

WHY WE'RE PUTTING OUR ENERGY INTO ENERGY RATED HOMES.



Australia's official 6 Star energy rating for new homes.

Don't just ask for 6 Stars, demand it!

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) has outlined a comprehensive strategy to encourage new homes to be built to a NatHERS 6 Star energy efficiency rating.

Stratawise has taken the lead in Western Australia and is committed to designing and building new homes that guarantee to meet the NatHERS 6 Star energy rating.

That's because at Stratawise, we believe in future-proofing your investment – giving you a home that's efficiently designed, sustainably built, and the very best you can get for your family's future.

CAUTION

In regards to approval methods other than a NatHERS 6 Star rating, the Building Commission stated in 2013 that, "There are other ways of gaining compliance and approval for energy efficiency [such as via VURB] and although these aim to be equivalent to 6 Star, this is not always the case. Therefore it is possible for your house to meet the BCA requirements but not be rated 6 Star" – Building Commission, 2013.

CAUTION

Further, the CSIRO in July 2017 issued a caution against using VURB where NatHERS software is used as the reference guide. In these circumstances, the CSIRO said that it "...may lead to poor comfort and energy performance in the finished dwelling." – CSIRO, 2017.

VURB
ENERGY
RATING



NatHERS
6 STAR
ENERGY
RATING



When can a new home be labelled 6 Stars?

"Only buildings that achieve a 6 Star rating using NatHERS accredited software can claim to be '6 Star'. If a building has achieved compliance using any other method... then it cannot claim that it is a '6 Star' building."

– Building Commission, Government of Western Australia
September 2012

The 6 Star energy rating was introduced by the Government in May 2011 to encourage home builders like Stratawise to design energy efficient homes for our future.

For you, this also means real savings off your energy bills.

That's because a 6 Star NatHERS accredited home not only takes into consideration your lot orientation but will also incorporate any materials necessary to achieve a minimum 6 Star rating.

Here's another 6 good reasons why you should demand a NatHERS 6 Star home



Uses around 24%* less energy on heating and cooling compared to a 4 or 5 Star home



Reduces artificial cooling/heating



Higher level of energy efficiency



6 Star energy rating as standard



Less impact on the environment by reducing your carbon footprint



Better resale value in the future

There's no excuse **not to have a 6 Star home.**

When choosing your new home, don't let any builder talk you out of a NatHERS 6 Star rated home!

An accredited NatHERS 6 Star rated Stratawise home is competitively priced. In fact, you'll be surprised at just how affordable our homes are compared to homes that are built to a non-6 Star VURB-rated efficiency. So, you get to enjoy all the benefits and comfort of a 6 Star home at a price you can afford.

Stratawise considers every aspect of the NatHERS rating system.

Something to think about

Some homebuilders may claim their homes are energy efficient. This alone does not mean they are accredited with NatHERS 6 Star energy rating!

With Stratawise, the NatHERS 6 Star energy rating is the difference in how we design our homes and the materials we use to build them.

BEFORE YOU BUILD!

Demand that your builder provides a NatHERS 6 Star energy efficient home.



Lot orientation

- NatHERS** ✓ Provides the design and all materials necessary to achieve at least a 6 Star rating
- VURB** ? Provides the design but may not provide all materials necessary to achieve a 6 Star rating



Energy efficient window design

- NatHERS** ✓ Provides the design and all materials necessary to achieve at least a 6 Star rating
- VURB** ? Provides the design but may not provide all materials necessary to achieve a 6 Star rating



Minimum R4.0 ceiling batts

- NatHERS** ✓ Included in all Stratawise homes
- VURB** ? May not be included in all VURB homes



Double brick cavity insulation

- NatHERS** ✓ Provides the design and all materials necessary to achieve at least a 6 Star rating
- VURB** ? Provides the design but may not provide all materials necessary to achieve a 6 Star rating

The wise way to **future-proof** your investment!

What's best for
your development?
With Stratawise,
we know there
are real benefits
in building 6 Star
energy efficient
developments.



Don't just ask for 6 Stars, demand it! The Building Code of Australia (BCA) has outlined a comprehensive strategy to ensure new homes are built to NatHERS 6 Star energy efficiency rating. This ensures our 6 Star homes are future-proofed, and are projected to use 24%* less energy to heat and cool, making them more attractive for future tenants and buyers.

If you want to find out more about the wise ways we're building 6 Star developments, contact Stratawise today.

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STRATAWISE
Your residential development specialists

*As projected by the Sustainable Energy Association of Australia in their publication 'Your 6-Star Guide to building an energy efficient home' (2011), in comparison to a 4 or 5 star home. This publication is presently referred to by the Building Commission (WA) and Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (WA). Also see <http://www.vba.vic.gov.au>. Images for illustrative purposes only. Builder's Registration No. 9769.