

# Understanding Your Wattblock Energy Report

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Street Address QLD 4000

Sample Building

Prepared For: Owners Corporation

82

High Rise

16 Years

22 July 2016

16 + 4 Parking



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## **Building Data Analysis Report Overview**

Wattblock reports indicate the building address, category, size, and the overall utility expenditure estimates for common areas and apartments.

# FAST PAYBACK OPPORTUNITY

Highlights fast payback savings across all utilities for both apartments and common areas.

# SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP

Compares the current and optimal annual utility costs possible through tariff optimisation, energy and water efficiency, and solar energy for both the common areas and for the apartments.

#### LOW HANGING FRUIT

Provides a list of the top projects which have been identified in terms of annual savings opportunity, project costs and payback.

REPORT

PREMIUM ASSESSMENT

Common Energy: \$30,515 p.a. | Apartment Energy: Est. \$174,000 p.a. | Water: \$35,381 p.a.

# ESTIMATED COST ANNUAL COST SAVINGS 42% \$17,238 S52,999 \$3.1 Includes Maintenance Note: All figures are GST inclusive

Block Type:

**Total Floors:** 

Total Units:

Date:

Age of Block:

#### SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP

**FAST PAYBACK** 

**OPPORTUNITIES** 

Wattblock estimates the

annual energy costs for

your common areas can be reduced by 42% after all

identified projects meeting

fast payback criteria.

Energy efficiency upgrades, solar installation and power factor correction can lower your energy bill by reducing grid usage and providing feed-in revenue.

Water savings can be achieved by targeting water leakages and efficiency.



#### LOW HANGING FRUIT

Wattblock recommends the top projects for your block as summarised in the table.

Note: Solar installation may be available under a no upfront cost Power Purchase Agreement.

	Projects	Description	Est. Savings	Est. Cost	Est. Payback
1	Carpark Lighting	Replace fluoro tubes in basement carpark with LED.	\$6,067	\$16,988	2.8 Years
2	Common Area Lighting	Replace common area lighting in foyers, floors and fire exits with LED.	\$6,668	\$30,006	4.5 Years
3	Rooftop Solar	Install a 16 kW solar energy system on your roof.	\$2,419	\$20,800	8.6 Years
4	Water Sub-metering	Install water sub-metering for enhanced analytics on apartment water usage.	\$10,141	\$26,491	2.6 Years
5	Swimming Pool Pump	Improve the efficiency of water pumps in the swimming pool.	\$443	\$714	1.6 Years

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**NOTE:** Energy and water savings opportunity identified in the first section is designed to highlight the combined return on investment results from projects with rapid payback. Solar Energy is often excluded due to longer payback.



## Common Area Energy Efficiency

#### **ENERGY WHEEL**

This pie chart separates common area electricity and gas usage costs into five main categories: lighting, mechanical, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), water, and facilities.

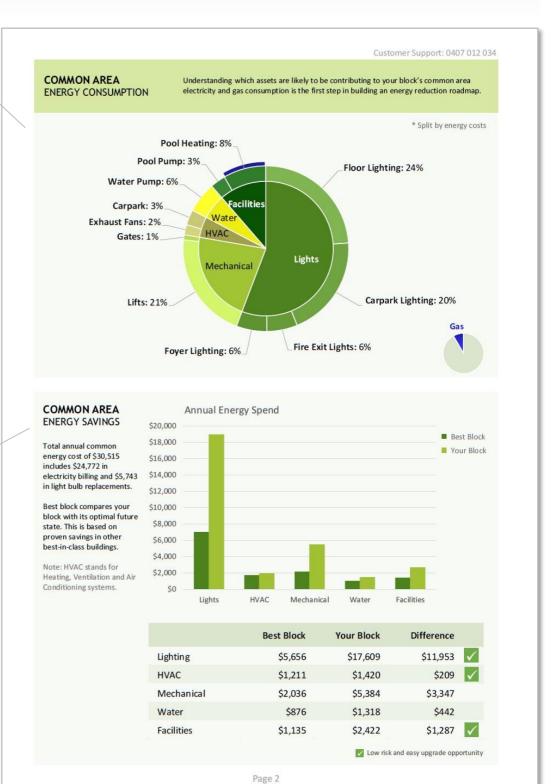
Each of these is broken down further to show where energy costs are greatest. The blue indicates which costs are for gas.

## COMMON AREA ENERGY SAVINGS

The table and graph highlight areas that will save the most on energy bills when energy efficiency measures are implemented.

Potential savings are calculated by comparison to the best results that other buildings have achieved.

Green ticks highlight the main areas where upgrade opportunities are both low risk and easy to implement.





## Individual Apartment Energy Usage

# INDIVIDUAL APARTMENT ENERGY CONSUMPTION

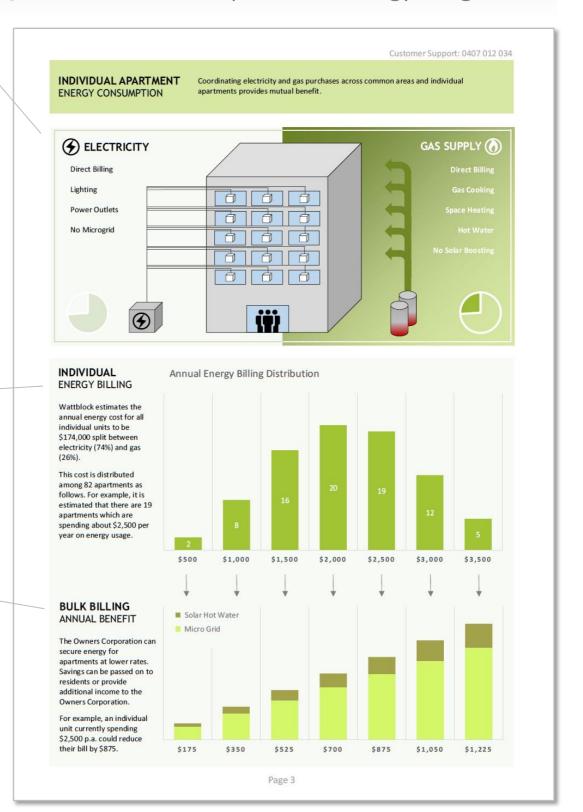
A diagrammatic representation of the building is used to illustrate the way energy systems are set up for apartment energy usage. While some energy systems are direct user pays systems, others are common or shared systems.

# INDIVIDUAL ENERGY BILLING

This graph uses statistics to distribute the individual apartments by their energy bills into different annual cost ranges.

# BULK BIILLING ANNUAL BENEFIT

Shows the estimated savings for each group identified in the table above. Savings are broken into different types of opportunities such as solar hot water and 'Micro Grid'.



**NOTE:** 'Micro Grid' or Embedded Electrical Networks are when apartments buy energy from the strata at lower rates instead of directly from retailers. There are pricing, payment, and notification laws governing the resold energy from the strata to protect the apartments.



## Water Usage Assessment

# WATER SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY

This section shows the overall savings opportunity from water efficiency and elimination of water leaks in apartments and common areas.

# DAILY USAGE PROFILE

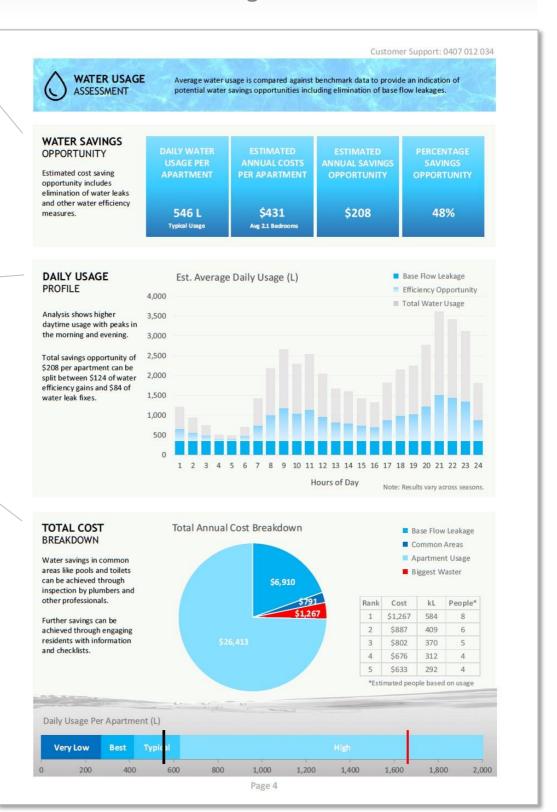
This graph shows the distribution of water usage over the hours of the day. Water efficiency and base flow water leakage are shown in colour.

#### TOTAL COST BREAKDOWN

Shows the estimated total water supply costs for the block including common areas & apartments. Base flow water leakage is shown separately.

The table lists the top five apartments in terms of water usage and estimates the number of people. The 'Biggest Waster' is also shown on the graph.

The scale at the bottom shows how the building compares to other apartment blocks.



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## Solar Energy Impact Assessment

Solar energy viability depends largely on available roof space for solar panels, the electrical

#### **ENERGY SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY**

This section shows the overall financial return on solar investment with and without batteries. Roof space and energy usage limit the size of solar.

#### **LOAD PROFILE ASSESSMENT**

The arey bars show the average hourly grid energy use over a day. Solar usage potential is shown in green. The yellow area shows energy usage from a larger combined solar and battery energy system.

#### **SOLAR PAYBACK ASSESSMENT**

This graph compares cash flow impacts of solar investments with and without batteries throughout a 25 year lifetime. The payback period is shown where the lines crosses \$0 on the year axis.

Allowance is made for replacement of inverters &batteries in year 12.

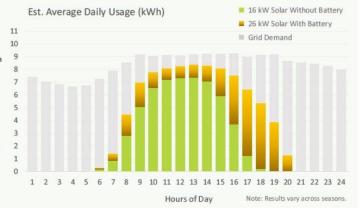


Note: Contact Wattblock for alternative system configurations

#### LOAD PROFILE **ASSESSMENT**

Wattblock predicts higher daytime usage with peaks in the morning and late afternoon.

Taking into account the available roof space and load profile, a 16 kW solar energy system is possible. This can be increased to a 26 kW system with 28 kWh of batteries.

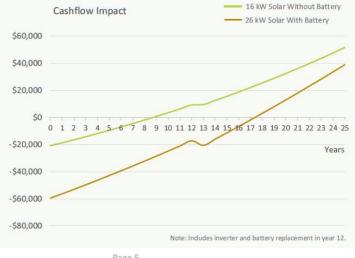


#### SOLAR PAYBACK **ASSESSMENT**

Upfront purchase of the 16 kW solar energy system without batteries is estimated to cost \$20,800 with an 8.6 year payback.

The 26 kW system with 28 kWh of batteries is estimated to cost \$59,480 with a 17.1 year payback.

Solar energy suppliers may also offer no unfront cost installations via a power purchase agreement.



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## **Electric Vehicle Charging**

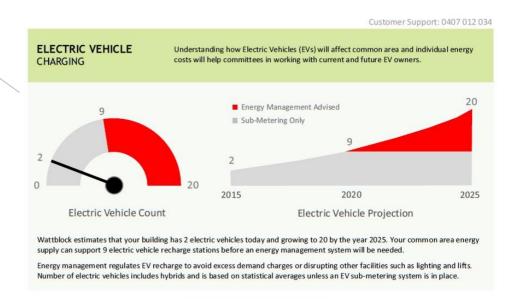
# ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

A statistical estimation of the number of electric vehicles is provided as well as projected growth rate. At some point the energy demands of electric vehicles will benefit from energy management and this is shown in red.

# RECHARCHING SOLUTIONS

There are a number of solutions for electric vehicle recharging. This section shows how different alternatives compare for your building.

The recommended solution offers lower cost car recharging from common area power while still satisfying user pays criteria.



#### A Hazard Warning

## SOLUTION 1 COMMON UNMETERED



This solution is most common where there are power outlets in the carpark. There are no set-up costs but the strata pays for the usage.

SET-UP COST
\$0
Per Electric Vehicle

OPERATING COST

COST PER 1,000 KM \$14.97

\$232 p.a.

#### RECOMMENDED

#### SOLUTION 2 COMMON METERED



User pays sub-metering of common power for EV recharge enables lower cost and helps with power management.

OWNER

SET-UP COST Est. \$2,500

\$592 p.a.

COST PER 1,000 KM \$14.97

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## SOLUTION 3 PRIVATE CONNECTION



Connecting an EV charger to private power still requires strata approval. This can be costly to set-up and usage costs will be higher as well.

OWNER

Est. \$8,000

\$421 p.a.

COST PER 1,000 KM \$27.16





## Progress and Environmental Achievement

# CUMULATIVE COST REDUCTION

This demonstrates an ideal step-by-step approach to the implementation of projects and the benefits after each step for apartments. Ticks are used to indicate the projects that have been

# PROPERTY VALUATION IMPACT

completed.

Shows how reducing strata levies and utility bills through identified projects can increase the value of apartments.

# ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT

The bottom row shows the potential impact of energy and water efficiency and solar power on the buildings carbon footprint. The last box shows how this will contribute to the National carbon reduction target.



## PROPERTY VALUATION IMPACT

A building with lower operating costs is worth more because net income to property owners is increased.

Total valuation increase represents an average of \$21,314 per apartment.



## ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT

Following sustainability initiatives your block will exceed the national carbon reduction target of 5% set for 2020. If every block did this, we would be well on our way to exceeding the target.

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PROPORTION OF POPULATION LIVING IN THIS BLOCK TYPE	AVERAGE OCCUPANCY RATE PER APARTMENT	NUMBER OF BLOCK RESIDENTS	ENERGY USE PER APARTMENT (MJ / YR)
3.8%	1.92	157	31,586
CURRENT BLOCK CO <sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS (TONNES/YR)	EMISSIONS SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY (TONNES/YR)	EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF TREES PLANTED	NATIONAL CO <sub>2</sub> REDUCTION TARGET 2020 CONTRIBUTION
763	239	3,590	628%

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