Progress towards a new vision for the modern Australian Home

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Overview

1. Brief introduction to Livable Housing Australia
2. Outline the recent developments at Livable Housing Australia
3. Update on certification uptake and successes date
4. Next steps

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Industry, Community and Government mandate...

Australian Human Rights Commission

everyone, everywhere, everyday

Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Australian Network for Universal Housing Design

Australian Institute of Architects

AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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- Our role is to Influence:
  - the residential design and construction sector
  - community stakeholder, and
  - all levels of Governments

  to increase both the demand and supply of safer, more comfortable and easier to access homes.

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LHA's Core Activities

- **Leadership** – driving best practice through championing the Livable Housing Design (LHD) Guidelines
- **Certification** – certifying dwellings with the Livable Housing Design Quality Mark
- **Advocacy** – championing the 'livability agenda' with industry, consumers and all levels of government
- **Education** - providing industry training to design and deliver livable homes

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A 2020 Vision for Livable Homes

All new homes in Australia to be built to achieve, at a minimum, the Silver Level of the nationally agreed *Livable Housing Design Guidelines.*

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So what are we asking industry to do?

Recognise that demand for homes that are more flexible, versatile and lifespan sensitive is on the rise

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Activate a supply driven approach

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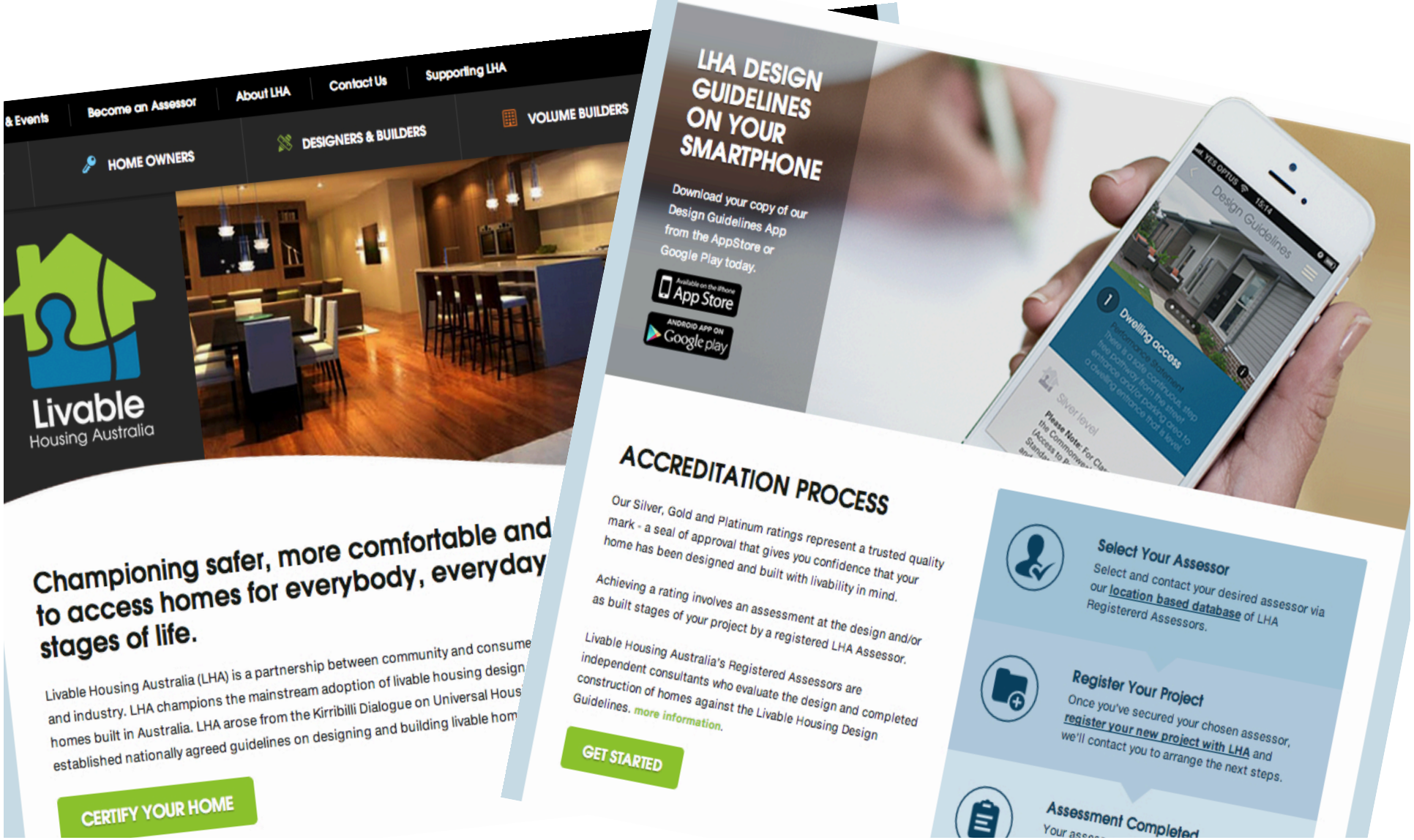
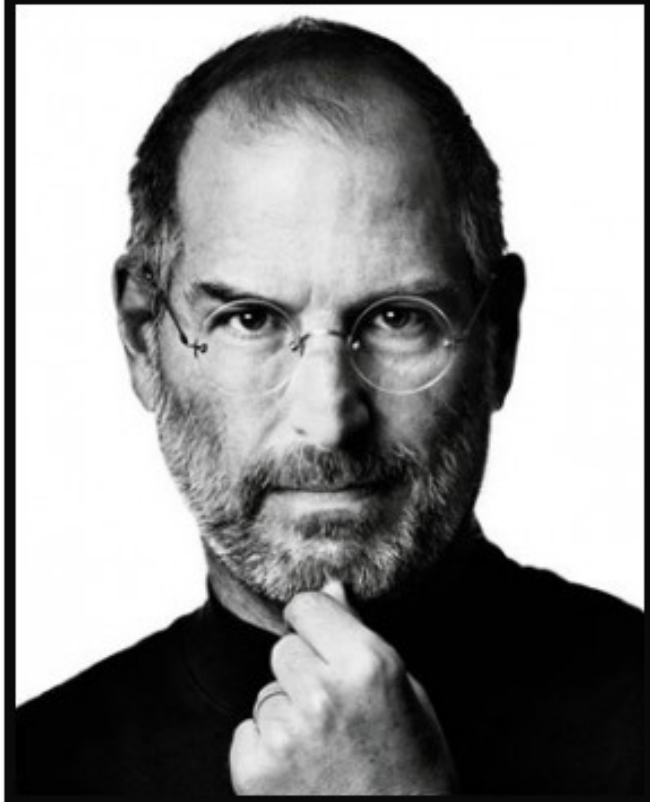
Adopt the Livable Housing Design Guidelines



Endorse Livability Certification
– a seal of approval that attests to the
enhanced livability of a home



That's been one of my mantras - focus and simplicity. Simple can be harder than complex: You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains.

(Steve Jobs)

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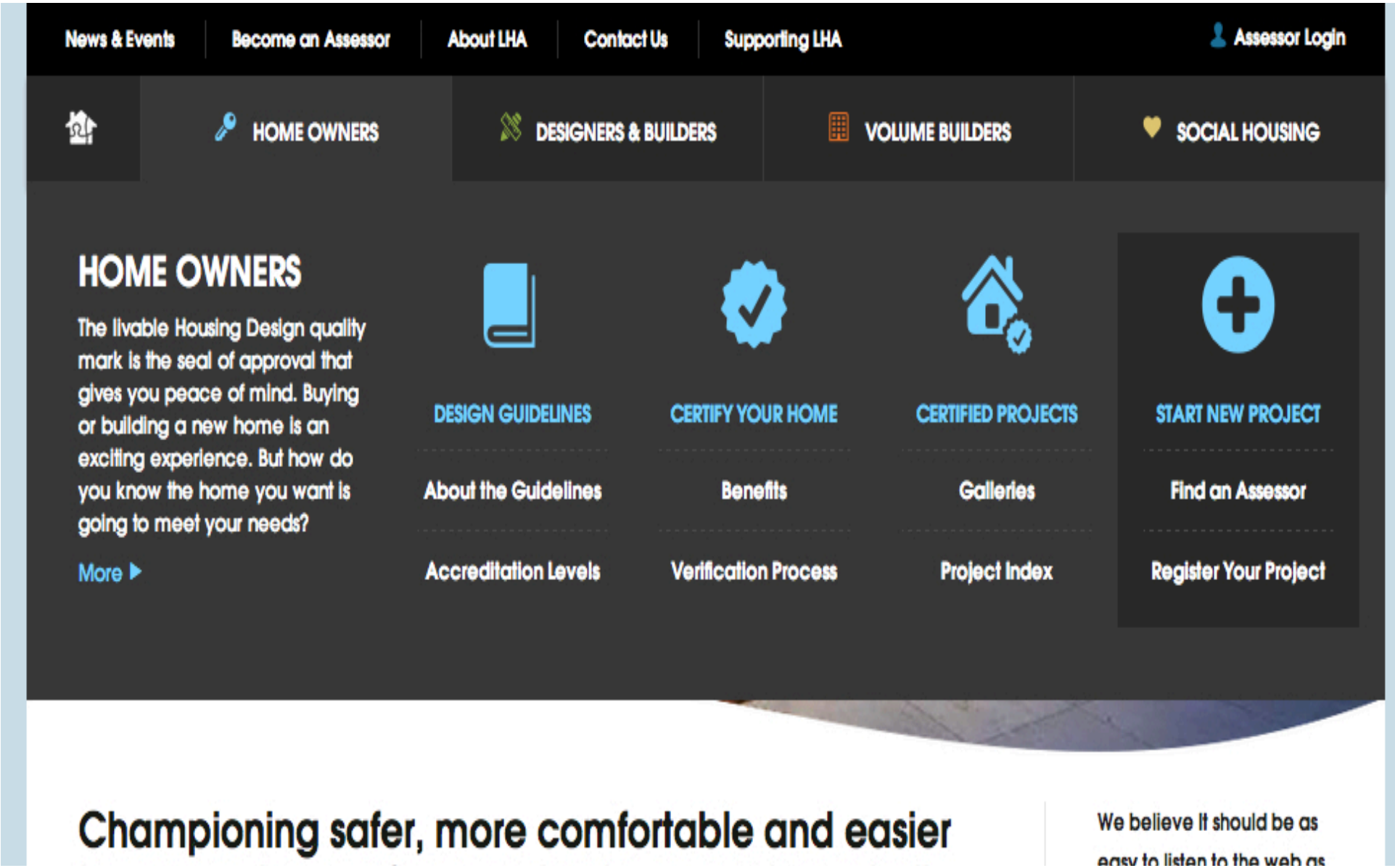
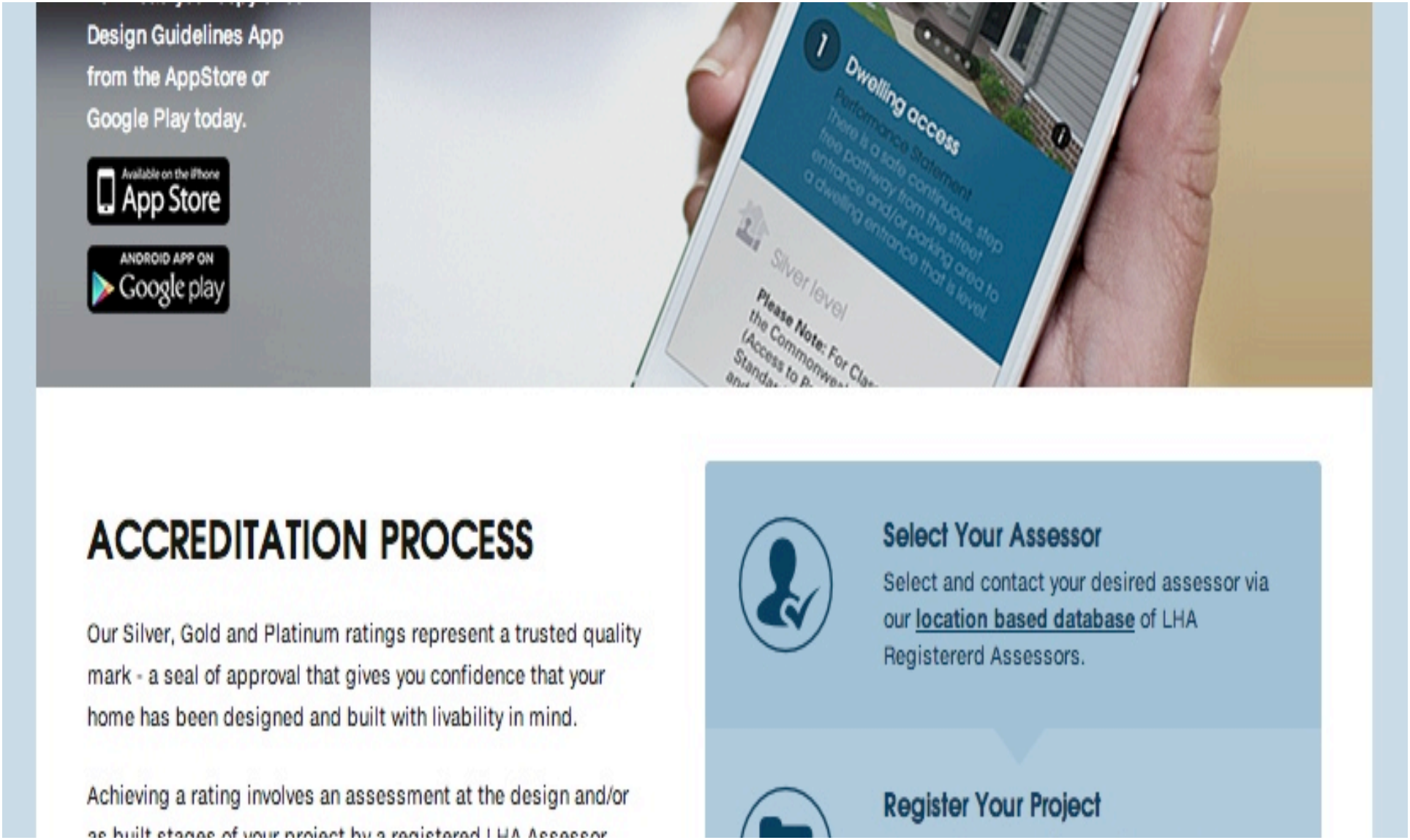
A more user-friendly site

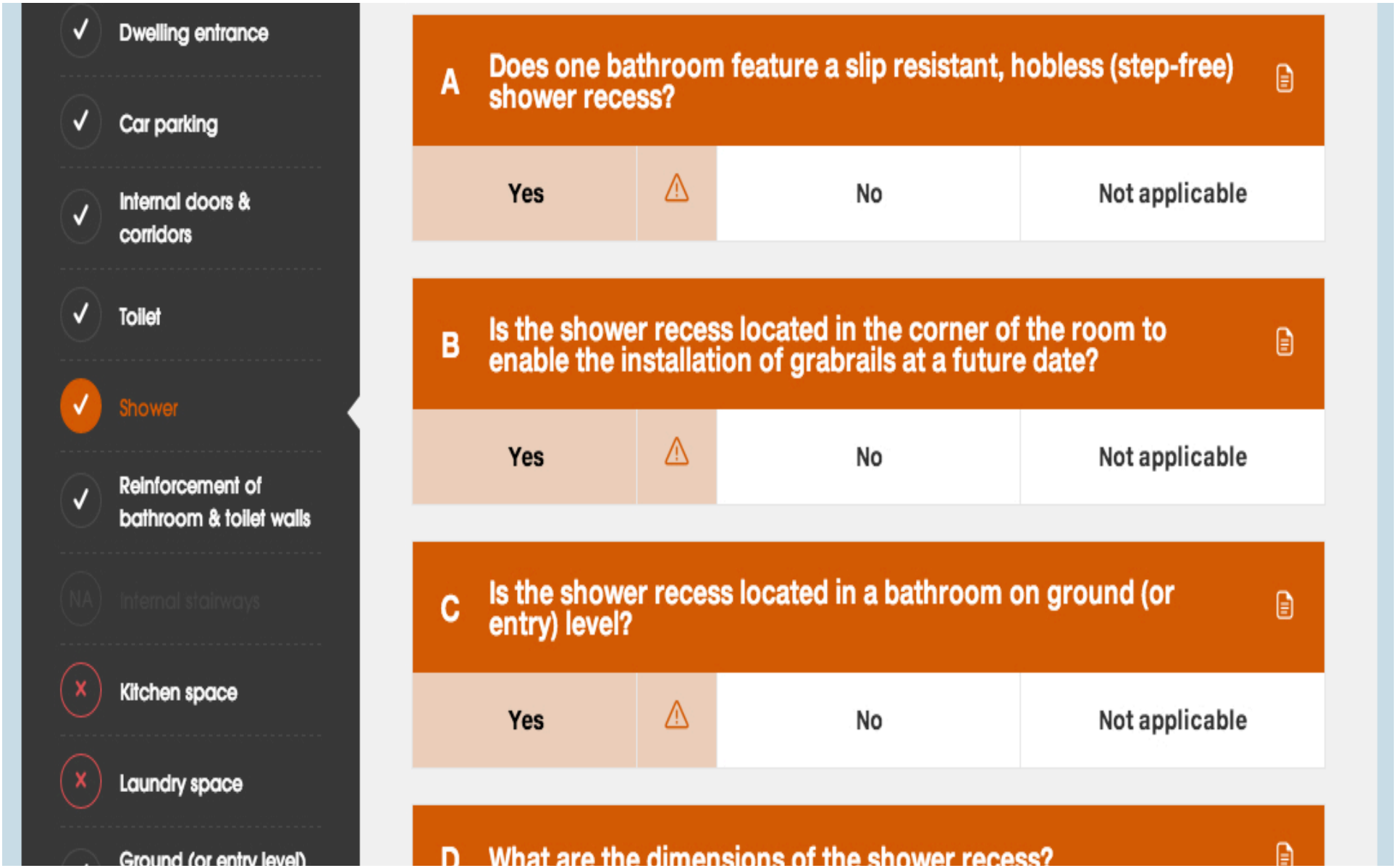


A single entry point for Livability Certification

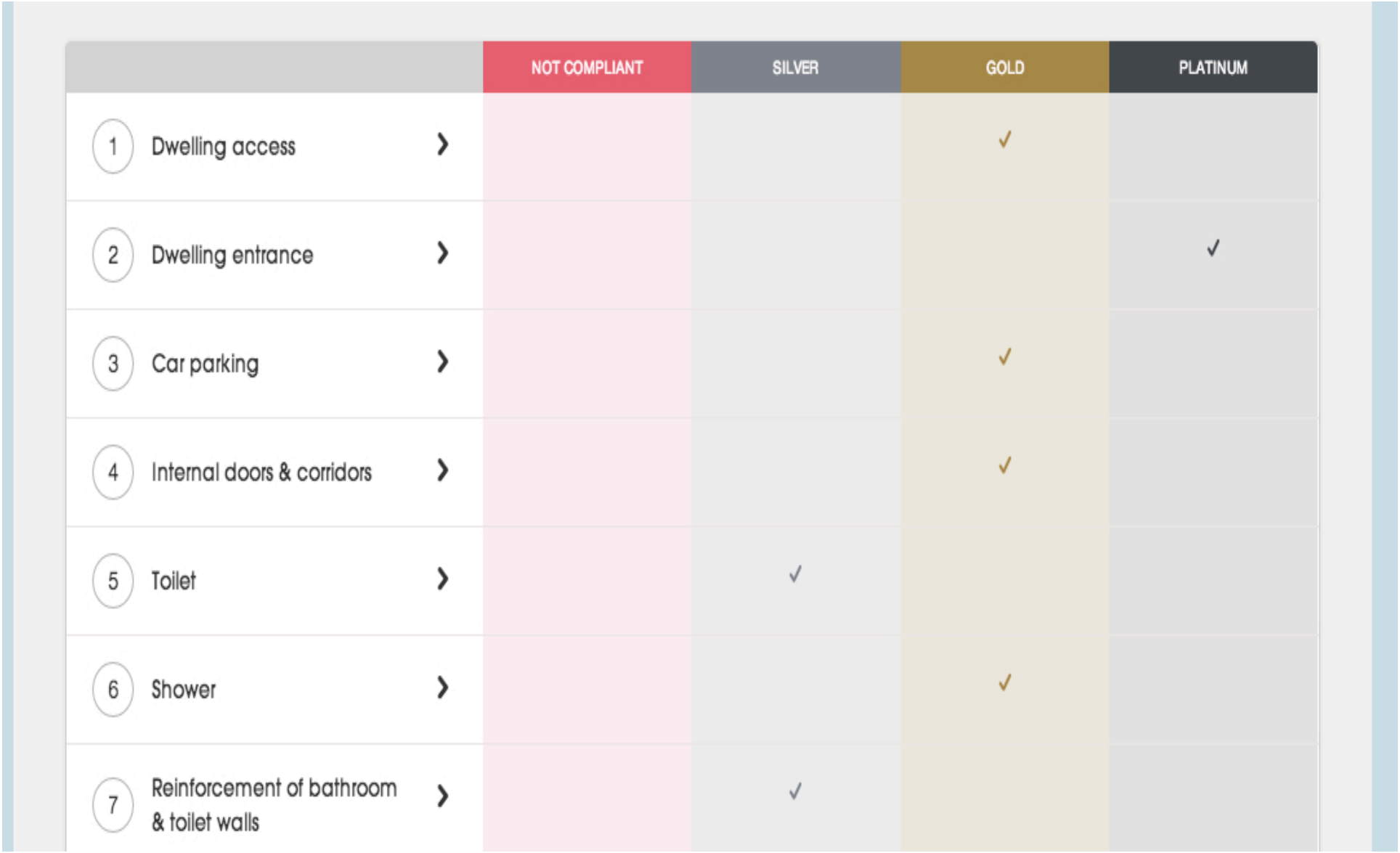
Projects are now registered online



Assessment takes an easy checklist format



Assessment results can be reviewed instantly



	NOT COMPLIANT	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
1 Dwelling access			✓	
2 Dwelling entrance				✓
3 Car parking			✓	
4 Internal doors & corridors			✓	
5 Toilet		✓		
6 Shower			✓	
7 Reinforcement of bathroom & toilet walls		✓		

Certification achieved in minutes

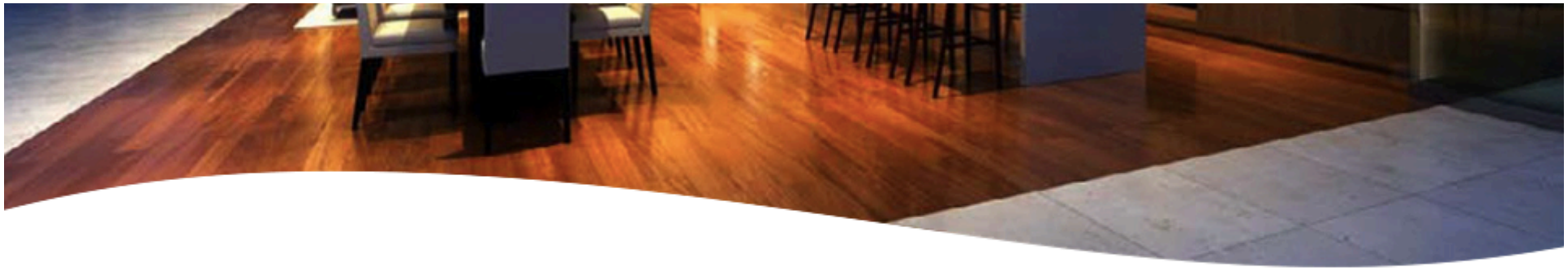
Free self-assessment option

Certifying our homes for a lifetime of living.

Livable Housing Australia (LHA) is a partnership between community and consumer groups, government and industry. LHA champions the mainstream adoption of livable housing design principles in all new homes built in Australia. LHA arose from the Kirribilli Dialogue on Universal Housing Design, which established nationally agreed guidelines on designing and building livable homes.

CERTIFY YOUR HOME

Online registration for LHA Assessors



BECOME AN ASSESSOR

LISTEN VIA READSPEAKER

Livable Housing Australia's Registered Assessors are independent consultants who evaluate the design and completed construction of homes against the Livable Housing Design Guidelines.

All Registered Assessors must complete approved training and pass a competency-based exam.

The list below includes the LHA Registered Assessor courses currently available.

Melbourne – Tuesday 28 October – IATA - Click here for more details

Sydney – Friday 14 November – IATA - Click here for more details

Perth – Thursday 27 November – IATA - Click here for more details

To express interest in attending a course at a different time or in a different location, please complete our Expression of Interest form.

General Information

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Certification trend since launching the mark in 2013 is significant

- Over 350 dwellings have achieved a formal livability certification since the launch of the Scheme in early 2013.
  - 148 Platinum Design Rating
  - 148 Gold Design Rating
  - 30 Silver Design Rating
  - 54 Platinum As Built Rating
  - 1 Silver Final As Built Rating

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Project registrations have increased significantly

- 2050 dwellings are currently registered for certification.
  - This means they are in the process of being assessed for a design rating.
  - This includes a mix of standalone dwellings, medium density and high density developments .
  - 85 per cent of these properties are in the private market.

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Self assessed product also increasing

- 310 dwellings/projects have been reviewed using the self-assessment portal since it was launched in July 2014.
- Approximately 4000 social and affordable housing dwellings have been identified to date as being built over the past 2 years to meet, at least the silver level, of the LHD Guidelines

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Self assessed product also increasing

- 2600 dwellings connected to a range of projects have been identified as meeting, at a minimum, the silver level of the LHD Guidelines.
  - These projects have made public statements of compliance and are a mix of built product and projects under construction.

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Property leaders and giants are onboard

Australia's leading developers have joined as Platinum Corporate Partners

"Meriton Group supports LHA's commitment to universal standards of safety, comfort and design excellence," says Meriton's General Manager, Peter Spira.

"Good apartment design adapts to the changing circumstances and mobility of its residents through every stage of life and the LHA logo is a stamp of quality assurance that people can trust".

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Leading real estate company, Grocon, has committed to building all future Grocon residential developments to meet the national Livable Housing Design Guidelines.

"We're very proud of the commitment we're making to design in accordance with the Livable Housing Design guidelines. It's a logical decision for our business and we're excited about the advancements in accessible, lifespan-friendly design that are likely to come from our close collaboration with Livable Housing Australia," Ms Viney adds.

Grocon

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Where does this place us for the future?

- Five of Australia's leading developers have signed with LHA (2 unannounced)
- Survey of new starts indicates that the development sector contributes between 25-30% of new stats each year.
- Renewed focus on volume home builder market using leveraged partnerships with developers.

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Final Thoughts

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