



Darwin Living Lab

Where to from here?

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Darwin Comfort Rating Forum

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Image: <https://www.phsc.co.uk/thermal-comfort-in-your-workplace>

National perspective

- CSIRO is funding comfort threshold studies in other National Construction Code climate zones to enable expansion of comfort rating (or similar) methodology
- Discussions are underway regarding possible inclusion of the voluntary 'for information' comfort rating performance indicators in:
 - The national house energy rating Software Accreditation Protocol
 - Other house energy rating software

NT Government leading by example

DIPL Housing Program Office supports progress toward comfort rating assessments and undertakes, from 1 July 2023, to:

- Assess all new homes commissioned for construction under NatHERS Climate Zone 1 design assessments; and
- Review housing designs and lot orientations and where practical make changes to improve comfort ratings and energy efficiency

Land Development Corporation is planning to ...

- ... require minimum comfort ratings for residential building designs at the Fannie Bay old Sports House site

Industry and Community Roll-Out Project

The Darwin Living Lab Management Committee has provided in-principle support for:

- Incentives for house energy assessors to provide approximately 100 comfort ratings
- Tool functionality and usefulness to be monitored and evaluated - and reported back on in a workshop (late 2023 or early 2024)
- Project design to be co-developed with key stakeholders
- CSIRO will manage project
- Please notify CSIRO if you wish to be part of project design discussions (reply to email to be circulated after forum)