



HIA GreenSmart Village Protocol 2014

An HIA GreenSmart® Village comprises a group of homes (display village) that incorporate responsible environmental practice in a range of areas including: improving resource efficiency, improving environmental performance on housing construction sites and reducing waste brought together in a formal display village open to the public.

HIA GreenSmart® Villages provide an opportunity for GreenSmart professionals to construct a group of homes designed to demonstrate to consumers the financial and environmental advantages of the GreenSmart approach.

HIA GreenSmart® Villages are aimed at being practical demonstrations of how environmental initiatives can readily be incorporated into the design and construction of today's houses. The HIA GreenSmart® Villages are to be available for public inspection.

An HIA GreenSmart® Village License is available to interested parties by contacting HIA's Planning & Environment staff in your State or region.

Licensing

All HIA GreenSmart® Village Home Builders and the project developer must employ at least one senior manager who is accredited as an HIA GreenSmart® Professional.

For a project to be branded HIA GreenSmart® its design and construction must be assessed by an approved HIA GreenSmart® assessor against the Residential Community guidelines. Accreditation of the display village should be sought prior to the commencement of construction.

Accreditation of a Village will require the submission of architectural design plans and accompanying documentation which indicates how the project meets the minimum criteria set out in the HIA GreenSmart® House Protocol for every house within the village.

The land development (subdivision) aspects of the Village, if carried out in conjunction with the construction of the homes, should also meet the environmental considerations as outlined in the HIA GreenSmart® Residential Community Protocol.

Licensing Fees

HIA GreenSmart® Village licence (design, construction & validation) - **\$3,300 (GST inclusive) for up to 12 houses.** The licensing fee for a Village with more than 12 homes is subject to negotiation with HIA at the time of application.

Submission Requirements

The Protocol requirements for an HIA GreenSmart® Village are available to members on request. The Protocol is provided in excel checklist format to allow applicants to complete the relevant information to gain accreditation of their project.

When completing the checklist, details need to clearly indicate compliance with the minimum criteria and relevant leading practice criteria in each category. This may be provided by including copies of:

- > Design plans including site plan, floor plans and elevations;
- > Energy rating certificates (e.g. FirstRate, BASIX, BERS Pro certificate) including any specifications for insulation;
- > Details of compliance with water efficiency requirements (may be shown on plans);
- > Stormwater management plan (may be provided on site plan);
- > Waste management plan/details (may be provided on site plan); and
- > Materials specifications (may be provided on design plans)

There is no prescribed length for the submission, however the Protocol Criteria must be addressed as appropriate to the site, climatic conditions and regulatory requirements.