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From: Graham, Karen
Sent: Friday, 19 August 2011 4:58 PM
To: 'info@ecoratewa.com'
Cc: DCCEE - Buildings
Subject: RE: Att: Karen (RBMD session today in Bunbury) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Don

Sorry it has taken me a while to get back to you – I am still catching up from my time out of the office to conduct the consultation sessions.

Thanks very much for the info. It is great to have some practical examples of how things could be done.

Would you like your e-mail to be taken as a formal submission to the RIS process rather than just some informal feedback? If so, I'll redirect it to the correct channel to make sure that it is noted as a submission. I think you have provided some valuable insights so would encourage you to feed them in to the formal process.

Cheers
Karen

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From: ecoratewa@gmail.com [<mailto:ecoratewa@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Ecorate WA
Sent: Saturday, 13 August 2011 10:20 PM
To: DCCEE - Buildings
Subject: Re: Att: Karen (RBMD session today in Bunbury)

Hi Karen,

just a quick note to roughly explain what we do, and how we do it. The PDF's I sent had a few pages, the page 'ECORATING SECTION 2' includes the final rating and is the only page handed to the home owner, the other pages we use to make our plan, it shows us what the house looks like. We use laser digital

measuring meters, to help draw a simplified internal layout which we use to calculate the federal governments NatHers 'star rating' using 2nd gen thermal simulation software (FR5). This gives a 'House energy rating' which is common to all 2nd gen software. As all ABSA accredited assessors use the same rated software, the results will be similar Australia wide!

The amount stated in the RIS to undertake an assessment for option 1, I personally think is far too expensive! I charge \$1 per m2 for the 'House energy rating' (Section 1) and the Water/Electricity usage (includes ballpark cost using our calculator which is constant for each house) report, this is Section 2.

Of concern in the RIS are the same/same, tick & flick, simplified, non-regulatory options, as these would be a quick way to start an amateurish & very un-professional business in building energy efficiency knowledge for the home owner/renter. I think you would find that with a realistic amount of \$250.00 per assessment (average) inserted into the formula for Option 1, the result would be by far the most cost effective, quick payback option to instigate.

ABSA accredited assessors are now working in every state using the same rated software, therefore the results will be similar Australia wide! The 'KISS' principal is very loud here, as new homes show a NatHers star rating, existing dwellings should be compared to the same, only then can all houses ratings be identified similarly. It is a bit of a misnomer that older homes always rate poorly, I have found that sometimes they can be comparable if not superior to new. Thankyou once again for allowing me to have an input to this decision.

Regards
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On Mon, Aug 8, 2011 at 9:28 PM, Ecorate WA <info@ecoratewa.com> wrote:

Hi Karen,

as requested, please find attached the forms we use for our section 2 (appliances/services) rating. I've changed the legend to letters so as not to confuse it with the section 1 (NatHERS star rating certificate). I hope that you find it usefull when determining the final product.

Regards
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