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Green Star South Africa: Sustainable Precincts

A Sustainability Certification Platform for Large Scale Developments at a Precinct or Neighbourhood Scale

Why Sustainable Precincts?

The Green Star Sustainable Precincts tool is the next step from certifying green buildings. It evaluates, enhances and rewards developments based on their sustainability interventions and innovations. The emphasis of this rating tool is on sitewide issues rather than the individual buildings. The tool rates the planning, design and construction of the precinct space only, and does not rate the buildings within the neighbourhood or their performance.

The tool supports the planning, design and delivery of precincts and neighbourhoods that emphasise and prioritise environmental sustainability, such as water and energy efficiency, reducing dependence on single occupant vehicles, while also turning to broader scale issues such as economic prosperity, liveability and community health and wellbeing where singular buildings can seldom create the same effect.

How Does it Work?

Ecolution Consulting will work to guide architects, planners, engineers and contractors in the detailed planning, design and delivery of sustainable precincts, with their numerous beneficial interventions.

The Sustainable Precincts rating tool is divided into the following categories:

- Governance
- Design
- Liveability
- Economic Prosperity
- Environment
- Innovation

The final points score is determined by summing the points achieved in the category scores. Based on the points achieved the star rating is assigned as follows:

45-59 Points	* * * *	Best Practice
60-74 Points	* * * *	South Africa Excellence
75+ Points	* * * * *	World Leadership