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# HECC

## HOMESTAR EMBODIED CARBON CALCULATOR

**Solution.**

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## Webinar 5 Wednesday 8 June 12–1pm

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We will take questions at the end of the webinar



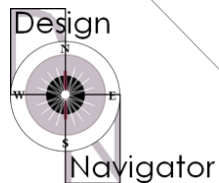
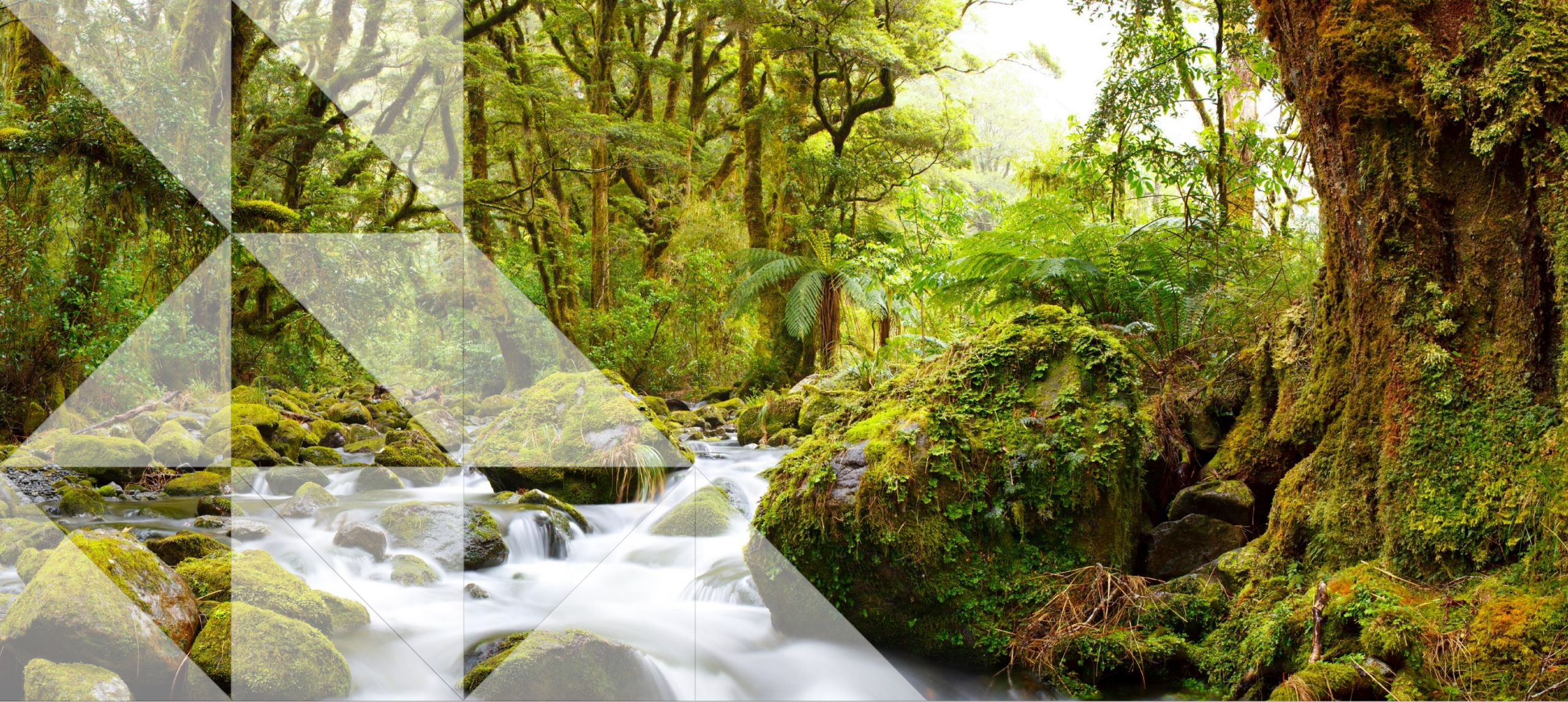
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- Background to HECC
- HECC demonstration
- Q&A







# Background to HECC



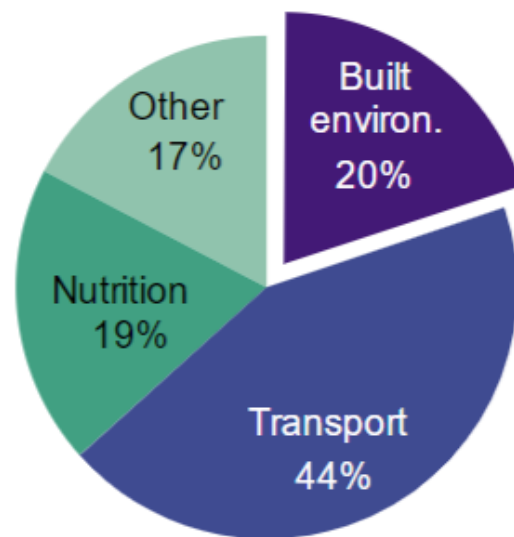
**Nau mai, haere mai ki Aotearoa.  
Te kainga o Te Kaunihera  
Hanganga Tautaiiao o Aotearoa.**


H1 Introduction: Calculation Method


# Embodied carbon

## Background

(c) Consumption perspective  
including international trade



60 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e  National total

13 t CO<sub>2</sub>e  Per person



# Background

## Homestar v5







# Homestar v5



## EN2: Embodied Carbon

Points Available	6		
Mandatory Minimums	<u>8 Homestar and above:</u> Projects must carry out a full cradle-to-cradle lifecycle assessment modules A-D of EN 15978.		
Aim	To reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with products and materials used to construct a home.		
Project-wide	Yes	Calculator	Yes

## Government efforts

# Building for Climate Change

	Initial Cap	Intermediate Cap	Final Cap
Operational Emissions Cap CO <sub>2</sub> -e/(m <sup>2</sup> .a) <sup>12</sup>	The cap will be a reporting mechanism for the total of the operational emissions from the three components		
Fossil Fuel combustion emissions <sup>13</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> -e/(m <sup>2</sup> .a)	18	9	0
Electricity Use kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> .a) <sup>14</sup>	180	90	45
Thermal performance (demand) kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> .a)	60	30	15
Services efficiency (delivered) kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> .a)	60	30	15
Water use l/p/d <sup>15</sup> (to be converted to m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> based on occupancy of the building type)	145	110	75

## The need to simplify

# Building for Climate Change

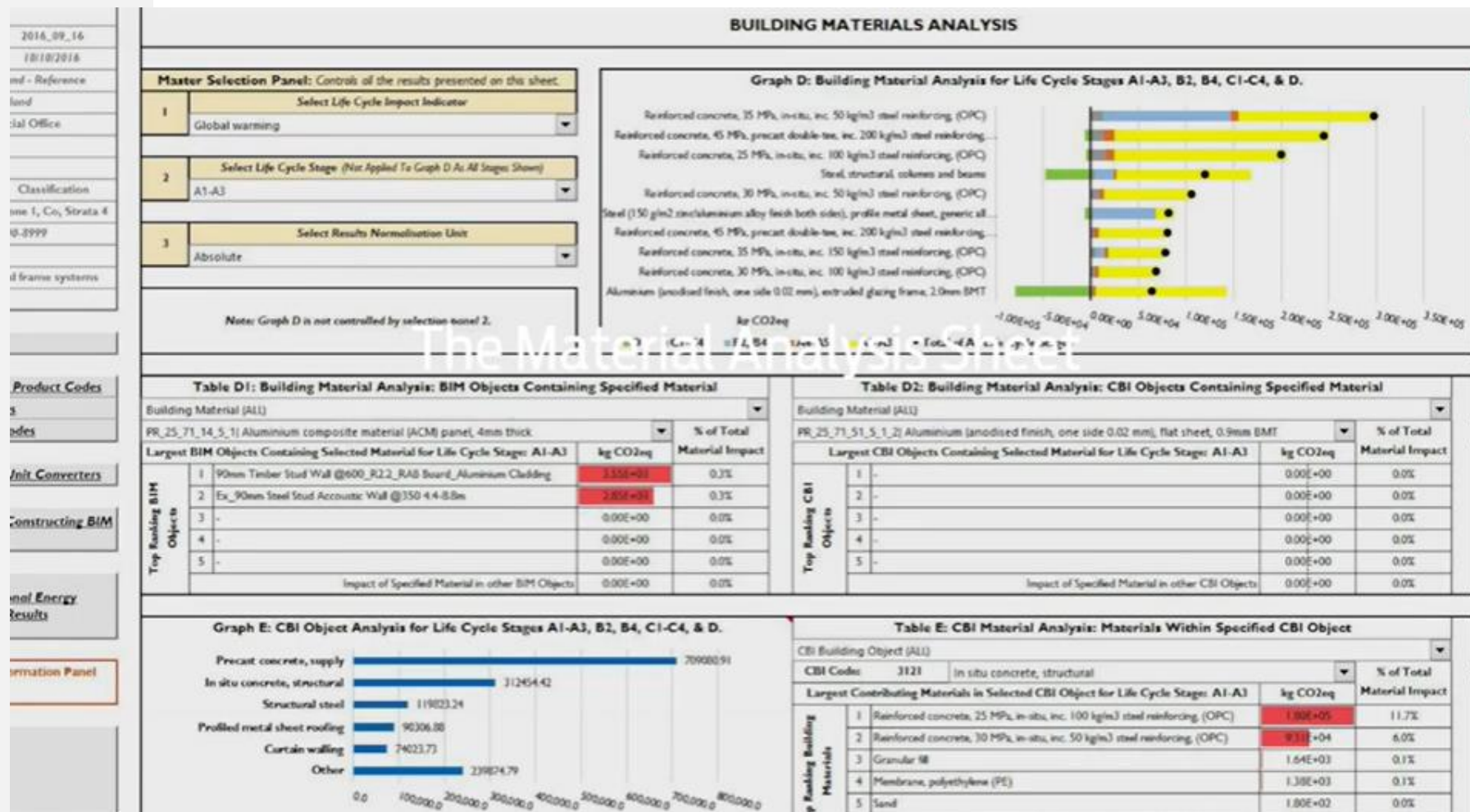
**Building firms grouped by new dwellings built (year to June 2017)**

UNITS BUILT	NUMBER OF BUILDING COMPANIES	TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS BUILT	% OF ALL UNITS	AVERAGE UNITS PER BUILDER
>200	15	5,850	19%	390
101–200	10	1,440	5%	144
51–100	40	2,800	9%	70
21–50	140	4,900	16%	35
11–20	230	3,680	12%	16
6–10	500	4,000	13%	8
1–5	3,100	7,780	26%	2.5
Totals	4,035	30,450	100%	7.5



...hard to use for non LCA professional...


# Previous tools



# At the material level...

Microsoft Excel ribbon showing the following tabs: Clipboard, Font, Alignment, Number, Styles, Cells, Editing, Analysis, and Sensitivity.

Formulas bar: C1

	A	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	 <b>greenstar</b>						
2	Green Star Embodied Carbon Calculator						
3	Substructure						
4	<b>Category</b>	<b>Material type</b>	<b>Matching material</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Waste % (input) W</b>
5	Slabs	Concrete	Reinforced concrete, 50 MPa, in-si	15	tonne		15%
6	Piles						
7	Retaining Walls						
8	Other						
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# At the assembly level...

## Roofs

Climate Change impact

**3,426** kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq

ID	Element Name	Type	Description	Option	Area [m <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>R1</b>	Roof 1	Profiled steel	Low slope timber-framed, 190 mm rafters and battens	70 x 35 mm timber battens, insulation	100
<b>R2</b>	Roof 2				
<b>R3</b>	Roof 3				
<b>R4</b>	Roof 4				

### Pitched timber-framed roof – R 3.3

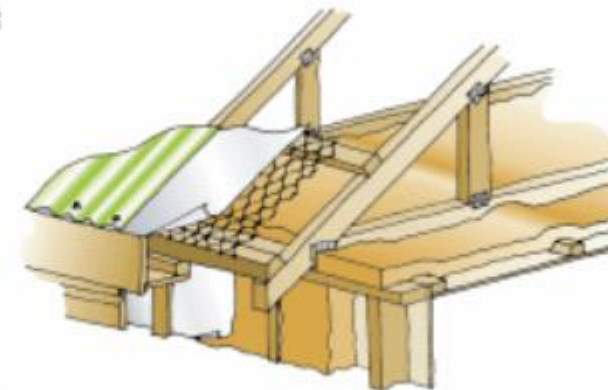
corrugated iron cladding

90 mm bottom chord

chord spacing 900 mm

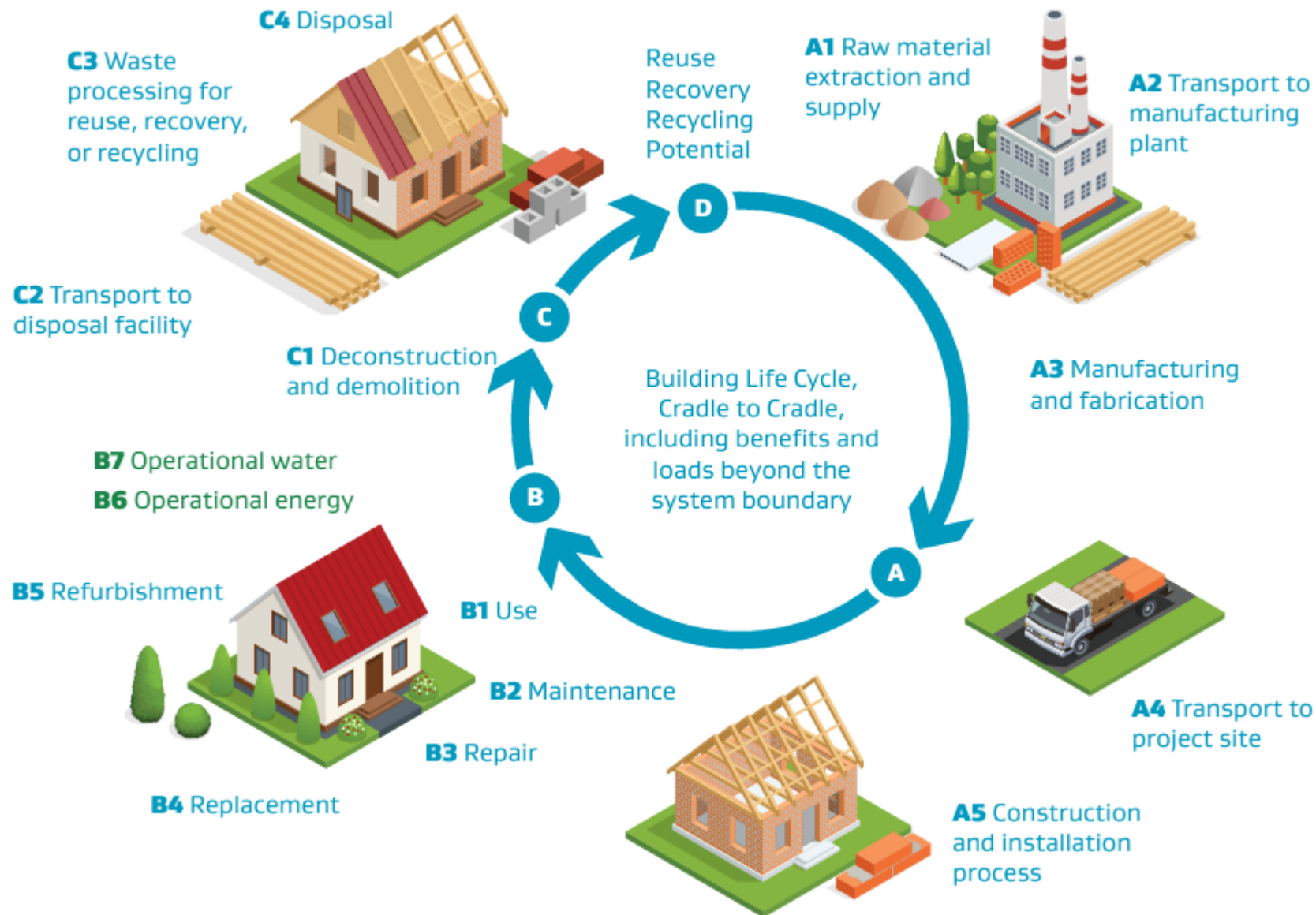
insulation with R-value = 3.5

Note that an insulation R-value of R 3.5 is required in this example to get a roof R-value of 3.3





# Life cycle modules

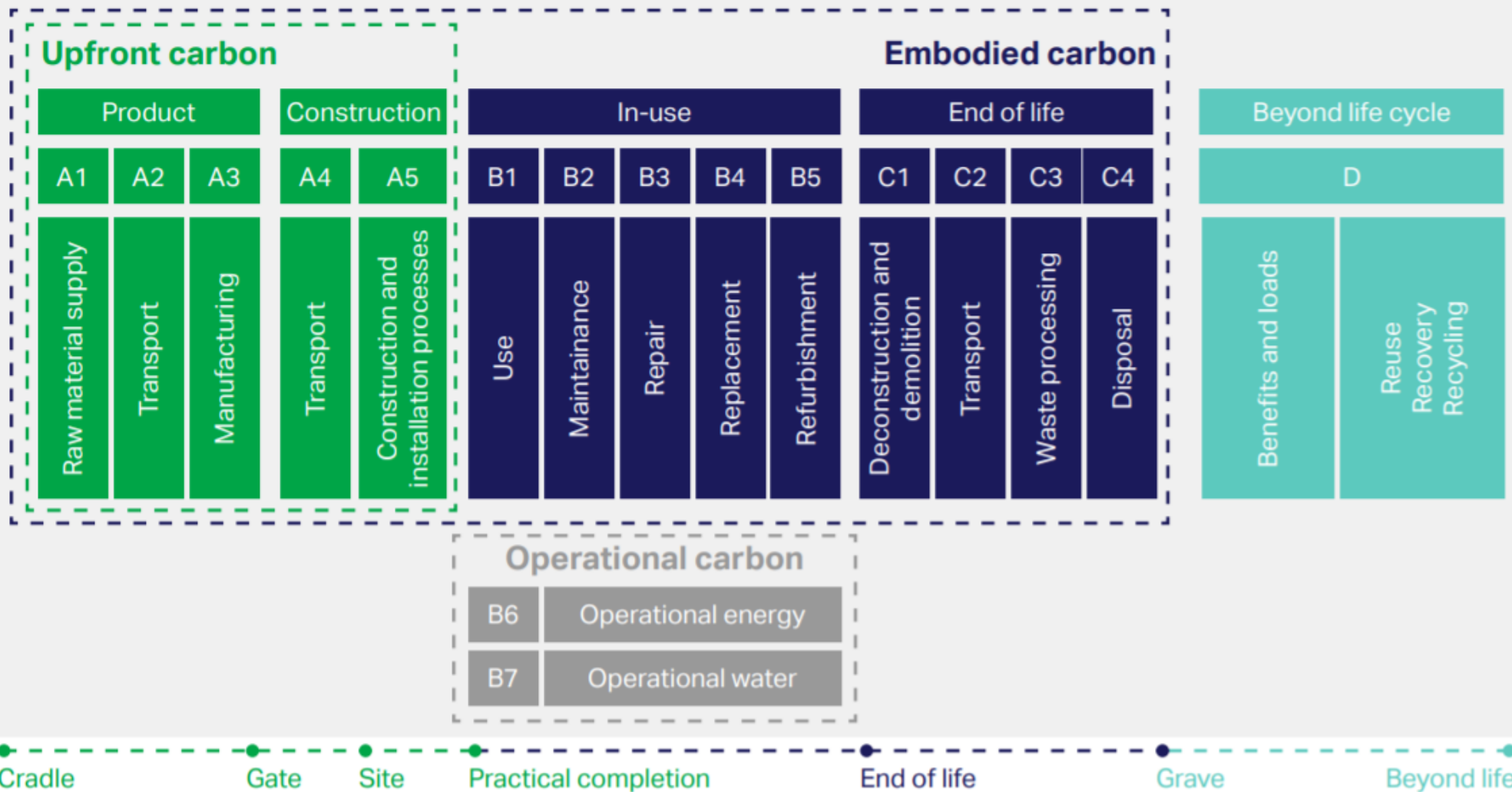


# Life cycle modules

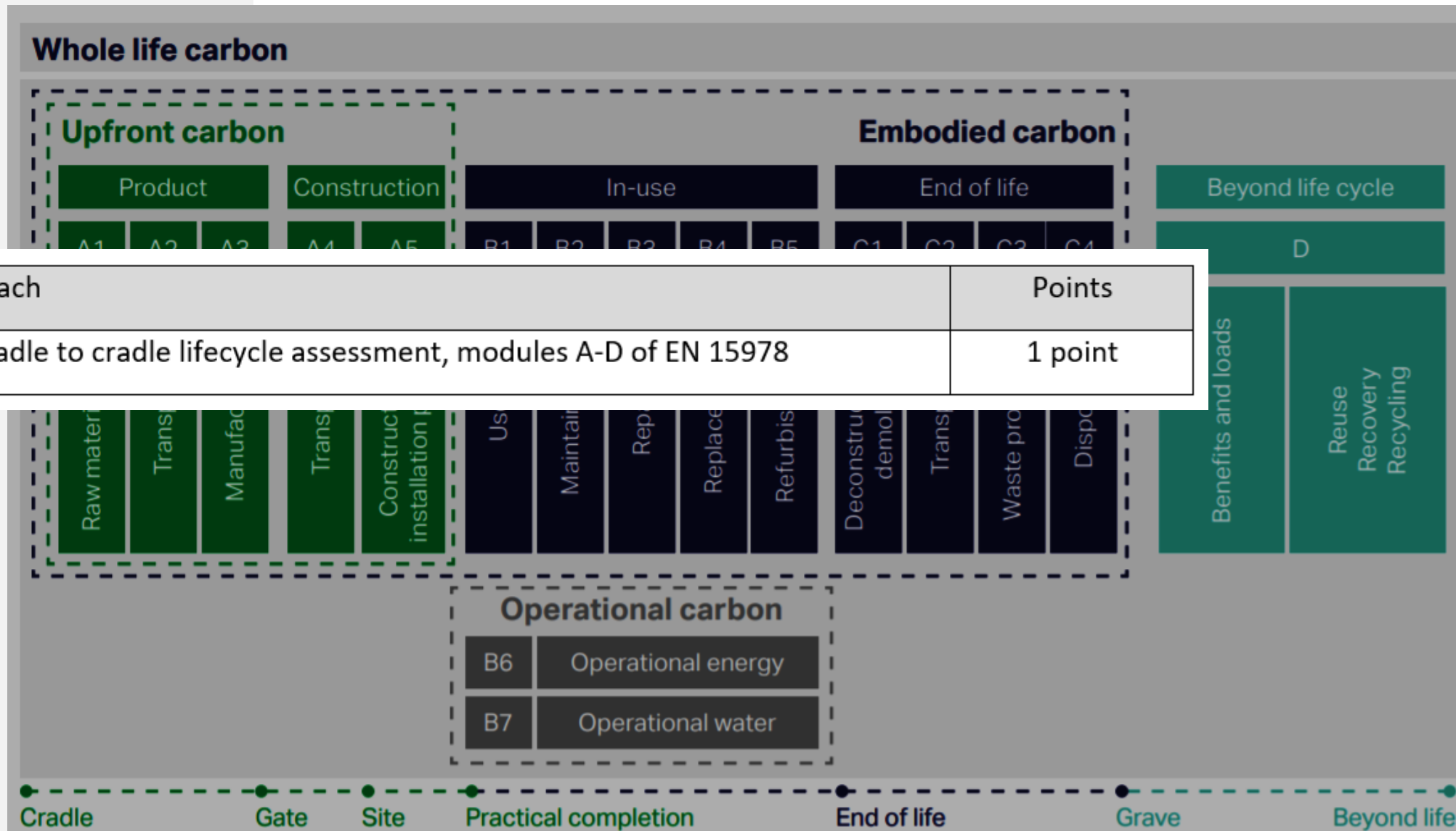


90 years

## Whole life carbon



# Life cycle modules





# Upfront emissions

- Points awarded for reduction in upfront emissions (A1-A5)



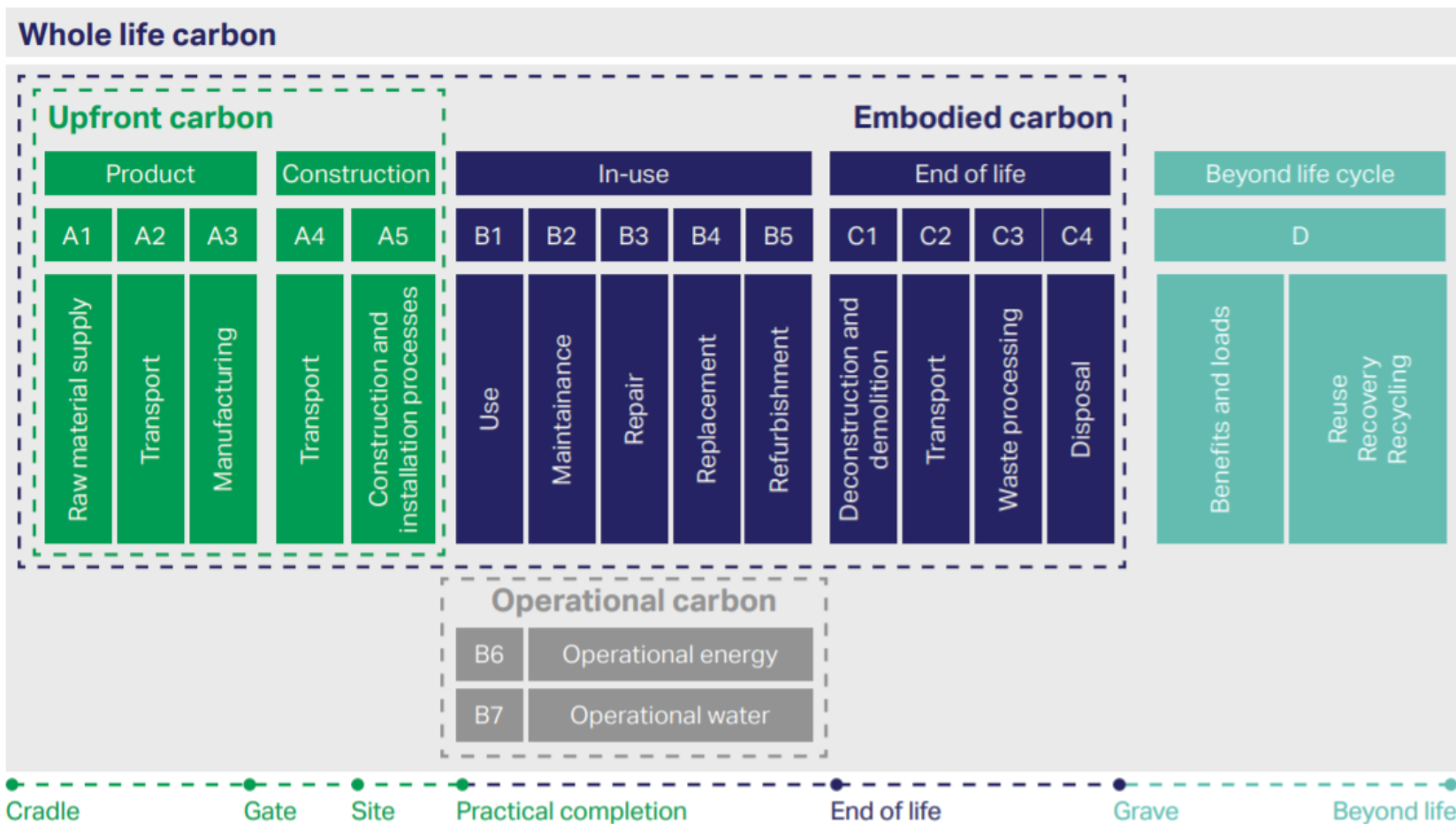
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Percentage increase on emissions target	Materials and construction stage (A1-A5) emissions: kg.CO <sub>2</sub> -e/m <sup>2</sup>	Points
<160%	156	1 point
<120%	132	2 points
<80%	108	3 points
<40%	84	4 points
NZ residential carbon budget required to limit global warming to 1.5°C.	60	5 points

# Why focus on upfront emissions?

Emissions now

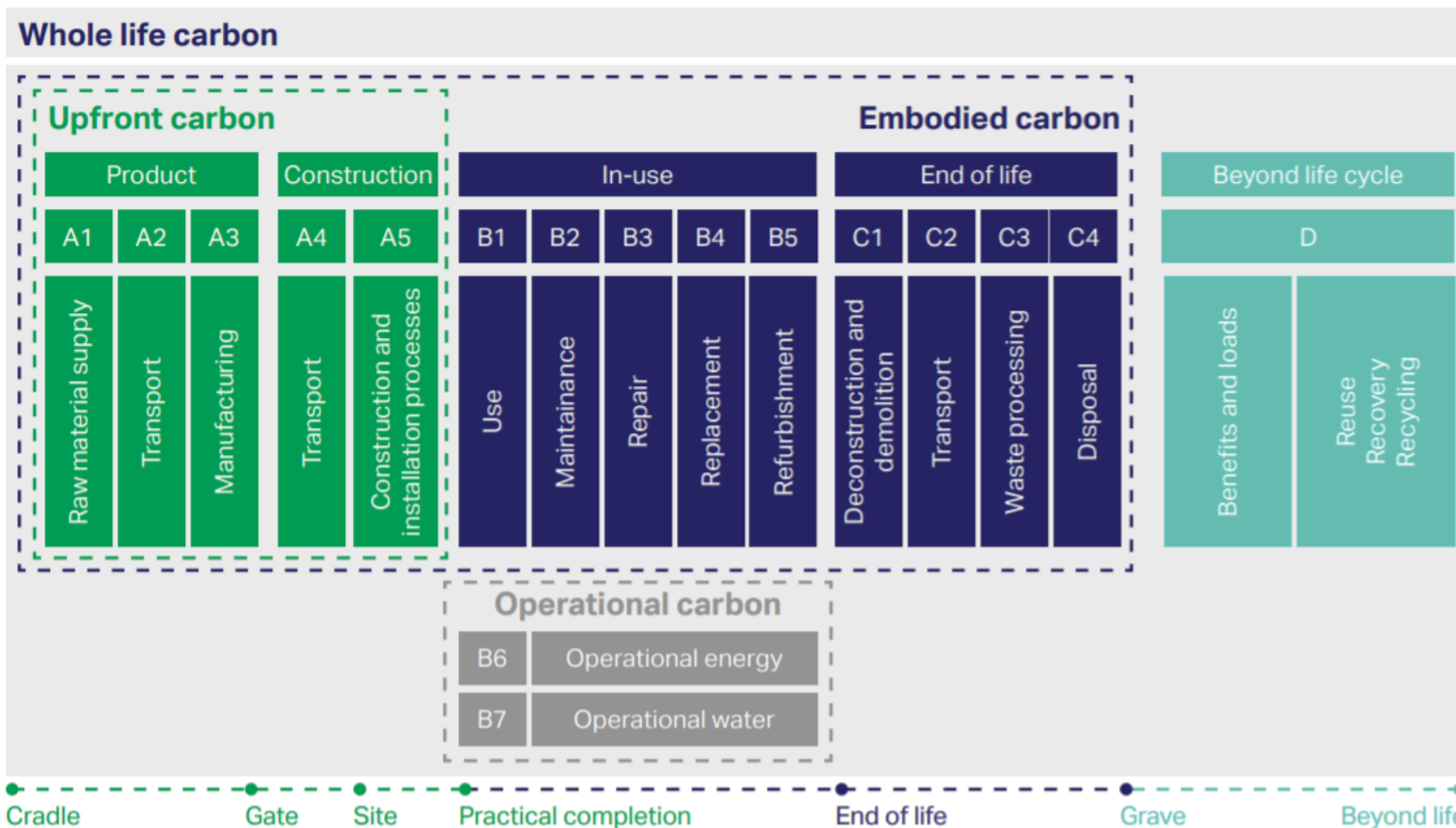
Emissions / removals later



# Why focus on upfront emissions?

Certain

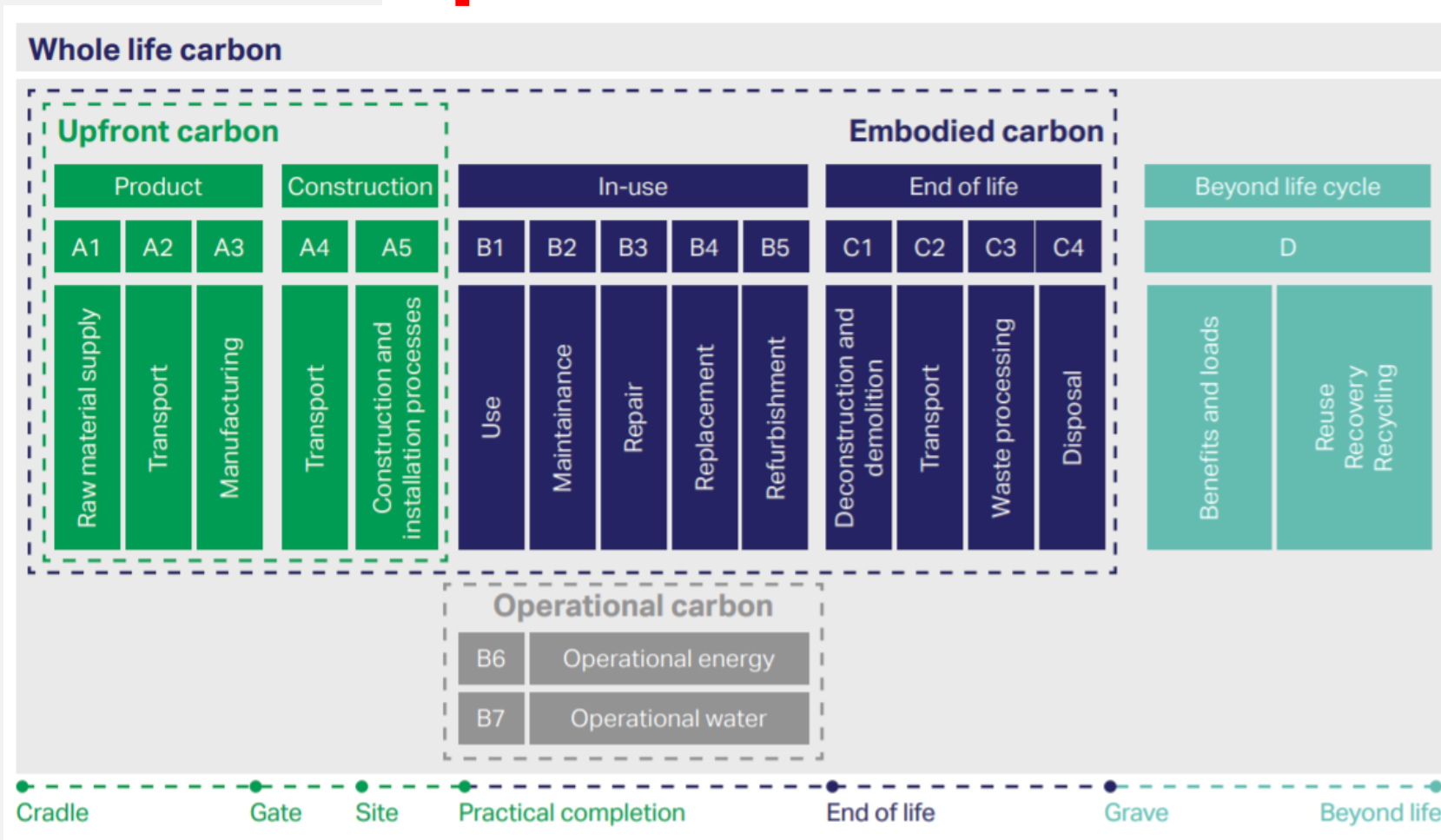
Increasing uncertainty



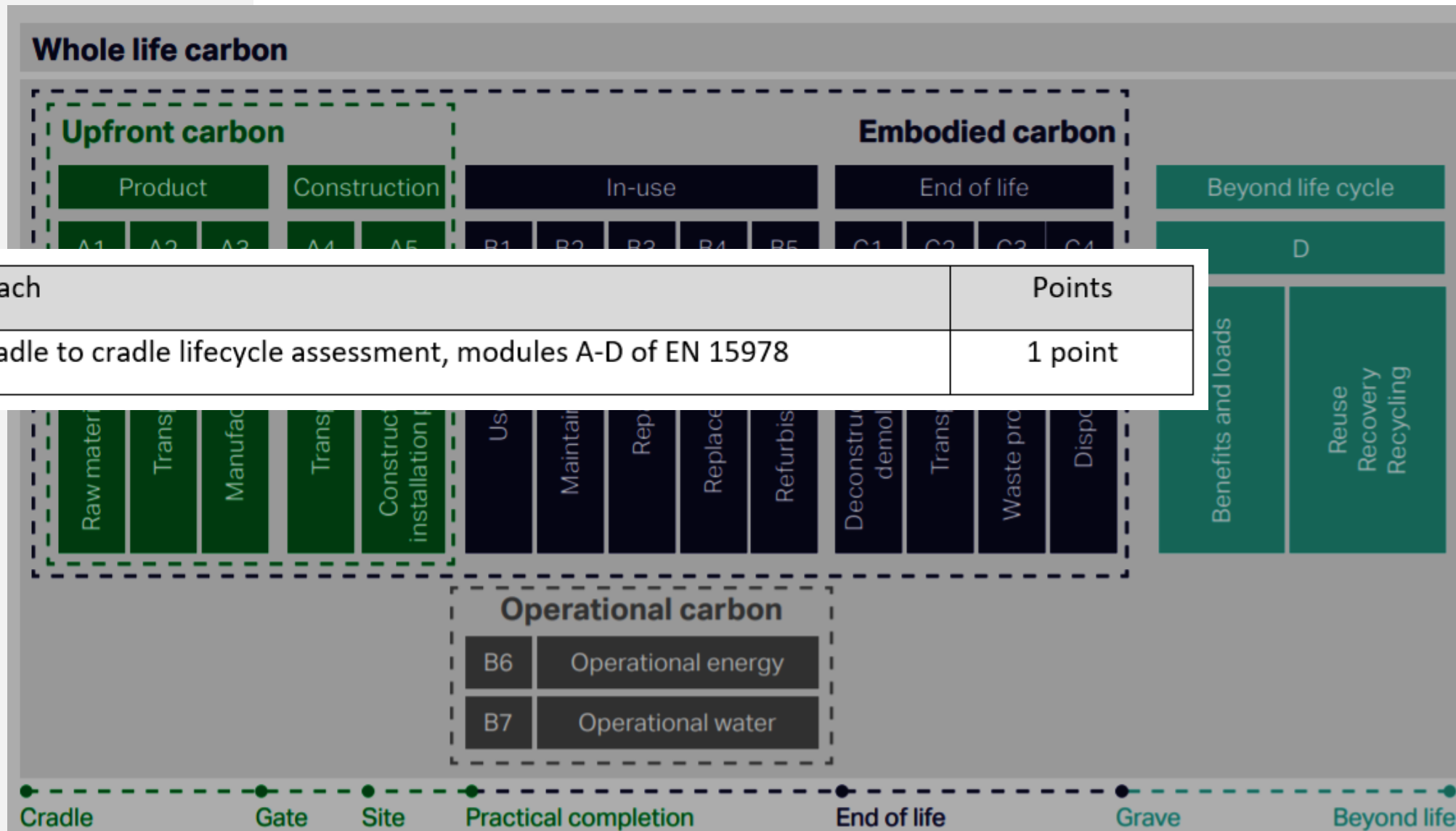
# Why focus on upfront emissions?

In control of design team

Less in control of design team

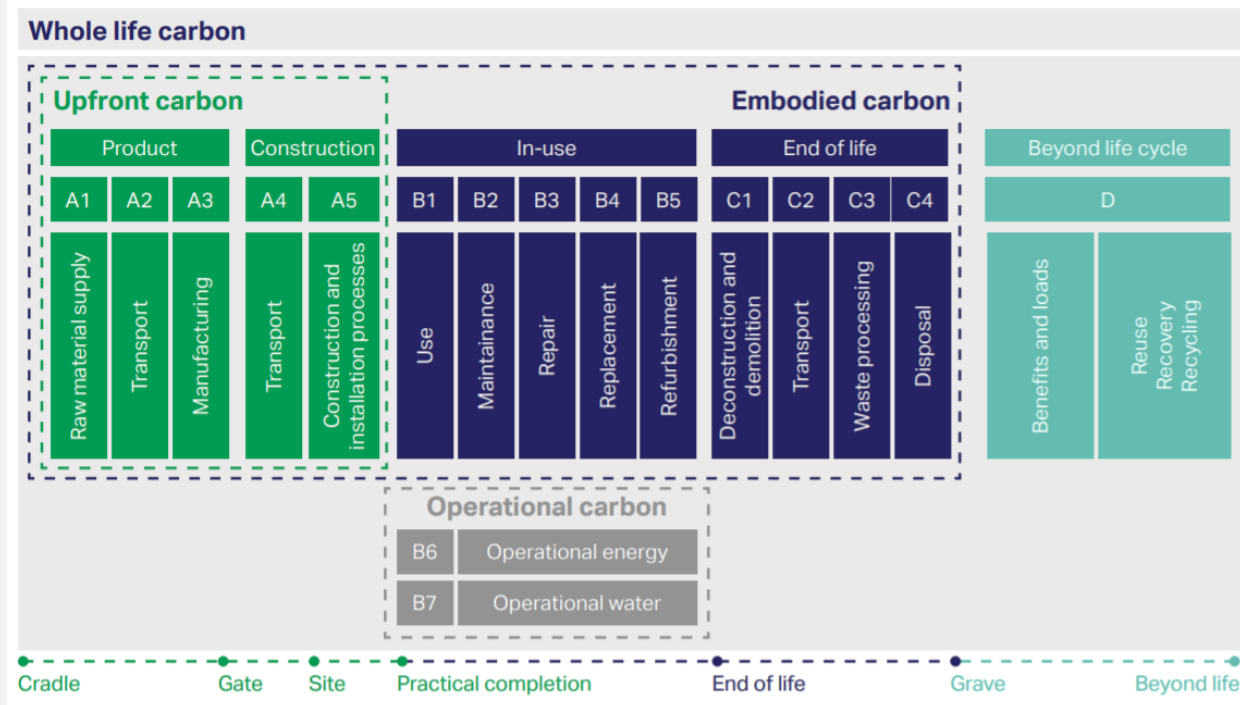


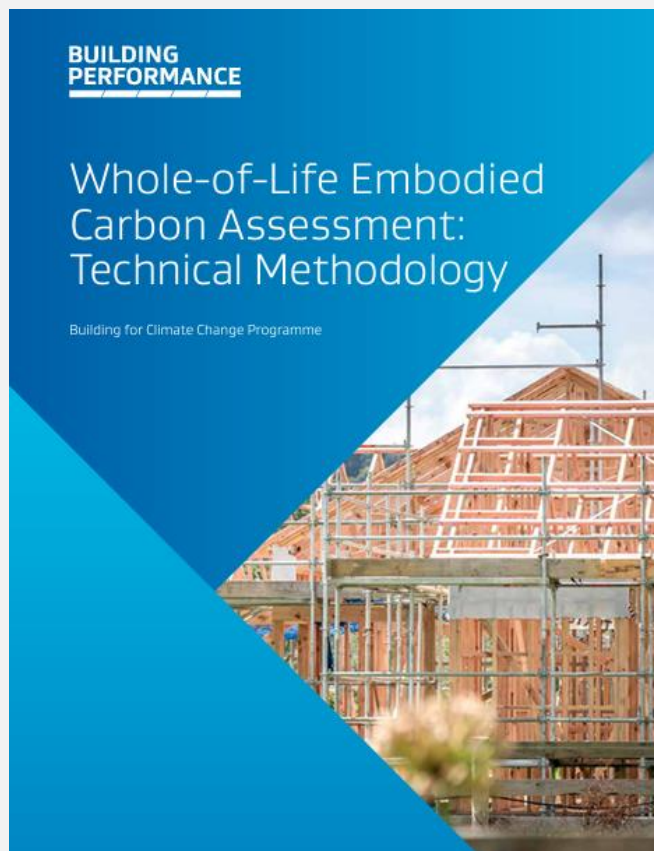
# Life cycle modules



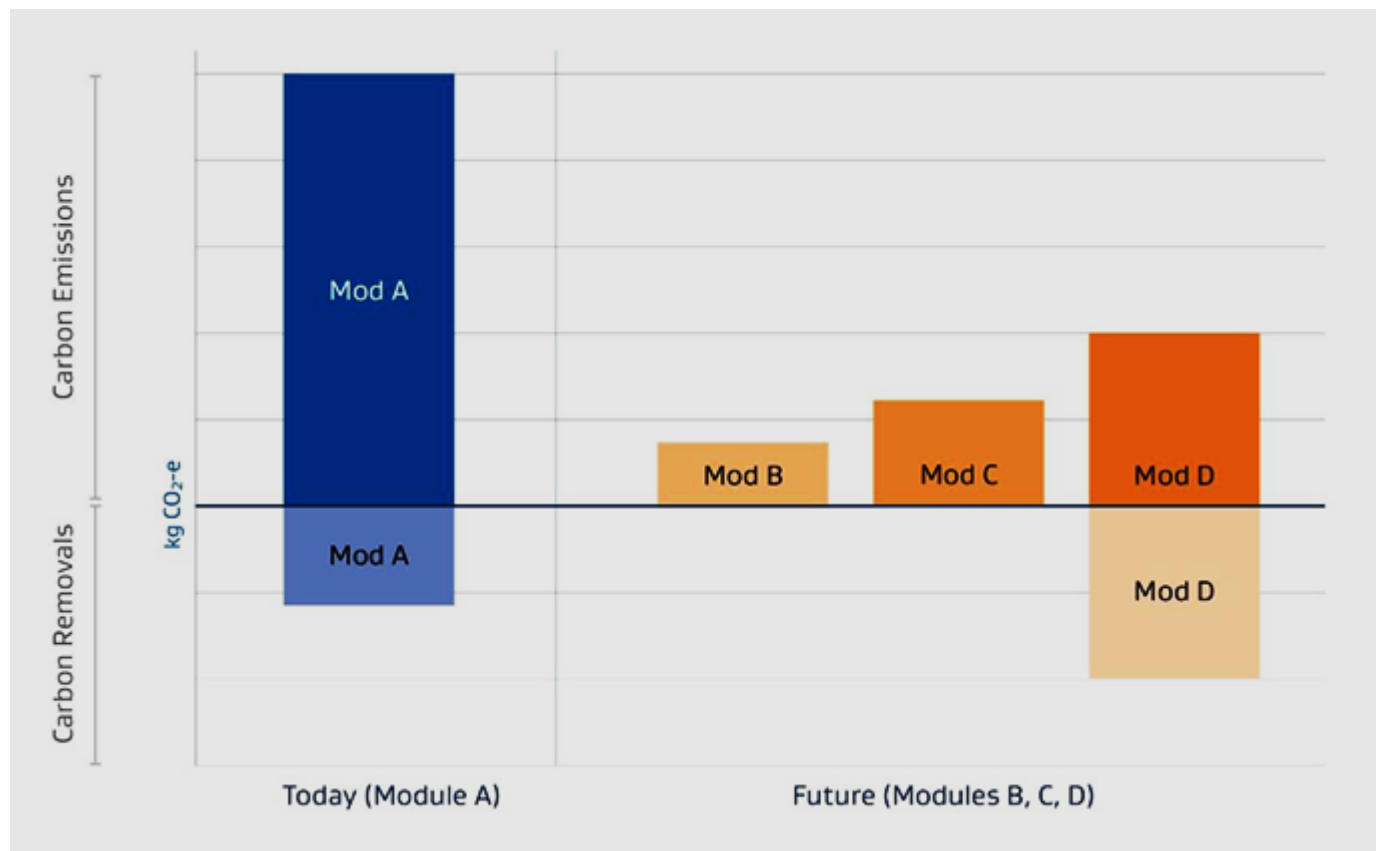


# Biogenic carbon





# MBIE reporting framework



# The Calculator

## Summary Sheet

### Options

Concrete Carbon Content ☒ lower ☐ higher

Building Gross Floor Area  m<sup>2</sup>

### Results

**Total Climate Change Impact (A1-A5)**

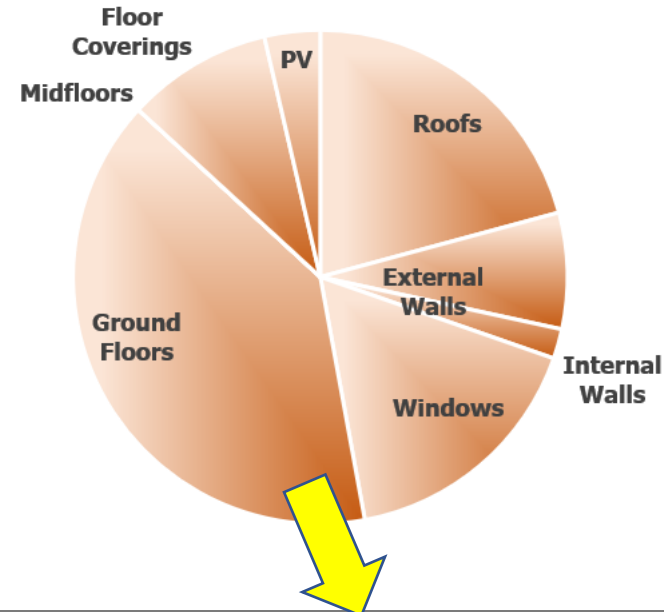
**32,949** kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq

**Climate Change Impact Intensity**

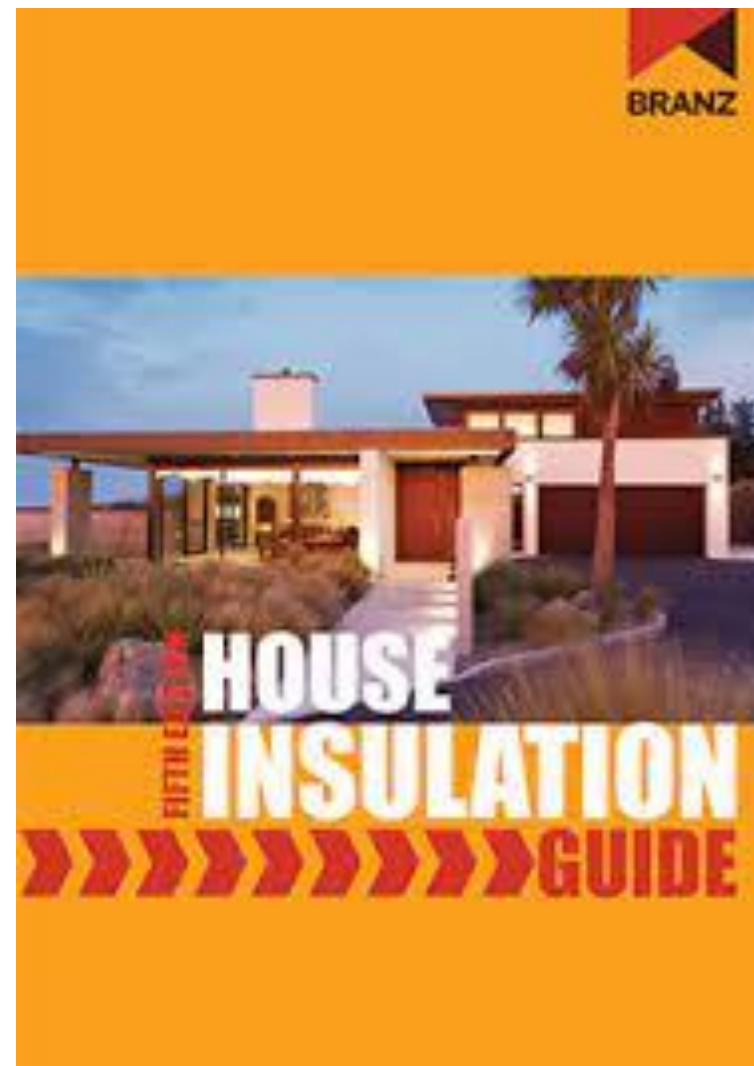
**165** kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq/m<sup>2</sup>

	Climate Change [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]				
	A1-A5	B	C	D	Total
Roofs	6,852	6,554	1,597	-2,808	12,196
External Walls	2,506	3,628	2,165	-638	7,661
Internal Walls	642	934	740	-95	2,222
Windows	5,524	11,215	84	-4,002	12,821
Ground Floors	13,087	0	1,601	-944	13,744
Midfloors	0	0	0	0	0
Floor Coverings	3,138	29,008	1,006	0	33,152
PV	1,200	30	40	-100	1,170
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,949</b>	<b>51,370</b>	<b>7,233</b>	<b>- 8,587</b>	<b>82,965</b>

Climate Change Impact - modules A1-A5

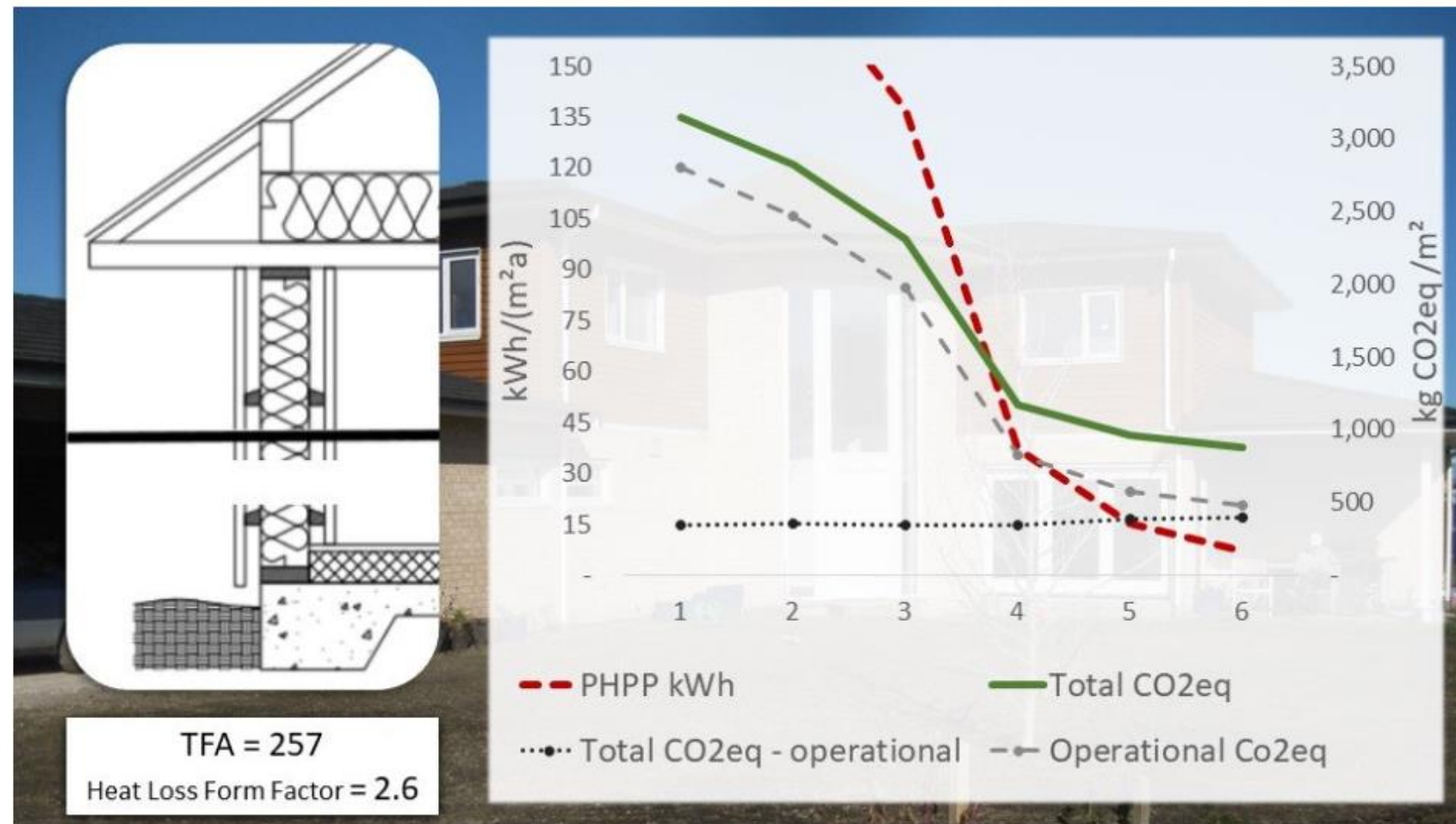


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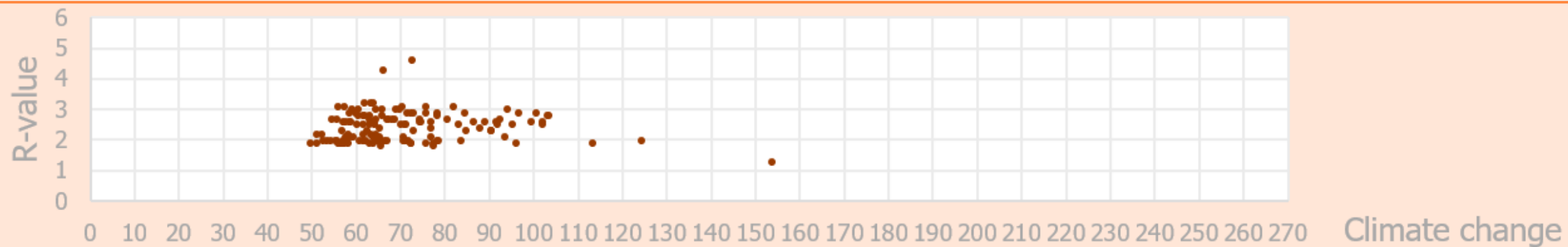


# What about the full life cycle?





# Correlation between R-value and embodied emissions...




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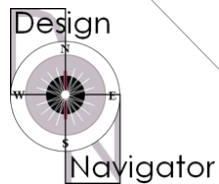
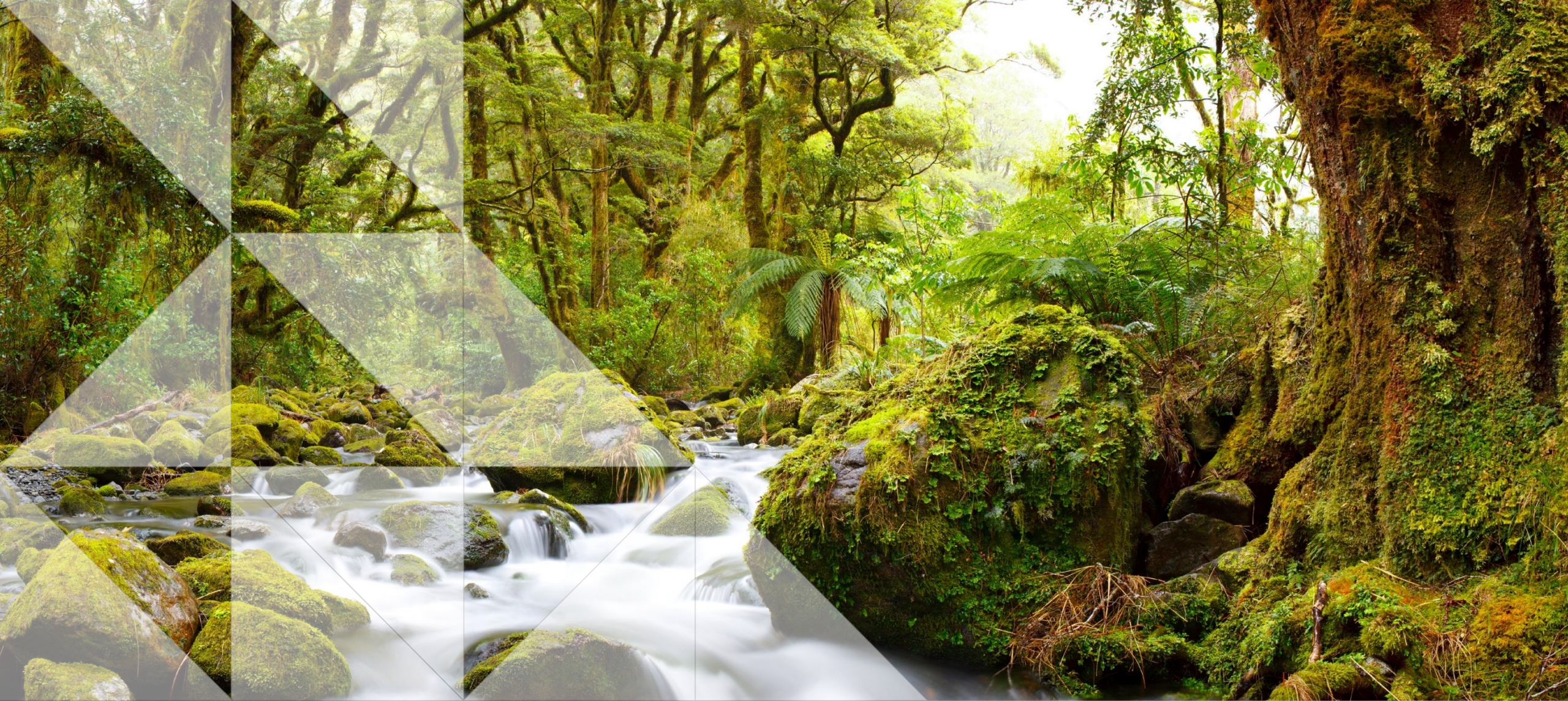
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Practitioner resources

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green and sustainable, making  
healthier, happier New Zealanders.





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