



Buyers set to save with energy-efficiency measures

BUYERS at Georgiou Living's Vita West Leederville development will enjoy a host of sustainability features that are set to slash their energy bills by around 40 per cent.

The developer has a projected average National House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) rating of 7.8 stars across the \$40 million development.

The NatHERS scheme assesses the building's fabric against the resultant energy loads for heating and cooling, and awards a star rating. The higher the star rating, the less energy is required to heat and cool the residence.

Georgiou Living development director Armando Rossi said the 7.8 star rating would offer significant cost



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savings to residents.

"The Building Code of Australia requires apartment developments to achieve an

average 6-star rating.

"Vita is expected to achieve an average star rating of 7.8, which is well above the BCA standard, and will look to reduce the average heating and cooling energy bills by approximately 40 per cent on a 6-star rated apartment.

"The only other apartment development in the western suburbs we are aware of to better it is The Pocket at Claremont on the Park – also from Georgiou Living – with an 8-star average rating."

Vita's high star rating has been achieved through the use of key design features including high-quality double-glazed openings, insulation, thermal mass and weather seals.

Energy-efficient LED and fluorescent lighting, water efficient appliances, natural ventilation measures and energy and water metering to manage consumption further reduce energy use in the apartments.

Designed by Melbourne-based architects Elenberg Fraser and located on leafy Northwood Street, Vita will consist of 64 apartments and two commercial units over five levels.

The development features a striking curved, wave-like façade, fully-integrated European kitchens and luxurious interiors.

Pricing at VITA starts from \$385,000 for a one-bedroom apartment and from \$594,000 for a two-bed, two-bathroom apartment. ■

