

# Sustainability Strategy Target 2023-2025



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## Background

In 2021, the City Renewal Authority (the Authority) published its *Sustainability Strategy 2021-2025* (the Strategy). The Strategy underpins our City Precinct Renewal Program (CPRP) through a triple bottom line approach to environmental, social, and economic sustainability. Sustainability targets and priority actions are organised under four key principles: resilience and climate-wise design; social and economic vibrancy; sustainable use of resources; and enhanced active living and travel.

## Strategic alignment

Sustainability is a key strategic goal for the Authority. The ambitions of the Strategy will continue to guide the Authority's approach to sustainable urban renewal. The objectives of the Strategy are embedded across the Authority's broad program of works, through two key roles:

- **Delivery:** achieve sustainable urban renewal outcomes through the design and construction of public realm upgrades, events and activations, and land sales and development within the City Renewal Precinct;
- **Advocacy:** encourage and facilitate the uptake of sustainability initiatives through our role as a referral agency in the land development process, and creating public awareness through placemaking events, activation programs and communicating our sustainability achievements in urban renewal projects to the community through social media.

## Purpose and outcomes of the review

The Strategy states that it must be reviewed in 2023. The purpose of the review was to focus on achievable targets within the control of the Authority and deliver an Action Plan to provide a clear direction towards meeting our sustainability goals.

The Action Plan aligns environmental, social and economic targets with actions that are *specific, measurable and achievable*. This will:

- ensure sustainability initiatives are incorporated within the Authority's programs and projects, building a strong alignment between the Strategy and the Authority's CPRP;
- provide a clear understanding of resourcing and priorities for implementation; and
- provide a clear mechanism for measuring, reporting and evaluating the Authority's performance in delivering the Strategy.

The Action Plan is supported by two Checklists:

- **Sustainability Initiatives in Land Sales Checklist:** provides minimum and optional sustainability initiatives for inclusion in the land sales and development process in the City Renewal Precinct. Minimum initiatives are deemed as mandatory requirements that a developer must meet and optional initiatives will be assessed by the Authority on a case-by-case basis.
- **Sustainable Design and Delivery Checklist:** provides a tool for project managers within the Authority to identify and track sustainability initiatives through program and project lifecycles for all public realm design, construction and activation projects in the City Renewal Precinct.

Appropriate baseline requirements were also identified to inform data collection for measuring and reporting against actions.

## 'Next Practice' aspirations

The Action Plan includes 'next practice' initiatives to ensure the Authority is undertaking and supporting innovative, 'future ready' sustainability solutions within the City Renewal Precinct, in line with broader ACT Government policies and objectives. These include:

- applying the Green Building Council of Australia GreenStar framework to appropriate developments;
- embedding minimum sustainability requirements into land sales;
- adaptive re-use of buildings and materials in design and construction; and
- encouraging the use of circular economy principles in public realm upgrades and events.

The Authority will continue to support and collaborate with other ACT Government directorates in working towards achieving these broader sustainability aspirations.

