

BRIEFEZY 2022 UPDATE: OVERVIEW



BACKGROUND

Since SECCCA developed the ESD Matrix in 2018 much has happened, including a name change and branding from the 'ESD Matrix' to 'BriefEzy'. BriefEzy produces ESD requirements that can be included in architectural tender / quotation documentation to outline the sustainability requirements of each council project.

It is completed by council officers as part of the preparation of tender documentation, and the results included in the documentation when seeking architectural services.

Many Councils have implemented Sustainable Design Assessment in the Planning Process (SDAPP). SDAPP has established the Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS) to measure the design of private development and ensure it exceeds the minimum Building Code of Australia (BCA) requirements in relation to Sustainable Design. It is

important that all Councils are encouraged to meet or exceed the requirements being established by BESS, for Councils' own buildings. The basic level of BriefEzy is conducive to the design meeting or exceeding a BESS pass mark, though individual Councils will retain the ability to modify the outputs to suit their specific project aspirations.

BriefEzy is versatile and adaptable and the tool is regularly monitored and updated to ensure it's relevance and usability. The 2022 update explores how BriefEzy is currently being used by member councils, and future improvements and opportunities.

This is a 6-month project, scheduled for completion by December 2022.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The overarching objective is to implement a technical update to BriefEzy to ensure the tool is aligned to current legislative requirements and updated standards as well as optimise some of its features and content based on feedback from SECCCA members.

SUPPORTED BY

The project is funded by all nine SECCCA member councils.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

SECCCA is managing the project, with WSP consultants engaged to undertake the technical update.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The following are the key steps of the project:

- Undertake an initial review of the tool to identify any out-of-date legislative requirements or standards.
- Conduct a workshop with council staff to validate preliminary list of updates.
- Consolidate and provide a final list of identified changes for final review and confirmation
- Complete agreed technical updates
- Reissue tool as an updated version