SBEnrc Project Progress – Quarterly Report
01 April to 30 June 2026

Project Number & Title	*1.11.3 Scalable Retrofit Pathways for Government Housing Portfolios*
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Overall Project Health and Delivery	Major issues or delays	☐	Minor issues or delays	☐	Progressing as planned	☒

Comments on project health/delivery:

The project is progressing as planned. There was a minor delay in finalising the expanded research team and confirming contributor roles across UQ, Curtin and Western Sydney University; however, this has now been resolved. The full interdisciplinary team is now in place, project planning and methodology have substantially advanced, and research activity is progressing toward PSG #2 and subsequent milestones.

Progress against milestones/deliverables:

No.	Description	Milestone or Deliverable?	Planned Due Date	Completion/ Forecast Date
1	PSG#1 Project Commencement	Milestone	06/05/26	06/05/26
2	PSG #2 Quarterly Report 1	Milestone	10/08/26	Scheduled
3	PSG #3 Half Year Review, Quarterly Report 2	Milestone	21/10/26	21/10/26
4	PSG #4 Quarterly Report 2, Research and Case Study Summary Presentations	Milestone	10/02/27	10/02/27
5	PSG #5 Half Year Review, Quarterly Report 4, Draft Research Report, Draft Industry Report	Milestone	12/05/27	12/05/27
6	PSG #6 (Final) Quarterly Report 5, Final Industry Report (pre-approval), Final Research Report (pre-approval), Communications package	Milestone	11/08/27	11/08/27
7	Knowledge transfer/research into practice, Executive Briefing as agreed by SBEnrc	Deliverable	30/09/27	30/09/27
8	Project Completion – Final approved Industry Report and Research Report	Deliverable	30/09/27	30/09/27
9	Final Project Video	Deliverable	30/09/27	30/09/27
10	Final Uptake and Impact Report	Deliverable	30/09/27	30/09/27

Progress <u>this quarter</u>:

- PSG #1 was held on 6 May 2026, introducing the project to the Project Steering Group and seeking early partner input on priorities, data needs and case study directions.
- The research team has substantially advanced the project methodology, internal planning documents and work planning systems to support coordinated delivery across the five objectives.
- The interdisciplinary research team has been expanded and confirmed, including new contributors from Curtin University, Western Sydney University and UQ.
- Paul Matthew, leading Objective 1, has commenced analysis of national and state-level social and staff housing portfolios, including early correlation with climate zones to identify priority building/climate types.

- Priority building/climate types are being identified through national/state portfolio and climate-zone analysis. This work will inform case study selection and may also help partners prioritise future research and investment.
- Initial engagement with Brisbane Housing Corporation has progressed, with BHC sharing detailed portfolio data and expressing interest in ongoing involvement in the project.
- Defence Housing Australia has joined as a new project-level partner, strengthening the staff housing dimension of the project and enabling greater rigour in the case study analysis.
- The team is preparing partner data requests to support selection of case study buildings and enable subsequent modelling and feasibility assessment.

Fresh engagement/investment/collaborations this quarter

- Defence Housing Australia has joined as a new project-level partner, with Elaina Lobendahn, Assistant Director, joining the PSG. DHA's contribution strengthens the project's relevance to staff housing portfolios and supports expanded case study rigour.
- Brisbane Housing Corporation has engaged with the project and shared detailed portfolio data, with future involvement to be confirmed.
- Vivian Tam, Western Sydney University, has joined the research team, bringing expertise in life cycle assessment and costing.
- Xihong Zhang, Curtin University, has joined the research team, bringing expertise in civil and structural engineering.
- Gregory Mason, UQ, has joined the research team to support building energy modelling. Greg is commencing a PhD at UQ, co-supervised with CSIRO, on closely related matters.

Project outputs and communications to date:

- PSG #1 presentation and supporting documentation.
- Quarterly Report 1.
- Project briefing slide deck.
- LinkedIn post announcing/project launching the project.
- Internal methodology and research planning documents to guide coordinated delivery across the research team.
- Draft partner data request materials under development for portfolio-level and building-level information.