### asset management the role of green buildings

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### Outline

- NZGBC vision & mission etc.
- Value case for green building
- Advent and role of rating tools in NZ
- The sustainability context
- Procurement process
- Whole of life costing
- Questions





#### **New Zealand Green Building Council**

**Vision:** That New Zealanders work and live in healthy, efficient, productive and environmentally sustainable buildings, today and into the future.

**Mission:** To accelerate the development and adoption of market based green building practices.



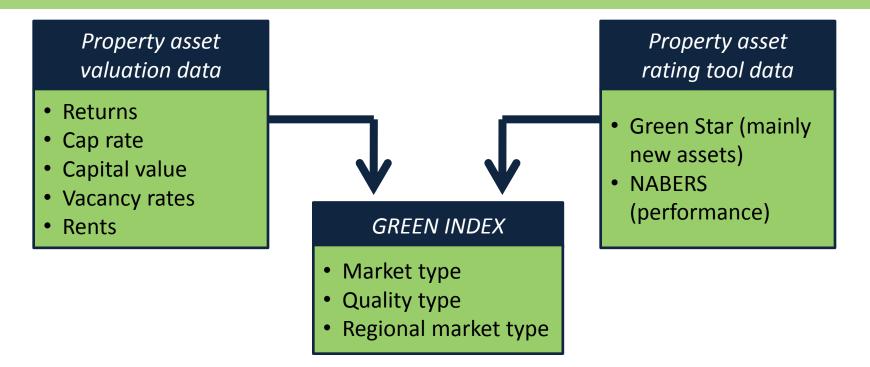
#### Investors

- Increased return on investment (ROI)
- Enhanced marketability
- Lower risk assets as they are built to last

"Rated assets deliver better returns on performance than non-rated assets, consistent across various market segments."



### **PCA/IPD Green Investment Index**



- Measures investment returns for buildings
- Tangible metrics
- Benchmark analysis
- Transparency in the market



### **Developers and owners**

- Compressed schedules
- Increased sales prices
- Access to capital
- Asset protection
- Lower operating costs
- Tenant attraction/retention
- Higher lease rates
- Reduced liability and risk



### **Role of rating schemes**

- Developing a common language
- Setting voluntary targets
- Recognising and rewarding leaders of best practice
- Robust certification process
- Gaining value chain alignment
- Materiality approach
- Not prescriptive



### **Green Star**

Green Star is a comprehensive, national, voluntary environmental rating scheme that evaluates the environmental attributes and performance of New Zealand's buildings using a suite of rating tool kits developed to be applicable to each building type and function

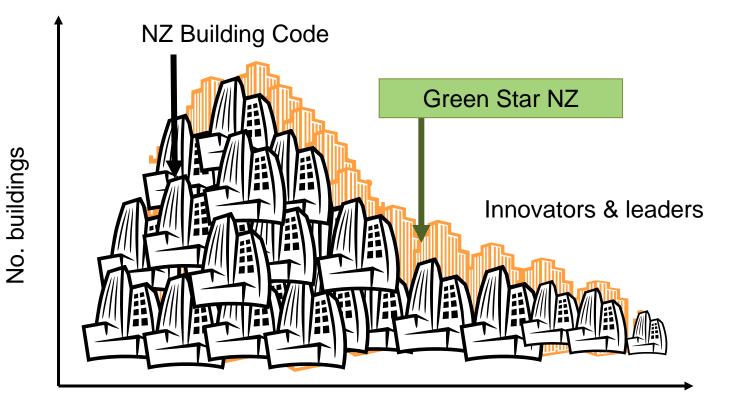




A Green Star NZ Certification represents commitment and leadership to green building practices and environmental performance



### **Rewarding best practice**



Best practice – green buildings



### **Key projects**

















## **Building components considered**

Sealants **Materials** ٠ Transport 10% Engineered Wood • 10% Furniture Water 10% PVC • Energy Insulation ۰ 25% Land Use & Ecology Timber ٠ 10% Façade ٠ Structure Concrete Emissions 5% **IEQ** Materials Steel ٠ Recognition Floor Coverings Management 2% IEQ 10% Walls Partitions Joinery 18%

**Office 2009 Category Weightings** 

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Paint

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- ٠
- ٠
- Ceilings •
- Landscaping Materials ٠

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### **Issues addressed**

base building tools = structural materials

> fitout tools = furniture & fittings

- Reuse
- Recycled content
- Durability
- Demountable
- Product Stewardship
- Volatile Organic Compounds
- Minimisation
- Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)
- Third party certification:
  - Recognised ecolabel
  - ISO14001 or Enviromark
  - Chain of Custody







Source: Annex 31 project "Energy-Related Environmental Impact of Buildings" (www.annex31.org).

WORLDWIDE, BUILDINGS ACCOUNT FOR:

#### **CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS BY SECTOR:**

Buildings are an important part of the solution to climate change.



BUILDINGS

TRANSPORTATION

INDUSTRY

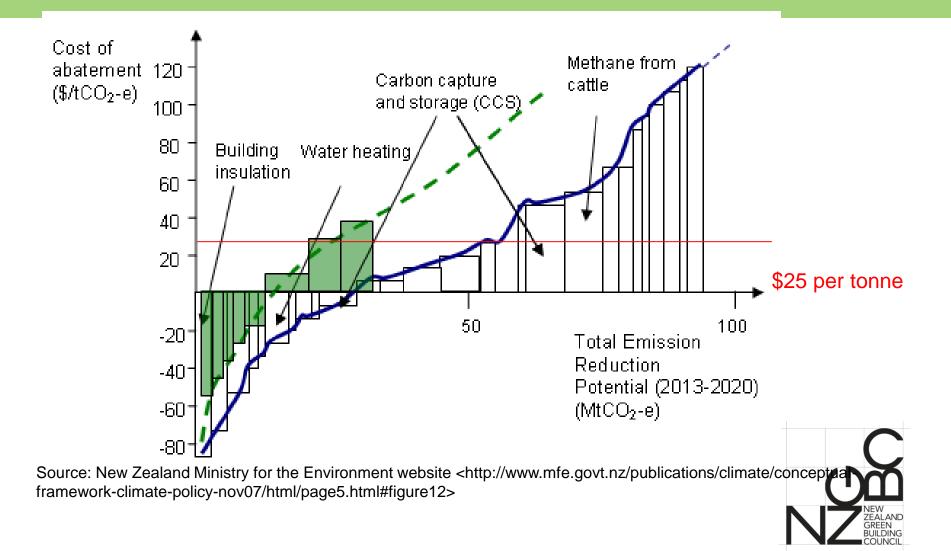
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#### **Carbon and buildings in New Zealand**

- The built environment contributes 17% to New Zealand's overall emissions profile
- New Zealand's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) does not directly include the built environment, the industry will be subject to flow-on costs
- Opportunities for emissions reduction in the built environment are at negative cost



### Marginal abatement cost curve



### **Getting started**

- Calculate a carbon footprint
- Factor the cost of carbon into all decision-making
- Identify easy wins
- Consider whole of life costing
- Prepare internal sustainable procurement practices
- Enhance understanding of prospective tenants
- Green Star Performance tool



### **Designing a building**



- Predict carbon output in design
- Measure carbon output in use (Performance tools)
- Set reduction targets, implement programs
- Possible tradeable credits
- Incentives/programs to bring forward investment in existing stock

### Whole of life costing

"Total cost of ownership over life of asset"

- Improved awareness of total costs
- More accurate forecasting profiles
- Performance trade off against capital cost



planning design construction acquisition operations maintenance renewal rehabilitation depreciation cost of finance replacement disposal

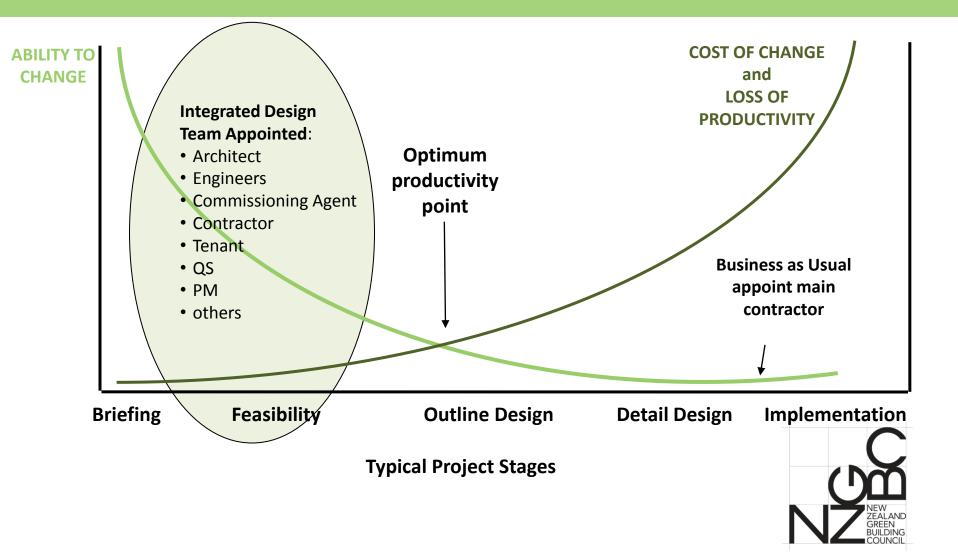


### **Unanticipated costs**

- Energy price rises
- Earthquake losses
- Increased labour costs
- Consumer awareness
- Resource cost increases
- Change management and staff costs
- Business disruption
- Disposal



### **Opportunity costs**



#### Strategy to address whole of life costing

- Integrated design
- Value management engineering
- Analyse future trends
- Set targets and track performance
- Report



### **Building and construction**

- Tangible benefits in this sector
- Advantages to green building
- Common sense and principles
- New technologies
- NZGBC growth
- Certification uptake plateau
- Market adapting





### Thank you

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