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Ten stars to Growth Management Queensland for 6 Star House Design Guide

Growth Management Queensland's *"Design guide for 6-star energy equivalence housing"* is to be commended for providing climate friendly design guidelines that support part of our State's cultural identity – the Queenslander housing style.

Rod McInnes, CEO Timber Queensland said the guide will assist building designers and architects meet the 6-star minimum energy equivalence requirement for new housing required by the Queensland Development Code and the Building Code of Australia.

"We congratulate Growth Management Queensland for developing a design guide for a 'modern Queenslander' which features elevated suspended timber flooring and light weight construction materials," said Rod McInnes.

"Given Queensland's wide variety of climatic zones creating a design that can be varied to suit tropical, sub-tropical, hot arid and warm temperate areas that still supports the Queensland housing vernacular is to be commended," he said.

"Timber Queensland is aware that the Building Designers Association of Queensland (BDAQ) provided assistance to Growth Management Queensland to produce the design guide.

"The knowledge and expertise provided by Russell Brandon and his team at BDAQ will ensure the design guide delivers cutting-edge advice."

The *Design guide for 6-star energy equivalence housing* is available at http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/resources/guideline/six-star-design-guideline.pdf

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