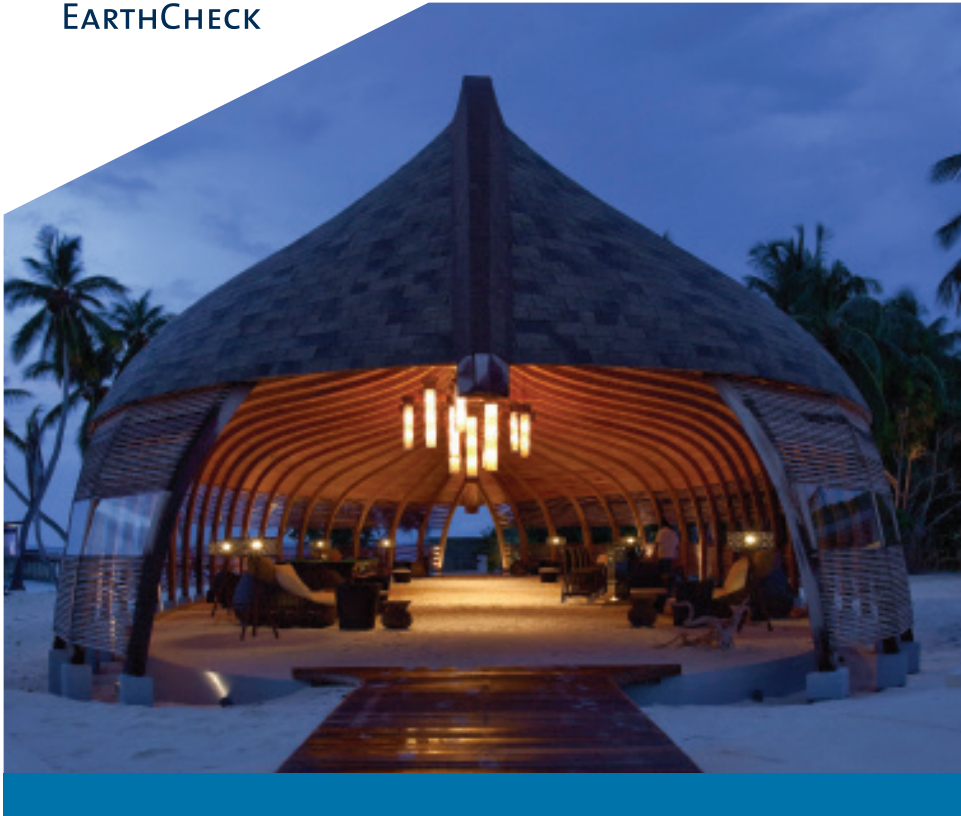




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EARTHCHECK SUSTAINABLE DESIGN



Building, planning and designing your future

The EarthCheck Building Planning and Design Standard (BPDS) and Precinct Planning and Design Standard (PPDS) provide guidelines, tools and indicators used for assessment and certification and to assist designers, architects and developers in the planning and design phase of sustainable buildings and precincts.

The Platform

EarthCheck Design Standards use a performance-based platform that is supported by a range of KRAs and benchmarking indicators for design and construction which include:

1. Greenhouse Gas Emissions
2. Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Management
3. Management of Freshwater and Stormwater Resources
4. Ecosystem Conservation and Management
5. Management of Social and Cultural Issues
6. Land Use Planning and Management
7. Air Quality and Noise Control
8. Wastewater Management
9. Solid Waste Management
10. Environmentally Harmful Substances

These are used by EarthCheck to conduct EarthCheck Planning and Design Assessment.

Benefits

The Standards provide:

- Access to design and construction guidelines
- Third-party assessment and certification.
- A framework for integration of social and community outcomes.
- Guidelines for protecting and enhancing natural areas.
- Identification of options to reduce operational and maintenance costs.
- Reduced energy use, waste production and environmental impacts.
- An ability to produce a potential best practice, award-winning building.

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THE PROCESS

ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

EARTHCHECK'S BPDS AND PPDS HAVE THREE DISTINCT PHASES

Phase 1 - Initial assessment

- Project team is given the BPDS/PPDS Handbook and Standard, indicating compliance requirements.
- Initial workshop with the project team members outlining EarthCheck certification process and indicators.
- On-going interaction and communication with the assessor and EarthCheck project supervisor to stream-line data collection and benchmarking processes.
- In this phase the project is granted a royalty-free license to use the EarthCheck logo when referring to the project undergoing certification in any literature and marketing collateral produced for the project's purposes.

Phase 2 - Assessment and Benchmarking

- Benchmarking of the project is carried out by a qualified assessor. Benchmarking includes feedback on the project's assessment against comparable baseline and best practice projects.
- The assigned assessor prepares and issues an interim benchmarking report to the project team.

Phase 3 - Certification

- Project achieves EarthCheck Certification.
- Certification Report agreed.
- The assigned assessor prepares and issues final case study report to the project team.

Fees

Time Frame	Cost
3 - 6 months from the point of contract agreement with developer*	AUD\$40,000^ (exc. GST if applicable)

*subject to the provision and quality of information supplied.

^ this fee is subject to change based on project scope and complexity

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