# Rethinking Architectural Passive Cooling Strategies in New Zealand's Non-residential Building Stock

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### **The New Zealand context**

□ NZ Green Star buildings overheat.

Rising outside temperatures will worsen overheating.

**D** Poor AC controls.

□ Inside temperatures will exceed 25°C more than 3% of occupied hour.

Energy use for AC will rise up to 70 % by 2070.



### **The New Zealand Building Stock**

FLOOR AREA STRATA	<b>S1</b>	S2	<b>S</b> 3	<b>S4</b>	<b>S</b> 5	TOTAL
Approx. No. of buildings	27,609	8,007	3544	1496	499	41,154
% of buildings	67	19	9	4	1	100
% of floor	21	19	20	19	21	100
Average floor area (m² )	298	955	2198	5187	1701 4	970

□ 31% (7.9Mm<sup>2</sup>) located in Auckland.

□ Three building use types; office, retail, & others.

□ Air-conditioning accounts for 5-10% of energy use.



#### **Inside temperature requirements**

MOE	18ºC - 22ºC & 19ºC - 24ºC
CIBSE	20°C - 24°C
WHO	18ºC - 24ºC



 $0 - 72 \text{ KWh}/\text{m}^2.\text{yr}^2$ 



With AC

Without AC



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### Institutional drivers and the use of air conditioning





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## **Retrofitting for Passive Cooling**

□ The aim is to prevent overheating.

Adaptation- change in design, construction, upgrade and occupation.

□ Mitigation- increase energy efficiency and reduce GHG emissions.

**Energy** and seismic upgrade.

□ 75% of existing stock will soon require retrofit.



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Applicable	Not Applicable
Advanced envelope	<b>Optimised building form</b>
Advanced glazing	Thermal zoning
Passive solar heat gain	Thermal mass
Solar shading	
Natural ventilation	
Window to wall ratio	
Skylights solar tubes	

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## **Energy Efficient ECMs**

Applicable	Not Applicable
Energy efficient lighting	Load management
Energy office equipment	Radiant heating
Advanced lighting control	
Mechanical air heat	
recovery	
Efficient air source pump	



Applicable	Not Applicable	
Photovoltaic	Solar thermal	
	Biomass powered CHP	
	Geothermal	



## The 'Aorangi' House



#### External solar shading

**Opening windows** 

Anti-glare blinds





Workstation layout











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### AEUI 2010- 133KWh/m<sup>2</sup>.yr; 2011- 101KWh/m<sup>2</sup>.yr

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**Existing policies & practices encourage the use of AC.** 

Design, rental value, and institutions militate against passive cooling strategies.

□ Passive cooling strategies would reduce national electricity demand.

□ NZ target - carbon neutral by 2020.

□ International target - 20% carbon emission reduction by 2020.

□ Integrating passive cooling strategies with government initiated policies.

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