

The Community Sector Blueprint



National Framework for Minimum Energy Efficiency Rental Requirements

Making homes energy efficient reduces bills, improves peoples' health, reduces emissions, and makes homes more comfortable and livable – even during weather extremes. Renters have been locked out of these benefits for too long.

The [Community Sector Blueprint](#) provides an outline of key characteristics that should be present in the National Framework for Minimum Energy Efficiency Rental Requirements being produced by federal, state, and territory governments as part of the [Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings](#). Drawing upon the expertise of member organisations from the Healthy Homes for Renters (HH4R) collaboration, the Blueprint takes a principles-based approach to key elements that should be in the Framework.

More than 80 community sector organisations have come together to endorse the Blueprint as part of the HH4R collaboration. These organisations recognise that minimum energy efficiency standards in rental homes are more than a response to carbon emissions: this policy supports basic community expectations that renters have decent homes that keep them healthy and safe, are cost effective to run, and are resilient to a changing climate.

What's in the Community Sector Blueprint

The Blueprint provides an overview of minimum energy efficiency standards for rentals and goes into detail about the scope, models and assessments for standards, certification and compliance requirements, incentives, renter protections, and governance. It also provides suggestions and recommendations from the community sector, based on a set of overarching principles.

How to use the Community Sector Blueprint

The HH4R collaboration developed the Blueprint to provide organisations advocating for minimum energy efficiency standards for rental properties with a clear resource that goes into detail about what an effective principle-based approach to the Framework could look like.

It is also a resource to inform policy decisions for public servants and politicians. The Blueprint provides a clear outline of current thinking in this policy area and what community sector organisations are advocating for.

Organisations can use the Blueprint in several ways:

1. As a reference for reports, submissions and policy recommendations
2. To share as a resource for meetings with Ministers, MPs and the public service sector
3. To share with others involved in energy, climate, poverty or renter advocacy

Get in touch with us

If you're interested in organising a briefing regarding the Blueprint for your organisation or department, please get in touch with us at info@healthyhomes.org.au

Or if you'd like to find out more about the Healthy Homes for Renters Collaboration, including endorsing the Blueprint, go here www.healthyhomes.org.au

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