

Welcome to Green at Heart's first informative newsletter.

Green at Heart is your one stop shop for building sustainability servicing Far North Queensland.



## FREE SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENTS & GREEN LOAN SCHEME

Free sustainability assessments are now available to home owners and renters under the Federal Government

Green Loans scheme. Green at Heart are qualified assessors and can provide you with information on your energy, water and other usage and how you can improve the comfort of your home, save money on bills and increase the value of your home.

This report can be used to provide access to interest free loans of up to \$10,000 to green the home.



## COMMERCIAL OFFICES TO BE ADVERTISED WITH STAR RATINGS - from 2010

From 2010 mandatory disclosure of commercial office buildings' energy efficiency will require all office spaces or office buildings greater than 2000 sqm to provide energy efficiency information at the point of sale and lease. This will be in the form of a star rating and assessment report.

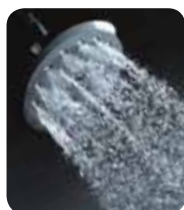
This information will have to be provided in any advertisement about the sale or lease (star rating only) to prospective purchasers or tenants (star rating and assessment report) and to a central registry.

## ENERGY RATINGS COMPULSORY FOR HOUSES FOR SALE OR RENT - from 2011

From 2011, all houses for sale or rent will have to be advertised with their energy efficiency rating at point of sale or lease. Research in ACT where mandatory disclosure regulations are currently in place shows that each additional star adds up to \$15K to the value of the home.

Energy Ratings are also required for the construction of all new dwellings and renovations. Currently regulations stand at 5 star for the construction of all new homes.

To find out about these or our other services please feel free to contact us on 4038 3558.



Green at Heart are pleased to keep you up to date with the latest Energy Efficiency Regulations affecting homeowners.

Contact us to find out more on 4038 3558.

## SUSTAINABILITY DECLARATION - from 1 jan 2010

- Required on all houses, units, townhouses for sale.
- To be shown on all promotional materials, advertising and at open homes.
- Checklist format, to be completed by home owner or qualified professional.
- **Increase value of home** by simple upgrades to lighting, water, insulation, etc, with rebates available.
- Green at Heart offers a consultation and checklist completion service from \$110 + GST.

Green at Heart provide ratings and assessment reports for commercial buildings using the rating tool NABERS (National Australian Built Environment Ratings System). Please contact us for more information on 4038 3558.

## GREEN INSTALLATIONS & CONSULTING

Green at Heart is a team of Sustainability Consultants, Environmental Scientists, Plumbers, Electricians and Designers working together to meet your sustainability needs.

We offer installation of:

- Rooftop solar power
- Heat pump and solar hot water
- Insulation
- Rainwater tanks
- Greywater systems
- Roof and eave ventilation
- Green plumbing and electrical



Consulting:

- Sustainability consulting
- Energy ratings - commercial & residential
- Sustainability assessments

