



IS Rating Scheme - Verification



Overview of the IS Rating Scheme

The Infrastructure Sustainability Council (ISC) is the peak industry body for advancing sustainable infrastructure across Australia and New Zealand. Through our IS Rating Scheme, we offer a trusted, evidence-based framework to measure, assess and drive improvements in the sustainability performance of infrastructure projects and assets.

Third-Party independent Verification is a core component of our process – ensuring that every IS Rating is independently assessed, transparently awarded, and truly meaningful.



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Rating Scheme**

WHY VERIFICATION MATTERS

Third-party verification adds integrity and value to your IS Rating, setting your project apart as a leader in sustainable infrastructure. Here's how:

1 Builds Trust Through Independent Verification

Third-party verification provides confidence to investors, regulators, and communities that sustainability outcomes are measurable, meaningful and credible.

2 Demonstrates Commitment to Best Practice

Projects are assessed against globally recognised performance standards for sustainability across environmental, social, economic, and governance domains.

3 Informs Better Decisions

Benchmark performance, uncover actionable insights, and identify opportunities for improvement throughout the infrastructure lifecycle.

4 Aligns with Global Investment and Delivery Expectations

Verified sustainability credentials meet the increasing expectations of financial institutions, government bodies, and global markets for responsible infrastructure investment and delivery.

5 Strengthens Reputation and Social Licence

Verified outcomes enhances public trust, supports stakeholder engagement, and reinforces an organisation's license to operate.

6 Drives Organisational Learning and Capability

Verification outcomes can be used to inform a culture of continuous learning, capacity-building, and improvement in sustainability performance.

7 Enhances Transparency and Accountability

A clear evidence based verification process reinforces trust internally and externally.

WHO BENIFITS FROM IS VERIFICATION?



Asset Owners

Confirm sustainability commitments are delivered with integrity



Government Agencies

Reinforce transparency and public accountability



Private Sector Partners

Elevate performance and market differentiation



Communities

Gain confidence in infrastructure that meets future needs

ALIGNMENT WITH ACCC & ISEAL

The ISC's verification process supports compliance with the ACCC's guidance on environmental claims, helping organisations avoid greenwashing and ensure claims are accurate and defensible.

The ISC's Verification process also aligns to the principles and guidelines published by the International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labelling Alliance (ISEAL), reinforcing the credibility of our scheme and the outcomes it delivers

HOW VERIFICATION WORKS

Each IS Rating undergoes a structured, independent third-party verification process utilising ISC-appointed Verifiers. This process ensures consistency, fairness, and rigour – giving stakeholders confidence that the sustainability outcomes achieved are real, measurable, and enduring.

The third-party independent verification process assesses project claims against the IS Rating Scheme requirements. Verifiers are independent from project teams, asset owners, project financier, and contracting public authorities, and provide impartial, third-party credibility to the final rating outcomes.

4 STEPS TO IS RATING SCHEME

STEP 1 - SUBMISSION

Self-assessment of project against the IS Rating Tool submitted to ISC along with supporting evidence



STEP 2 - VERIFICATION

Independent third-party verification is conducted to determine whether the evidence demonstrates compliance.



STEP 3 - QUALITY CONTROL

ISC review is conducted to ensure appropriate application of the verification procedure.



STEP 4 - CERTIFICATION

The verification outcome is certified, enabling projects to report on, learn from, and market their performance with confidence.



The ISC have a dedicated [Verification Procedure](#) that outlines the verification process in detail, including but not limited to the following aspects:

- Overview of verification process from formal commencement to completion, including detailed diagram
- Roles, involvement, qualifications and required experience of parties involved
- Quality Control and Continuous Improvement
- Verification Principles



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