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Revised sustainability declaration and reference guide available

Purpose

To advise that a revised sustainability declaration and associated reference guide are now available on the Department of Infrastructure and Planning's [website](#).

Background

Since 1 January 2010, sellers have been required to complete a sustainability declaration prior to marketing a house, townhouse or unit. Sellers need to complete the form to the best of their ability and sign the declaration. If a seller is unsure of whether their home has a particular feature they may leave that question blank.

The declaration has been designed as an educational tool to promote the value of a home's sustainability features and provide indicative average savings in terms of electricity, water and household running costs.

Based on feedback from industry and members of the community, the declaration has been simplified to provide greater ease of use. The reference guide has also been updated to assist with the completion and interpretation of the revised declaration form.

Any forms that have been completed prior to 4 February 2010 will still be valid for properties that are currently on the market. A new form will not need to be completed for each property. This approach will give industry time to adjust to the new version of the declaration, as well as allowing printed supplies of the old version to be used.

The new version of the sustainability declaration and associated reference guide are attached to this newsflash and are also available on the department's [website](#).

Legislation

- *Building Act 1975*
- *Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act 2000*

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