SBEnrc Project Progress – Quarterly Report
01 July 2026 – 30 September 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:

- Minor delays have occurred in progressing some research activities and partner engagement.
- PSG #3 has been deferred by four weeks to allow priority research and partner engagement activities to be completed to a useful standard.
- The project has been focused around a focused work plan through to PSG #3.
- Dr Mubeen Ahmad has joined the project as a senior researcher and will contribute across research, partner engagement, coordination and reporting.

Progress against milestones/deliverables:

No.	Description	Milestone or Deliverable?	Planned Due Date	Completion/ Forecast Date
1	PSG#1 Project Commencement • Pre-Payment Approved by Board • Uptake and Impact Measures • Final Factsheet • Final Case Study Summaries	Milestone	06/05/26	Complete
2	PSG #2 – • Literature Review • Any other specific deliverables per project as agreed by SBEnrc • Quarterly Report 1	Milestone	10/08/26	Complete
3	PSG #3 – • Half Year Review • Quarterly Report 2 • Industry Partner Engagement Sessions as agreed by SBEnrc	Milestone	21/10/26	19/11/26
4	PSG #4 – • Quarterly Report 3 • Research and Case Study Summary Presentations as agreed by SBEnrc • Draft Uptake and Impact Report	Milestone	10/02/27	10/02/27
5	PSG #5 – • Half Year Review • Quarterly Report 4 • Including Industry Dissemination Outputs (Project Website) as agreed by SBEnrc • Knowledge transfer/Industry Adoption Plan (Item 2.7) as agreed by SBEnrc	Milestone	12/05/27	12/05/27

	• Draft Research Report • Draft Industry Report			
6	PSG #6 (Final) – • Quarterly Report 5 • Final Industry Report (pre-approval) • Final Research Report (pre-approval) • Communications package (includes YouTube video and graphically designed and technically reviewed 16-24 page Industry Report). • Final Uptake and Impact Report	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 #2 completed, with strong partner discussion around portfolio priorities, case study selection and implementation needs.
- Detailed project methodology and research planning substantially developed and refined.
- Interdisciplinary research team confirmed across UQ, Curtin University and Western Sydney University.
- Partner portfolio meetings commenced, with several completed and remaining meetings now being scheduled ahead of PSG #3.
- WA case study confirmed as a Climate Zone 5 double-brick housing typology.
- Defence Housing Australia joined as a project-level partner, enabling expansion of the project from three to four case studies and strengthening the staff-housing dimension of the research.
- Homes NSW has engaged strongly with the project, with discussions underway regarding potential project-level partnership and an additional Homes NSW-focused case study or implementation pathway.
- Background and Evidence Report underway ahead of PSG #3, bringing together portfolio analysis, partner insights, policy/program context and relevant research evidence.
- Targeted literature and evidence review underway, focusing on Australian housing retrofit research, approaches for assessing retrofit value and benefits, and considerations specific to social and government housing.
- Dr Mubeen Ahmad joined the project as a senior researcher to support research delivery, partner engagement and reporting.

Fresh engagement/investment/collaborations <u>this quarter</u>

- WA Department of Housing and Works - detailed discussion of portfolio composition, retrofit priorities, available portfolio data and selection of the WA case study. WA is preparing portfolio data to support further analysis.
- Homes NSW - engagement regarding its large multi-residential housing portfolio, retrofit priorities and potential further involvement in the project. Discussions regarding project-level partnership are continuing with SBEnrc.
- Transport for NSW - engagement regarding portfolio characteristics, priorities and potential contribution to the research.
- Further individual meetings with project partners are currently being scheduled to confirm portfolio priorities, available data and case study requirements ahead of PSG #3.
- Defence Housing Australia confirmed as a new project-level partner, providing additional investment and enabling expansion of the case study program.

- Greg Mason commenced his PhD at UQ focusing on energy efficiency and wellbeing in social housing.

Project outputs and communications <u>to date</u>:

- Quarterly Reports 1 and 2.
- PSG #1 and PSG #2 presentation decks and supporting meeting materials.
- Project briefing presentation materials.
- Project launch / LinkedIn communication.
- Detailed internal methodology and research plan.
- Partner portfolio and case study data request materials.
- Partner meeting notes and synthesis of emerging priorities and actions.
- Background and Evidence Report - draft underway.

Industry Quotes:

Jenella Voitkevich (Project Manager Facilities & Buildings at Main Roads Western Australia)
"...a great opportunity for retrofit and upgrading poorer performing dwellings."

Alberto Marino (Director, Standards and Business Services, Homes NSW)
"I can see important interjurisdictional lessons."

Alex Mitchel (Homes NSW)
"...until now, there's been a complete lack of internal guidance on how to select strategies."