach:

- First, reduction in overall energy consumption through demand reduction, passive design and energy efficiency, then;
- Reduction in electricity and gas utility consumption by utilising waste products, rainwater harvesting and renewable energy technologies (where feasible).

The integrated response to energy proposed for this project is summarised below:

1. Load Reduction and Passive Design
2. System Efficiency
3. Capture Waste
4. Renewable Energy (where feasible)

Energy consumption will be reduced through the efficient design of lighting, air-conditioning and ventilation systems, as well as energy efficient water heating and renewable energy technologies (where feasible). The development will consider Greenhouse gas emission reduction in design and operation through utilising energy conservation measures suitable for the development.

The following sections of the report outline the sustainability initiatives that will be considered and further developed by the design team during the detailed design stages.

5.3 Community

As presented in Section 1 community engagement and amenity will be a guiding concept for the ESD strategy. Specific initiatives to be investigated are detailed in this section.

5.3.1 Community Facilities

Facilities which attract and support members of the community could include:

- Provide free WiFi and areas suitable for study, reading and personal device use,
- Battery charging ports for mobile devices – connected to solar.
- Drinking water tap to refill water bottles.

5.3.2 Sustainability Displays

Real-time displays can be used to tell the story of Chatswood Education ESD efforts in terms of energy savings, water savings, any renewable energy generation, waste reduction, and other initiatives. These can be simple, engaging and can help raise the profile of the school as an environmentally responsible facility and engage community interest in sustainability. The displays could also be used to introduce and explain any innovative ESD solutions.

Generally, displays can utilise existing screens (such as poster boards or kiosks) with the data capture, graphic design and dynamic displays managed by an external service provider to the school's specifications on an annual subscription basis. An example for another facility is shown below.



Example in-centre information display.



Data Acquisition

Automated data is acquired via direct export from the existing Building Management System. In addition, local weather data will be acquired via the internet from the closest BoM weather station.

Data displays could include:

- Direct from existing meters and sensors
- Next day billing data from utility or meter data agent
- Manual data entry, e.g. of waste recycling rates or facility's environmental performance targets.

Data Processing

Greensense provides hosted data warehousing, processing and analytics. Data is stored and processed in real time and the resulting information is communicated to the information displays via the internet.

Data Presentation

Feedback on the environmental performance of the facility will be provided to visitors via digital poster boards. These will be custom designed incorporating the facility's branding. The poster boards will display (e.g.):

- Solar PV system performance, including electricity generated and greenhouse gas emissions avoided
- Rainwater harvesting and re-use and total potable water saved
- Local weather conditions
- Energy use – targeted vs. real time for each space
- Thermal comfort: targeted vs. real time / historical
- Status of equipment e.g. in heating or cooling mode, or ventilation on or off.

5.4 Management

The initiatives under the management category promote the adoption of environmental principles from project inception, design and construction phases to the operation of the building and its systems.

This category aims to highlight the importance of a holistic and integrated approach to constructing a building with good environmental performance. The following measures are some of the initiatives targeted within the management category and are subject to further design development. These initiatives aim to reduce environmental impacts at construction and operational stages as well as to maximise building performance at commissioning.

5.4.1 Environmental Ratings and Involvement of a GSAP

Environmental rating schemes such as Green Star (Australia), LEED (US), Living Building Challenge (US) or BREEAM (UK) are used to create a marketable environmental credential based on achievement of a recognised benchmark. Ratings can be useful for marketing to the students and for demonstrating ESD achievement for planning submissions.

Green Star is the most recognised rating scheme in Australia, with hundreds of certified buildings, mostly office buildings. The new Green Star – Design and As-Built chosen as an appropriate benchmark for the project.

Green Star includes a range of categories under which credits are available. Points are scored under each credit, and the total score is used to determine a final rating; 45-59 points for 4 Star, indicating Best Practice, 60-74 points for 5 Star, indicating Australian Excellence; and 75 or more points for 6 Star, indicating World Leadership. The categories are as follows:

- Management
- Indoor environment quality
- Energy
- Water
- Transport
- Materials
- Land use and ecology
- Emissions
- Innovation

It is recommended to involve a Green Star Accredited Professional (GSAP) as part of the design to prepare the necessary ESD guidelines. The ESD consultant from BSE (author of this report) is a Green Star Accredited Professional.

5.4.2 Commissioning Clauses

Commissioning of building systems to a high standard, with independent oversight, will ensure that a quality process is followed and provide an outside review of the practicalities of the design. An extended building tuning period should be undertaken following defects liability period to ensure that systems are performing as intended, taking into account different seasonal variables, and that any need for recommissioning is identified and carried out.

To adopt commissioning and handover initiatives that ensure that all building services can operate to optimal design potential, such as:

- Where possible, comprehensive pre-commissioning, commissioning, and quality monitoring to be contractually required to be performed for all building services (BMS, mechanical, electrical and hydraulic).

5.4.3 Building Tuning

After handover, the building owner is expected to implement tuning of all building systems and undertake full re-commissioning 12 months after practical completion;

5.4.4 Building User's Guide

To produce a Building User's / Occupant's Guide, information management that enables building users / occupants to optimise the building's environmental performance during its operation;

5.4.5 Environmental Management Plan

The contractor is expected to adhere to a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the works. Contractors are recommended to be ISO 14001:2004 certified. Environmental management plans and systems should be implemented to ensure that demolition and construction activities appropriately manage and mitigate environmental impacts.

5.4.6 Waste Management System

To encourage and facilitate effective waste management once the development is in operation, sufficient spatial provision will be made to allow for the effective separation of waste from recycling. Dedicated waste recycling rooms allow space for the separation and storage of recyclable waste during the building's operation, allowing for the following waste streams to be separated:

- Glass;
- Cardboard;
- Paper;
- Organics.
- Plastics,
- Metals.



Waste management solutions are varied and dependant on the extent of commitment of the end user. Recycling, reuse and composting are examples of waste management options.

5.4.7 Environmental Management and Maintenance

Effective environmental and waste management will be implemented throughout the demolition, construction and operational stages of this development.

The EMP shall include a Waste Management Plan, specifying recycling targets for demolition and construction waste. It is recommended that construction and demolition contracts stipulate a minimum 90% target for diversion of waste from landfill. This may be achieved through recycling or reuse.

- Identification of appropriate waste sub-contractors for recycling, costs of collection and timing of collection service;
- Participation in waste minimisation training for contractors and sub-contractors;
- Published waste minimisation plan to reduce site waste to landfill;

Provision of separate waste skips for cardboard, timber, metal, soft plastic, polystyrene, insulation, concrete, glass and bricks.

5.5 Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Initiatives

Indoor Environmental Quality initiatives consider the wellbeing of occupants, addressing factors such as heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC), lighting, indoor air quality and building attributes, all of which contribute to good indoor environmental quality.

The following measures are some of the initiatives targeted within the IEQ category for further consideration and development during detailed design.

- Improvement of outside air rate by providing at a rate greater than AS1668.2 requirements. Air-conditioning system will be installed with carbon dioxide monitoring and control to ensure sufficient outside air is delivered to occupants.
- Optimisation of the air quality by improving air change effectiveness
- Maximisation of natural lighting level to the building occupants
- Minimisation of the contribution and levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) via the use of low VOC paints, adhesives and sealants, carpets and flooring.
- All engineered wood products to be used in the development will have low formaldehyde emission.
- High efficiency lighting system with suitable luminance levels to avoid causing discomfort and strain for the occupants. All fluorescent luminaires are to be installed with high frequency ballasts to avoid discomfort caused by low frequency flicker.
- External Views: The design allows unobstructed external views for the majority of occupied spaces;
- Internal noise level at an appropriate level to ensure the occupants' satisfaction and wellbeing.

5.5.1 Thermal Comfort

Thermal comfort can be provided by passive and mechanical means. Passive design initiatives will be considered before the design of the mechanical systems to reduce operational energy costs, with potential reductions in the air conditioning size and ongoing maintenance.

Thermal comfort is a function of the following factors:

- Radiant temperature (45% of net comfort effect);
- Air temperature and humidity (35% of net comfort effect);
- Air movement, clothing and activity (20% of net comfort effect).

Passive heating and cooling design strategies which will improve occupant thermal comfort include:

- Roof insulation not only reduces heat gain and loss, but will also moderate radiant temperatures from the walls, floor and ceiling;
- Building facades with high performance glazing and window frames will have a combination of external shading and high-performance glass to reduce heat transfer and radiant temperatures in proximity to the windows.

Indoor areas will be designed to be protected from excessive summer solar radiation, reducing radiant heat loads on the space, but still providing enough daylight during appropriate times of the year to improve comfort levels.

5.5.2 Effective Daylighting / Natural Lighting

Daylighting is the architectural and services design to allow maximum daylight penetration into a building whilst minimizing heat gain and thereby reducing indoor lighting loads.

The level of natural light in the building is primarily determined by the extent and type of glazing, and the depth of the building floor plate. Extent of glazing must be optimised to allow maximum daylight, views, and winter sun, while minimising uncomfortable glare and excessive solar heat gains in summer. Glazing should be selected with a high Visual Light Transmission to maximise daylight penetration.

Daylighting strategies will be considered to allow effective control of indoor lighting levels whilst minimising power consumption for the building. High level of architectural input regarding design, orientation and external shading will be considered to effectively maximise natural lighting for the building.

Daylighting strategies combined with dimmable lighting systems will allow high control of indoor lighting levels whilst minimising power consumption for the building.

5.5.3 Natural Ventilation

The Natural Ventilation mode is a fundamental aspect of the energy and the indoor environmental strategies. It is anticipated that when exterior conditions are suitable, occupants will utilise the operable windows and doors to the facade which will provide natural ventilation.

The proposed building design reflects this intention by sizing the window openings to allow effective natural ventilation, restoring thermal comfort. The design of the window, when open will allow the introduction and extraction of air through operable windows.

The materials specification of the windows and doors shall consider issues relating to durability, aesthetics and integration with other facade elements. The final selection of the glass and window system will be subject to detailed design phase of the project.

5.5.4 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) & Formaldehyde Minimisation

To ensure long term comfort of occupants, all due care will be taken to minimise VOC and formaldehydes used within the building. Maintaining VOC limits below the recommended levels will assist in reducing any potential detrimental impacts on occupant health arising from products which may emit volatile pollutants.

VOC's are commonly found in carpets, paints, adhesives and sealants used in construction and extensive exposure to VOC's can cause Sick Building Syndrome effects (eye, nose and skin irritation, headaches lethargy etc.).

Formaldehydes are found within composite wood products and extensive exposure can cause irritation to eyes, nose and throat, lead to skin ailments and respiratory system ailments such as asthma.

Where possible, contamination of indoor air by common indoor pollutants will be minimised in this development by careful material selection, including:

- Use of low-VOC and water-based paints rather than oil-based paints, stains or sealants, reducing indoor air contamination and consequent side-effects including sick-building syndrome and respiratory problems;
- Selection of low-VOC carpets and adhesives;
- Selection of low formaldehyde composite wood products, avoiding the carcinogenic effects of formaldehyde off-gassing.

5.6 Energy Conservation Initiatives

It is essential to ensure the building is designed and built to minimise energy consumption and reduce or eliminate greenhouse gas emission to the atmosphere. Energy performance is considered by the design team as a crucial issue.

The energy conservation initiatives aim to reduce the overall energy consumption for the project directly contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and energy production capacity.

Greenhouse reductions are achieved in a staged approach:

- Reduction in overall energy consumption through demand reduction and energy efficiency.
- Reduction in electricity and gas utility consumption by utilising waste products and renewable energy technologies.

Several strategies will be assessed and put in place to minimise energy consumption.

The integrated energy strategies being considered for the development include:

Load reduction	Passive Design
	Mixed mode AC systems
	Maximise use of natural lighting
	Energy efficient equipment
	Water efficiency in hot water systems
Building Services System Efficiency	High Efficiency in Heating, ventilation and Air Conditioning
	High efficiency LED
	High efficiency hydraulic services
	High efficiency appliances
Renewable Energy	Solar PV (if deemed feasible by the design team)

5.6.1 Passive Design

The development will utilise passive design to minimise the amount of air-conditioning required and therefore significantly reduce the building's energy consumption and greenhouse performance. A building's form, fabric and orientation will have the biggest influence on its thermal comfort and environmental performance. The following factors will be considered in the detailed stages of the design:

- Orientation
- Shading
- Structure
- Insulation
- Glazing

5.6.2 Building Envelope

The building envelope will be designed to reduce heating and cooling requirements through passive design principles. The role of the building envelope is to block solar gains from penetrating the building fabric in summer while optimising daylight and minimising glare. The glazing performance and shading configuration for each orientation will be optimised to ensure that thermal comfort is achieved, and solar gains are adequate for the efficient operation of the mechanical system.

Insulation

The building envelope will be treated with the required levels of thermal insulation to reduce heat gains in hot days and to minimise heat losses in cold days through conduction. This will have significant impact on reducing energy consumption.

Insulation reduces the heat transfer between the internal and external conditions. Adequate insulation will be allowed for the ceilings, floors and walls to reduce the heating and cooling load of the building and to reduce the ongoing operational costs. This has a twofold saving through a smaller mechanical system capacity along with operating energy consumption reduction.

All insulations installed are required to meet NCC and AS/NZ 4859.1 and the builder is required to ensure compliance, during construction.

The thermal insulation requirements will be compliant with the minimum NCC Section J requirements.

Glazing and Window Framing

Adequate performance glass will be provided to reduce excessive heat gains in hot conditions, increasing periods when natural ventilation will be able to restore thermal comfort, and therefore reducing the frequency of air conditioning use.

The following glazing parameters will be considered:

- U-Value: a measure of how much heat is passed through the glass.
- Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)
- Visible Light Transmission (VLT): the percentage of visible light transmitted by the glass.

Where possible, the glazing will have a low SHGC to avoid heat gains in the summer, and a low U-value to reduce losses in the winter through the glass. The performance of the proposed glazing systems (glass and frame) are required to comply with NFRC100-2001 conditions and using the tested AFRC values.

Consideration will be given to incorporating effective shading features into the design to avoid the necessity for low shading coefficients in the glass, which usually also decrease the visible light transmission (VLT) of the glass. To maximise the natural daylight within the building, VLT should be as high as possible.

Glazing properties will be specified in conjunction with the shading arrangement on each orientation to control solar loads imposed on the mechanical systems, ensuring thermal comfort, optimising daylight penetration and preventing glare. This strategy will effectively minimise direct solar loads whilst maximising daylight penetration and access to views.

To reduce heat losses in cold days, especially at night, the use of blinds will limit the contact between the internal air and the glass, therefore reducing heat losses by conduction.

The glazing performance requirements shall comply with the minimum NCC Section J requirements.

5.6.3 Energy Efficient Systems and Services

The mechanical and electrical systems for the building will be developed to minimise the need for plant equipment and will be designed to be responsive to the immediate climatic conditions.

Energy consumption will be reduced through the efficient design of lighting, air-conditioning, hot water and ventilation systems. The following energy efficiency initiatives will be further investigated and where feasible incorporated in the building services design.

Efficient Artificial Lighting

Lighting efficiency is important in maintaining low energy consumption for reuse projects. Lighting consumption for a facility such as this could account between 15-25% of the estimated energy use of the facility.

High efficiency lighting and effective control initiatives such as daylight and movement sensors will be considered to reduce artificial lighting energy consumption and allow maximum advantage to be taken of natural lighting.



Lighting power density is required to meet AS1680 and NCC requirements. Energy efficiency for the internal lighting throughout the building is required to be in accordance with NCC energy efficiency requirements and the following.

- High quality LED lighting where applicable;
- Lighting control system based on smart zoning, occupancy profiles and operational hours, dimming controls and timers.

Photoelectric (PE) / Photodiode sensors or similar controls to detect when external lighting should switch on and off to reduce the energy consumption associated with external lighting where possible.

No external lighting is to be installed such that any direct light beam results into the night sky either generated from within the site. The path of any direct light's angle of incidence that is directed to the sky must be obstructed by a non-transparent surface and the lighting design and is to comply with AS4282 'Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting'.

Efficient Heating, Ventilation & Air-Conditioning (HVAC)

Heating and cooling of the building accounts for a large portion of the building's energy use throughout the year. Selection of highly efficient HVAC equipment with high performance levels not only minimises energy consumption, but also reduces operational energy costs.

The design of the mechanical services will be to industry Best Practise Standards. An emphasis will be placed on providing low energy Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems and strategies. To ensure the energy efficient performance of HVAC systems specified and installed mechanical plant will be of high quality and supplied by leading industry manufacturers.

The energy efficiency of HVAC system is required to meet the minimum requirements of the National Construction Code (NCC), Green Star provisions where feasible and relevant Australian Standards including but not limited to AS1668.1, AS1668.2, AS 1682 and AS3666.

The following energy initiatives will be further considered in the detailed design phase:

- Where appropriate, mixed mode ventilation will be used as an effective way to reduce air condition periods when natural ventilation is sufficient to maintain comfort conditions inside the space.
- The air conditioning strategy is optimized to reduce energy consumption and maximize efficiency. For example, by moderating the amount of fresh air relative to the number of people in the space, through the

use of CO2 detectors. The system will be zoned to increase the flexibility in the use of different spaces and reduce overall consumption.

- Variable speed drives will be provided to fans and pumps where feasible.
- Full outside air cycle will be provided to all air handling systems.
- Building commissioning and building tuning to be undertaken to ensure that the building systems function as required to achieve energy efficiency design targets.

All refrigerant plant will be specified such that the refrigerant type has Zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP).

When outside conditions are not favourable for the natural ventilation mode of operation, the mechanical system shall deliver thermal comfort when spaces are occupied.

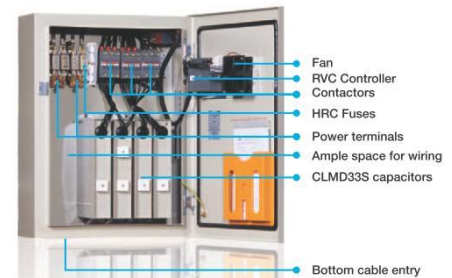
Manually operable windows will allow bedrooms and living rooms to be naturally ventilated when external temperature conditions are favourable. During periods when external temperature conditions prevent the opening of windows or during hot nights when acoustic issues will limit the opening of windows, a dedicated reverse cycle heat pump refrigerant

Common area ventilation systems are to include variable speed modes where appropriate and are to be linked to light switches where feasible to limit the extent of operation and improve energy efficiency of these areas.

Power Factor Correction

To reduce maximum kVA demand on the electricity grid and lower the demand charges, power factor correction units will be provided at the main switch board(s) in accordance with the NSW Installation and Service Rules.

The power factor correction units proposed will improve the power to a factor of 0.98 or higher.



Monitoring & reporting

To enable effective monitoring and tracking of energy and water consumption, sub-metering will be considered for systems with major energy use, to help identify areas of inefficiency with potential for improvement.

Metering is to be provided throughout the building and central services for all major building plant and equipment. An effective monitoring system is to be provided to monitor energy and water consumption throughout the building as required.



Ongoing reporting may allow the manager of the facility to set goals for energy consumption reductions and attributed energy costs to particular uses. By monitoring energy, losses and wastage can be identified, therefore improving the overall performance of the building in operation. This initiative is subject to further design development and review.

Hot Water Systems

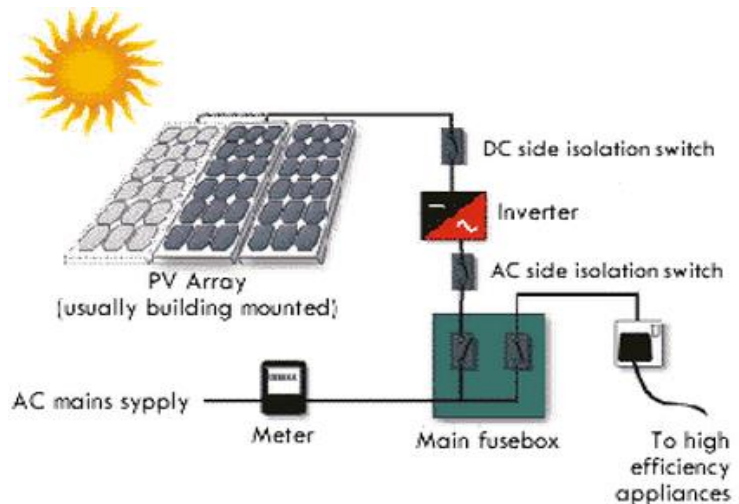
High efficiency gas hot water systems will be used to provide the Domestic Hot Water demands for the facility.

5.6.4 Renewable Energy – Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System

Photovoltaic (solar PV) is a common and widely accepted technology to generate electricity onsite. The generated electricity can be harnessed and used to power any number of devices. It is proposed that the PV panels are mounted on the roof where they will be out of sight and produce the optimum energy output.

PV modules have a very long lifetime with many manufacturers guaranteeing an output of at least 80% of manufactured capacity for 20 years. Another benefit of PV is that it can be installed in various system sizes and the modular design of the systems allows retro-fitting of additional panels if required in the future.

There are generally three types of solar panels available: mono-crystalline (proposed for this development), poly-crystalline and amorphous. Each of these have their advantages and disadvantages and efficiencies range from 6% for amorphous to 19% for mono-crystalline.



A 100 kW PV system may be considered for the development. The exact sizing, configuration and final design will be completed during the design stage.

The expected renewable energy generation by the system is approx. 142.3 MWh per annum.

Solar PV - System Components

The Photovoltaic (PV) system may consist of the following main components or of equal capacity.

Total nominal power:	100 kW
Approx. roof space requirements:	800 m²
Estimated Capital Costs (without battery):	\$110,000 (Exc GST) after rebates
Estimated Payback Period:	< 5 yrs

Components	Brand, Model & Quantity
PV Inverter	SMA – Quantity: (4-5) x 20kW
PV Panels	LG - Neon 330 – capacity: 330W - Quantity: 302 Approx.
Battery storage	Tesla Powerpack or other similar systems
PV mounting frame and system balance	Quantity: depending on the requirements and final design

5.7 Transport sustainability measures

The use of transport (both private and commercial) is a major contributor to environmental pollution and the excessive consumption of natural resources. The following sustainable transport principles are recommended.

- Improve amenity for active transport users (pedestrians and cyclists), with attention paid to the needs of specific user groups likely to have a greater reliance on active transport such as students and staff.
- Promote nearby cyclist facilities to enhance the uptake of cyclists to the site.
- Integrate transport initiatives into community engagement and communication strategies.

Given the site location of the development, the occupants will be able to take advantage of local public transport networks and available facilities around the site such as retail shops.

The following measures are some of the initiatives recommended to reduce dependence on motorised vehicles, encouraging walking, cycling and the use of mass public transport.

- **Cyclist facilities:** provision of bicycle racks; where possible adequately sized and fully equipped secure cyclist facilities with change room and showers are to be provided to promote the use of cycling to work.
- **Public Transport:** The building is close to public transport with a number of bus routes served; building occupants are encouraged to use mass transport to travel to work.
- **Trip Reduction:** The development is located adjacent to a number of local amenities, reducing the need for trips;
- **Fuel efficient vehicles:** encouraging the use of more fuel-efficient vehicles by providing adequate parking spaces at prime parking spot solely dedicated for use by small cars, car-pool participants or other alternative fuel vehicles.

5.8 Water Conservation and Management Initiatives

The water conservation category aims to reduce the overall water potable consumption and provide effective mechanisms for recycling of water uses on site.

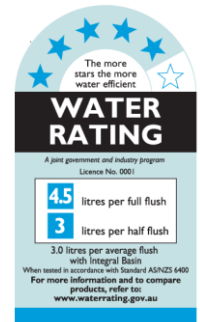
The approach to water efficiency for the development will focus on reducing water demand through conservation measures and water reuse systems. Water conservation strategies proposed for this project include:

- Reducing the potable water consumed within the development through demand management.
- Substituting mains water required to meet this demand by utilising alternative sources such as rainwater.

5.8.1 Demand Management

Strategies to minimise consumption include water-efficient fittings and fixtures, water-efficient appliances and low-water use air-conditioning and irrigation systems. In order to reduce the overall water consumption for this development, the following initiatives will be considered.

All water fixtures to be installed to the building are to be water efficient and where possible exceed the BASIX requirements. The following criteria are provided as a guide and subject to further design development.



Water Fixtures	Hand wash basins – 6 Star WELS;
	Kitchen taps (where provided) – 6 Star WELS;
	Showerheads (where provided) – 3 Star WELS or higher;
	Toilets – 4 Star WELS or higher;
Appliances	Dishwashers (where provided) – 4 Star WELS or higher
Air Conditioning	Minimise use of water-cooled systems
Landscape Irrigation (where applicable)	Native and water efficient species
	Sub-surface irrigation
	Rainwater usage for landscape (2 x 3000 L tanks)

5.8.2 Landscape Selection

The use of native, drought-resistant planting will be considered to reduce water consumption used in irrigation. Sub-soil irrigation systems should be considered where non-native species are selected.

5.8.3 Rainwater collection and recycling

In order to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff from the site, the following stormwater management strategies will be considered:

- Rainwater capture from rooftops for reuse in buildings reducing stormwater runoff as well as mains potable water use.
- The use of permeable surfaces to be considered where suitable, allowing stormwater to seep directly into the earth and reducing stormwater flows off-site.

Collecting rainwater from roof runoff is a common way to recycle water. In addition to saving potable water, it allows preparation for times of low rainfall, so landscapes will be maintained throughout the year. It also reduces loads on

storm water systems because roof runoff is not flushed into the drains. Rainwater will be collected from roof runoff and piped to storage tanks and will be used on site.

Ultra-violet (UV) treatment is the disinfection process of passing water by a special light source. Immersed in the water in a protective transparent sleeve, the special light source emits UV waves that can inactivate harmful microorganisms. This method of treatment is growing in popularity because it does not require the addition of chemicals.

Rainwater harvesting will be achieved through two (2) off 3,000 L rainwater tanks on the Cent Avenue Site. Harvested water will be used for landscape irrigation.

This strategy will assist to significantly reduce the potable water consumption for the facility.

5.8.4 Water consumption monitoring and reporting

Where practical, it is recommended that all major water uses within the building to be provided with water meters. This includes central services, rainwater tanks, irrigation systems, potable water, non-potable water sources.

Water monitoring will assist to identify abnormal usage patterns usually associated with leaks, helping to reduce the considerable water lost in this way. In addition, it would also allow to measure and verify the impact of any water efficiency measures implemented in the facilities.



5.10 Materials

This category aims to reduce the consumption of natural resources and encourage the reuse of materials. The various environmental and human health impacts arising from building materials are reduced when special attention is given to the selection of ecologically preferable materials.

To minimise the environmental impact of the development, preference will be given to environmentally responsible materials during the selection process, according to the following principles:

- Avoidance of ecologically sensitive products (such as scarce minerals and old-growth forest)
- Selection of materials with a low embodied energy and high recycled content;
- Low toxicity material selection;
- Low impact on the indoor environment;
- Durability, flexibility and recyclability;
- Emissions in manufacture and composition, including greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances;
- Waste reduction
- Provisions for appropriate recycling storage space that facilitates recycling

The targeted initiatives will reduce embodied energy and environmental impacts caused by the whole life cycle of building materials.

5.10.1 Reuse and Conservation of materials

Where possible reuse the building material to conserve embodied energy and water. By conserving the building fabric or structure the waste volumes are significantly reduced for the development.

5.10.2 New Materials

Material specifications for the project will consider elements of sustainability that relate to the following factors of durability, embodied energies, renewable sources content, ease of manufacturing, ability to be recycled / reused / reconditioned, maintenance, local availability, VOC content, emission production, affordability and toxicity.

Where feasible the materials specified for this project are to consider the above environmental measures through a comparison between different product types and manufacturers where possible. The design team is to adopt this approach in assessing suppliers and products for the development.

Interiors finishes will consider the concentration of Volatile Organic Compounds with products for adhesives, paints, carpets and floor sealants. The design team will work with suppliers and contractors to identify opportunities to reduce the level of VOC's within products and finishes.

5.10.3 Materials with Ozone Depletion Potential

Selection of insulation will be targeted to minimise Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP).

5.10.4 Operational Waste Minimisation

To encourage and facilitate effective waste management once the facility is in operation, sufficient spatial provision will be made to allow for the effective separation of waste from recycling. Dedicated waste recycling rooms allow space for the separation and storage of recyclable waste during the building's operation, allowing for the following waste streams to be separated:

- Glass;

- Cardboard;
- Paper;
- Organics.
- Plastics,
- Metals.

Waste management solutions are varied and dependant on the extent of commitment of the end user. Recycling, reuse and composting are examples of waste management options.

The following waste streams have currently been identified:

- Office waste
- Paper and cardboard
- Plastics
- PET bottles and containers, cans and glass
- Compostable material
- Grease and fats
- Cigarette butts
- Light tubes
- Toxic or hazardous materials
- Foam
- Cleaning products and other substances going down drains
- Composting of organic waste from the restaurant, for re-use within the Greenhouse.

5.10.5 Timber

Where possible, timber will be supplied from sustainable sources including Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified plantation timbers and recycled products. No timber (either solid or veneer form) will be sourced from rainforests or old-growth forests.

5.10.6 PVC Minimisation

PVC is being phased out in the European Union, as there is widespread evidence to its harmful environmental impact, particularly during disposal or fire. PVC is used in almost all electrical and data cabling and for drainage pipework. Alternatives to PVC products will be used where feasible:

- HDPE and polypropylene pipe work instead of PVC pipe for water supply and drainage systems;
- Linoleum and other natural products instead of vinyl floor coverings;
- Composite materials for electrical cabling.

5.10.7 Land Use and Ecology

This initiative refers to improvements through Reuse of Land or Change of Ecological Value. The site has been previously built on and is not a Greenfield. The new development will aim to enhance permeable area and vegetation improving the ecological value of the site.

5.10.8 Emissions

In addition to the reduction in greenhouse emissions as a result of lower on-site energy usage, emissions to land, air and water will be minimised. The following measures are some of the initiatives targeted within the emissions category:

- Where available, thermal insulation products should be selected which have a low Ozone Depletion Potential in their manufacture and composition, reducing the impacts of insulation on the atmosphere;
- Where feasible, refrigerants will have an Ozone Depletion Potential of zero; and integrated refrigerant leak detection will ensure early identification of leaks;
- Estimated wastewater discharge to sewer will be significantly reduced relative to a standard building through the implementation of water efficiency measures;
- Watercourse Pollution: Design that minimises stormwater run-off to and the pollution of the natural watercourses.
- Light Pollution: No light beam will be directed upwards or outside the building. External lighting will be in accordance with AS 4282-1997. This will assist to minimise interference and disturbance to neighbouring properties and wildlife.

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APPENDIX A – Climate Change Design Response

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1. Executive Summary

The proposed development includes upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School located at Centennial Avenue and Pacific Highway, Chatswood which consists of upgrades to existing buildings and the demolition and construction of new school buildings.

BSE has been engaged to provide a statement on how the climate change projections are likely to impact the Chatswood Education Precinct development and to nominate potential design considerations to minimise these impacts.

Climate change is likely to pose risks to the facility and infrastructure through changes in temperature, rainfall and the increased occurrence or intensity of extreme weather events. Understanding climate change projections provides an opportunity to assess such risks and in order to mitigate economic, environmental and social impacts.

A range of climate change-related risks have been identified. Adaptation actions were proposed for these risks rated as "Critical" or "High". These are summarised below (also see Section 2.2.3).

Risk Statement	Initial Risk	Residual Risk	Action requiring implementation	Design / Operations	Proposed Responsibility
Accelerated structural material fatigue and degradation of façades, leading to increased maintenance and repair costs	High	Low	Review material datasheets for in-service temperature range and allow for a nominal tolerance on peak temperatures based on today's values. Select materials which have a higher temperature tolerance if required.	Design	Façades Engineer, Structural Engineer
Water restrictions during prolonged droughts leading to inability to deliver core services.	High	Low	Develop a Drought Management Plan. Water restrictions would likely be signposted well in advance. Consider alternative water supply.	Operations	Facilities Manager
Parapet roof retains water due to blockage in symphonic drainage system leading to structural failure.	High	Medium	Check the design includes overflow outlets in parapet. Add to design if required.	Design	Hydraulic Engineer
Parapet roof retains water due to insufficient capacity in the symphonic drainage system leading to structural failure.	High	Medium	Check whether capacity of overflow slots and drainage system is sufficient to allow for increased rainfall intensity. Increase either/both if required.	Design	Hydraulic Engineer, Architect
Onsite Water Detention Tank (OSD) cannot deal with increased flows leading to overflow and flooding of basement.	High	Medium	Ensure secondary overflow system provided and check if systems can manage increased flows. Implement further measures if required.	Design	Civil Engineer

Overland flow of water leads to pooling around sub-station and switch room causing electrical failure and power outage.	Critical	Medium	Primary storm water drainage system to be designed to cater for a minimum of a 100- year storm. System to also have full backup of either piped overflow or overland flow designed to a higher storm intensity. Consider other feasible mitigation measures as required.	Design	Hydraulic Engineer, Architect, Electrical Engineer
Mechanical plant on the roof (if any) are damaged by extreme hail event leading to failure of ventilation system.	High	Medium	Consider options for protecting the mechanical plant in design. Implement if required.	Design	Mechanical Engineer

This information should be added to the overall project risk register, with actions implemented as part of the design.

2. Climate Change

2.1. NARClIM Climate Change Projections

The information provided in this report follows the climate change projections based on the NSW and ACT Regional Climate Modelling (NARClIM) project. NARClIM is a multi-agency research partnership between the NSW and ACT governments and the Climate Change Research Centre at the University of NSW. NSW Government funding comes from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Sydney Catchment Authority, Sydney Water, Hunter Water, NSW Office of Water, Transport for NSW, and the Department of Primary Industries.

Climate change projections are presented for the near future (2030) and far future (2070), compared to the baseline climate (1990–2009). The projections are based on simulations from a suite of twelve climate models run to provide detailed future climate information for NSW and the ACT.

The climate change projections are made for the following 5 parameters:

1. Temperature extremes
2. Hot days
3. Cold nights
4. Rainfall
5. Fire weather

Reference: <https://climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/>

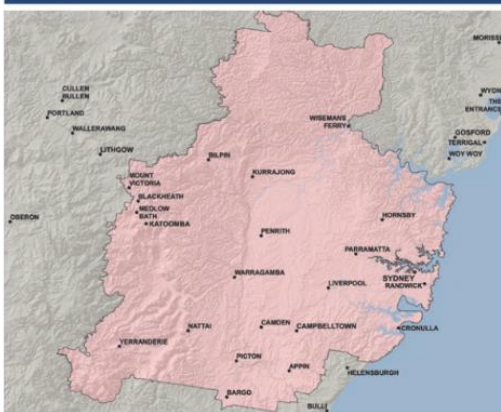
NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)

2.1.1. Temperature

Chatswood Education Precinct is expected to experience an increase in all temperature variables (average, maximum and minimum) for the near future and the far future

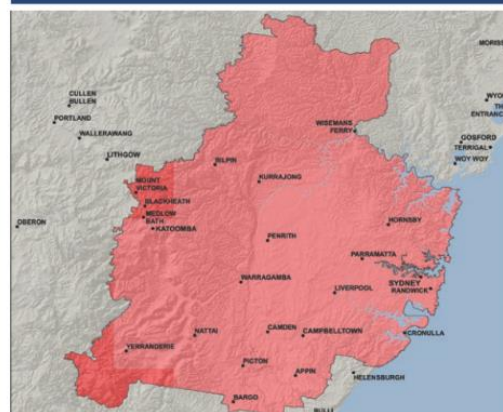
- Maximum temperatures are projected to increase by 0.7°C in the near future and up to 1.9°C in the far future. Spring will experience the greatest change in maximum temperatures, increasing by up to 2.2°C in the far future. Increased maximum temperatures are known to impact human health through heat stress and increasing the number of heatwave events.
- Minimum temperatures are projected to increase by 0.6°C in the near future up to 2°C in the far future. Increased overnight temperatures (minimum temperatures) can have a considerable effect on human health.

Near future change in maximum temperature



Near future (2020–2039) change in annual average maximum temperature, compared to the baseline period (1990–2009).

Far future change in maximum temperature



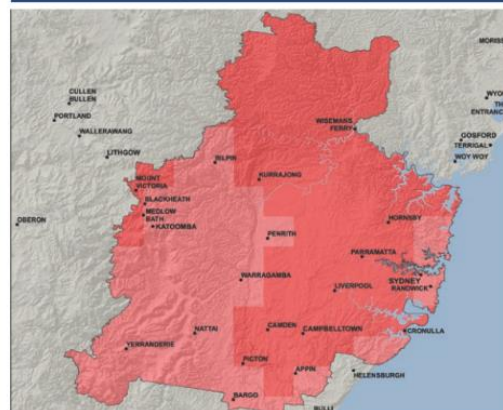
Far future (2060–2079) change in annual average maximum temperature, compared to the baseline period (1990–2009).

Near future change in minimum temperature



Near future (2020–2039) change in annual average minimum temperature, compared to the baseline period (1990–2009).

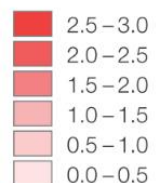
Far future change in minimum temperature



Far future (2060–2079) change in annual average minimum temperature, compared to the baseline period (1990–2009).

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Change in annual average temperature (°C)

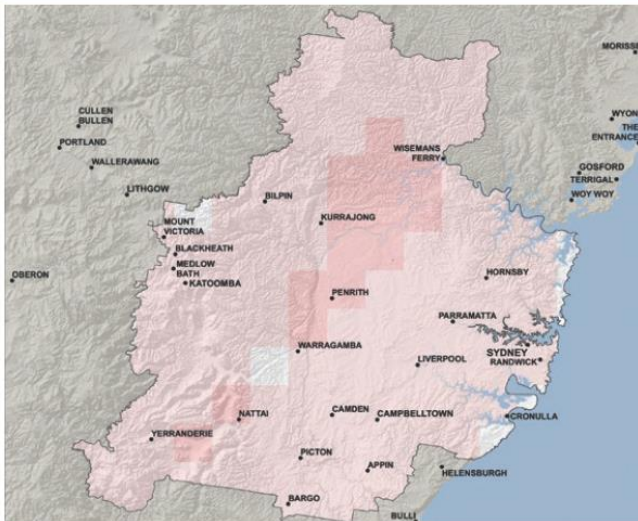


2.1.2. Hot days (days per year above 35°C)

Currently Chatswood experiences fewer than 10 days above 35°C each year. Seasonal changes are likely to have considerable impacts on bushfire danger, infrastructure development and native species diversity.

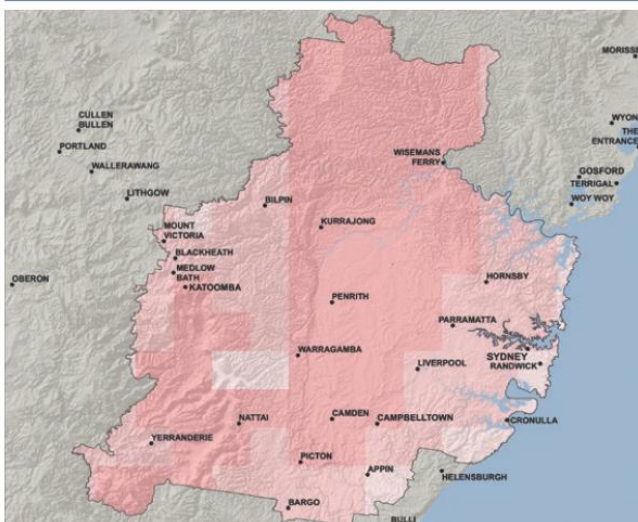
- The facility is expected to experience more hot days in the near future and in the far future.
- These increases in hot days are projected to occur mainly in spring and summer although in the far future hot days are also extending into autumn.

Near future change in days per year above 35°C



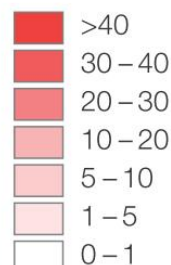
Near future (2020–2039) projected changes in the number of days per year with maximum temperatures above 35°C.

Far future change in days per year above 35°C



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Change in annual average number of days with temperatures greater than 35°C



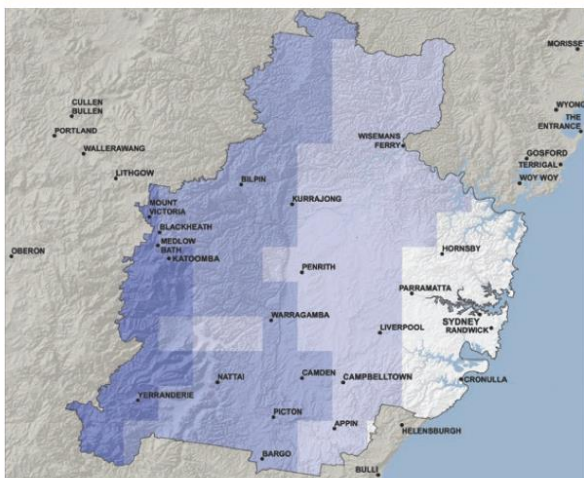
Far future (2060–2079) projected changes in the number of days per year with maximum temperatures above 35°C.

2.1.3. Cold nights (days per year below 2°C)

Most of the emphasis on changes in temperatures from climate change has been on hot days and maximum temperatures, but changes in cold nights are equally important in the maintenance of our natural ecosystems and agricultural/horticultural industries. For example, some common temperate fruit species require sufficiently cold winters to produce flower buds.

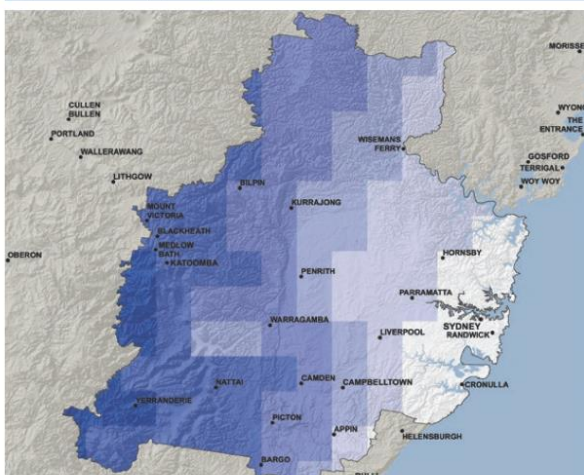
- NARClIM projections suggest that Chatswood will not see a considerable decrease in cold nights (see the white areas in the map).
- The greatest decreases across Metropolitan Sydney are projected to occur in the south-west and in the Blue Mountains, with decreases of up to 20 nights by 2030 and more than 40 fewer cold nights by 2070.

Near future change in number of cold nights (below 2°C) per year



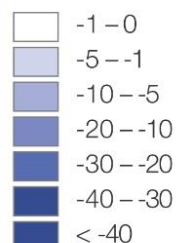
Near future (2020–2039) projected changes in the number of nights per year with minimum temperatures below 2°C, compared to the baseline period (1990–2009).

Far future change in number of cold nights (below 2°C) per year



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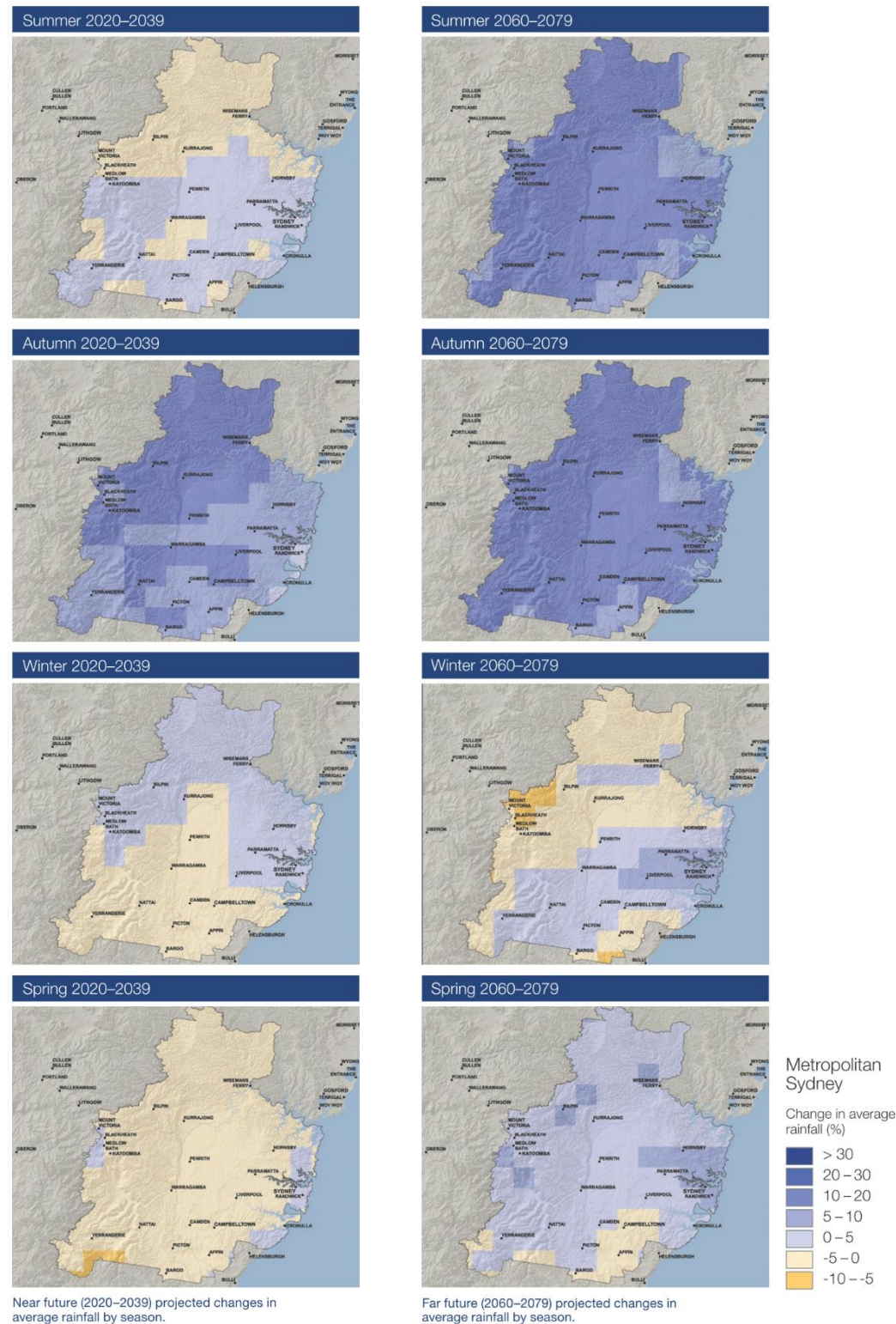
Change in annual average number of days with temperatures less than 2°C



Far future (2060–2079) projected changes in the number of nights per year with minimum temperatures below 2°C, compared to the baseline period (1990–2009).

2.1.4. Rainfall

Changes in rainfall patterns have the potential for widespread impacts. Seasonal shifts can often impact native species' reproductive cycles as well as impacting agricultural productivity, for example crops that are reliant on winter rains for peak growth. The majority of models (8 out of 12) agree that autumn rainfall will increase in the near future and the far future (7 out of 12). Rainfall is projected to increase in autumn.

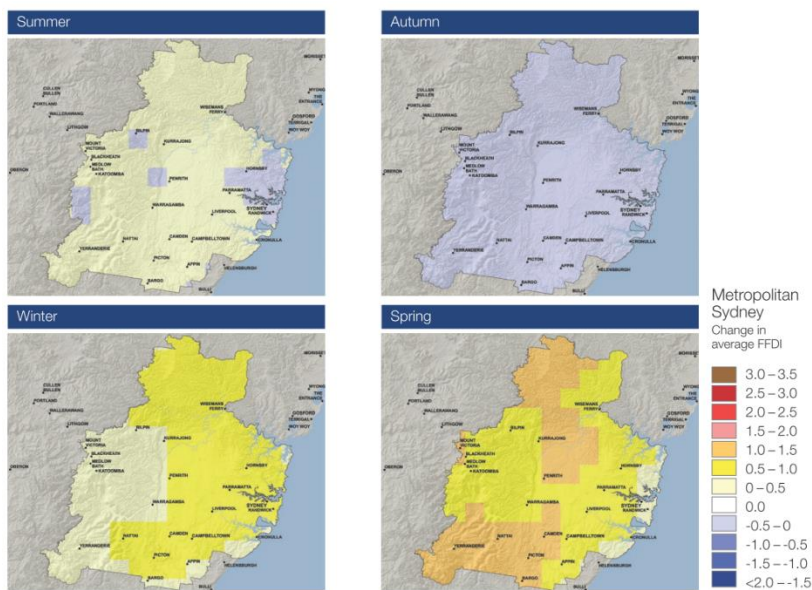


2.1.5. Fire weather

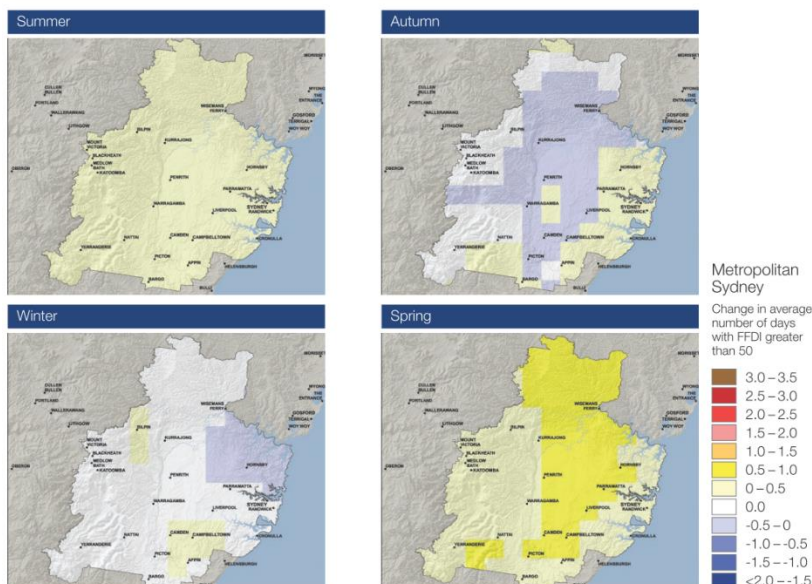
The Bureau of Meteorology issues Fire Weather Warnings when the FFDI (Forest Fire Danger Index) is forecast to be over 50. High FFDI values are also considered by the Rural Fire Service when declaring a Total Fire Ban.

Projected regional climate changes

- Metropolitan Sydney is expected to experience an increase in average and severe fire weather in the near future and the far future (directly and indirectly affecting the facility in Chatswood, e.g. smoke and air pollution).
- The increases are projected mainly in summer and spring in the far future. These changes are projected in prescribed burning periods (spring) and the peak fire risk season (summer).
- The majority of models (7 out of 12) project an increase of severe fire weather in spring in the near future, with a greater confidence in the increase in the far future.



Far future (2060–2079) projected changes in average daily FFDI, compared to the baseline period (1990–2009).



Far future (2060–2079) projected changes in average annual number of days with a FFDI greater than 50, compared to the baseline period (1990–2009).

2.2. Climate Change Adaptation Plan

The climate change adaptation plan involves three key steps to develop risks and mitigation strategies collaboratively with key project stakeholders.

1. Review of the development and context
2. Risk analysis
3. Mitigation Strategies

2.2.1. Risk Assessment Framework

To assess risks systematically, a likelihood scale was used to determine how likely a risk was to occur, followed by consequence assessment. The first stage of the assessment is to define the likelihood of a given risk. The likelihood level can be described as the frequency or probability for a risk to occur.

Risk likelihood matrix:

Likelihood	Almost Certain expected in most circumstances
	Likely will probably occur in most circumstances
	Possible might occur at some time
	Unlikely could occur at some time
	Rare may occur, only in exceptional circumstances

Example Consequence Scale and Success Criteria (AGO 2007):

	Public Safety	Local Economy and Growth	Community and Lifestyle	Environment and Sustainability	Financial /Time Program/Budgets
Catastrophic	Large numbers of serious injuries or loss of life	Precinct decline leading to widespread business failure	The area is considered very unattractive, moribund and unable to support its community	Major widespread loss of environmental amenity and progressive irrecoverable environmental damage	Loss or increased cost of 50% or greater of annual budget.
Major	Isolated instances of serious injuries or loss of lives	Precinct stagnation such that businesses are unable to thrive	Severe and widespread decline in services and quality of life within the community	Severe loss of environmental amenity and a danger of continuing environmental damage	Loss or increased cost of 25%-50% of annual budget.
Moderate	Small numbers of injuries	Significant general reduction in precinct economic performance	General applicable decline in services	Isolated but significant instances of environmental damage that might be reversed with intensive efforts	Loss or increased cost of 10%-25% of annual budget

Minor	Serious near misses or minor injuries	Isolated areas in precinct decline	Isolated but noticeable examples of decline in services	Minor instances of environmental damage that could be reversed	Loss or increased cost of 5% to 10% of annual budget
Insignificant	Appearance of a threat but no actual harm	Minor shortfall to forecast growth	There would be minor areas in which the region was unable to maintain its current services	No environmental damage	Loss or increased cost of less than 5% of annual budget

Risk likelihood and consequence were then combined using the risk assessment matrix in Table below, leading to the systematic development of a risk rating used to prioritise risk management strategies.

Example Risk matrix:

Show	Matrix Score				
Risk Rating Number + Name	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Critical	Critical
Likely	Medium	Medium	High	Critical	Critical
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Critical
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High

Risk management strategies aim to reduce risk levels by reducing either likelihood or consequence of the risk, or both. The objective is to develop cost-effective options for treating/controlling each identified risk and minimise its impact to the project.

Show	Matrix Score				
Risk Rating Number + Name	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Critical	Critical
Likely	Medium	Medium	High	Critical	Critical
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Critical
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High

2.2.2. Risk Assessment outcomes

Climate variable	Risk Statement	Likelihood	Consequence	Level of Risk	Adaptation actions	Residual Likelihood	Residual Consequence	Residual level of Risk
Increase in hot days	Accelerated structural material fatigue and degradation of facades leading to increased maintenance and repair costs	Rare	Catastrophic	High	Select materials which have a higher temperature tolerance if required. Review material datasheets for in-service temperature range and allow for increase in peak temperatures.	Rare	Moderate	Low
Increased rainfall variability	Parapet roof retains water due to blockage in syphonic drainage system leading to structural failure.	Possible	Major	High	Check the design includes overflow outlets in parapet. Add to design if required.	Rare	Major	Medium
Increased rainfall variability	Parapet roof retains water due to insufficient capacity in the syphonic drainage system leading to structural failure.	Possible	Major	High	Overflow systems in place in the form of overflow slots. The capacity of these can be increased if required to allow for increased rainfall intensity.	Rare	Major	Medium

Climate variable	Risk Statement	Likelihood	Consequence	Level of Risk	Adaptation actions	Residual Likelihood	Residual Consequence	Residual level of Risk
Increased rainfall variability	Onsite Water Detention Tank (OSD) cannot deal with increased flows leading to overflow and flooding of basement.	Possible	Major	High	If necessary, overflow system to be provided. Hydraulic engineers to check if systems can manage the increased flows and implement further measures if required.	Rare	Major	Medium
Increased rainfall variability	Overland flow of water leads to pooling around sub-station and switch room, causing electrical failure and power outage.	Possible	Catastrophic	Critical	Primary storm water drainage system to be designed to cater for a minimum of a 100-year storm. System to also have full backup of either piped overflow or overland flow designed to a higher storm intensity. Consider other feasible mitigation measure as required.	Rare	Major	Medium
Increased intensity of storm events	Mechanical plant on the roof (if any) are damaged by extreme hail event leading to failure of ventilation system.	Possible	Major	High	Consider options for protecting the mechanical plant in design. Implement if required.	Rare	Major	Medium

Climate variable	Risk Statement	Likelihood	Consequence	Level of Risk	Adaptation actions	Residual Likelihood	Residual Consequence	Residual level of Risk
Increased intensity of storm events	Severe hail blocking roof drains causing increased water ingress into building envelope and potential structural impacts, leading to increased maintenance costs	Possible	Major	High	Screen outlets with hail guards. Planned overflow slots should allow rain to overflow for all but the most severe hail events.	Rare	Major	Medium
Increased intensity of storm events	Airborne debris causing damage to exterior building elements and increased maintenance costs.	Possible	Major	High	Check wind load thresholds in engineering for façade and glazing. If required, adopt heat treated glazing for greater impact strength.	Rare	Major	Medium
Increased intensity of storm events	Wind driven rain penetrates podium level and retail spaces creating slip hazards for public circulation spaces.	Likely	Moderate	High	Consider in design and highlight risk for building managers. Include wet weather management plan in facilities management contract.	Rare	Moderate	Low
Increased fire weather	Smoke ingress into facility via HVAC system causing increased employee and patient health risks	Almost certain	Major	Critical	Evacuation plan to be developed by FM company, including use of link to the hospital for particularly vulnerable patients. Consider use of non-latching outside air smoke detectors to shut down outside air systems in the event of a bushfire situation. Adjustment to mechanical services design and air filtration as necessary.	Almost certain	Insignificant	Medium



2.2.3. Recommendations

Many of the potential risks to the building are already addressed by existing design features of the building or are being explored as an immediate consequence of this process. All those identified through the workshop and subsequent discussions as requiring additional action are set out in table below, along with responsibility for those actions.

This information should be added to the overall project risk register, with actions implemented and recorded, and subsequently reported in the Green Star documentation.

Summary of adaptation actions required to achieve revised risk rating:

Risk Statement	Initial Risk	Residual Risk	Action requiring implementation	Design / Operations	Proposed Responsibility
Accelerated structural material fatigue and degradation of façades, leading to increased maintenance and repair costs	High	Low	Review material datasheets for in-service temperature range and allow for a nominal tolerance on peak temperatures based on today's values. Select materials which have a higher temperature tolerance if required.	Design	Façades Engineer, Structural Engineer
Water restrictions during prolonged droughts leading to inability to deliver core services.	High	Low	Develop a Drought Management Plan. Water restrictions would likely be signposted well in advance. Consider alternative water supply.	Operations	Facilities Manager
Parapet roof retains water due to blockage in symphonic drainage system leading to structural failure.	High	Medium	Check the design includes overflow outlets in parapet. Add to design if required.	Design	Hydraulic Engineer
Parapet roof retains water due to insufficient capacity in the symphonic drainage system leading to structural failure.	High	Medium	Check whether capacity of overflow slots and drainage system is sufficient to allow for increased rainfall intensity. Increase either/both if required.	Design	Hydraulic Engineer, Architect

Onsite Water Detention Tank (OSD) cannot deal with increased flows leading to overflow and flooding of basement.	High	Medium	Ensure secondary overflow system provided and check if systems can manage increased flows. Implement further measures if required.	Design	Civil Engineer
Overland flow of water leads to pooling around sub-station and switch room, causing electrical failure and power outage.	Critical	Medium	Primary storm water drainage system to be designed to cater for a minimum of a 100- year storm. System to also have full backup of either piped overflow or overland flow designed to a higher storm intensity. Consider other feasible mitigation measures as required.	Design	Hydraulic Engineer, Architect, Electrical Engineer, Civil Engineer
Mechanical plant on the roof (if any) are damaged by extreme hail event leading to failure of ventilation system.	High	Medium	Consider options for protecting the mechanical plant in design. Implement if required.	Design	Mechanical Engineer

Severe hail blocking roof drains causing increased water ingress into building envelope and potential structural impacts, leading to increased maintenance costs	High	Medium	Screen outlets with hail guards.	Design	Hydraulic Engineer
Airborne debris causing damage to exterior building elements and increased maintenance costs - particularly discussed potential increase in wind loadings due to CC.	High	Medium	Check wind load thresholds in engineering for façade and glazing. Adopt heat treated glazing for greater impact strength if required.	Design	Façades Engineer, Structural Engineer
Wind driven rain penetrates podium level and retail spaces creating slip hazards for public circulation spaces.	High	Low	Consider in design and highlight risk for building managers. Include wet weather management plan in facilities management contract.	Design and operations	Architects and Facilities Manager
Smoke ingress into facility via HVAC system causing increased employee and patient health risks	Critical	Medium	Evacuation plan to be developed by FM company, including use of link to the hospital for particularly vulnerable patients. Consider use of non-latching outside air smoke detectors to shut down outside air systems in the event of a bushfire situation. Adjustment to mechanical services design and air filtration as necessary.	Design and operations	Mechanical Engineer, Facilities Manager, Owner



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APPENDIX B- Green Star Matrix

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