



## Sustainability Rating Tools in the Built Environment

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The concept of sustainability has been around for decades, though has more recently come to the forefront in the built environment through the proliferation and uptake of rating tools used to assess, measure, and capture the sustainability impacts of homes, commercial buildings, and precincts. Some tools deal with singular aspects whilst other tools have been developed with broader and holistic objectives covering multiple environmental, social, and financial considerations. Much research has gone into the development of these tools, and literally hundreds of different rating tools and systems are found globally. However, some key tools have gained substantial traction in commercial and residential buildings and community development, namely LEED, BREEAM, Green Star, and Energy Star, to name but a few. Rating tools in the built environment have been variously utilised as forms of ‘sticks’ or ‘carrots’; either as minimum standards requirements and/or incentivised best practice, either directly or indirectly.





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