Passive House: what's it worth?





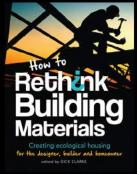


















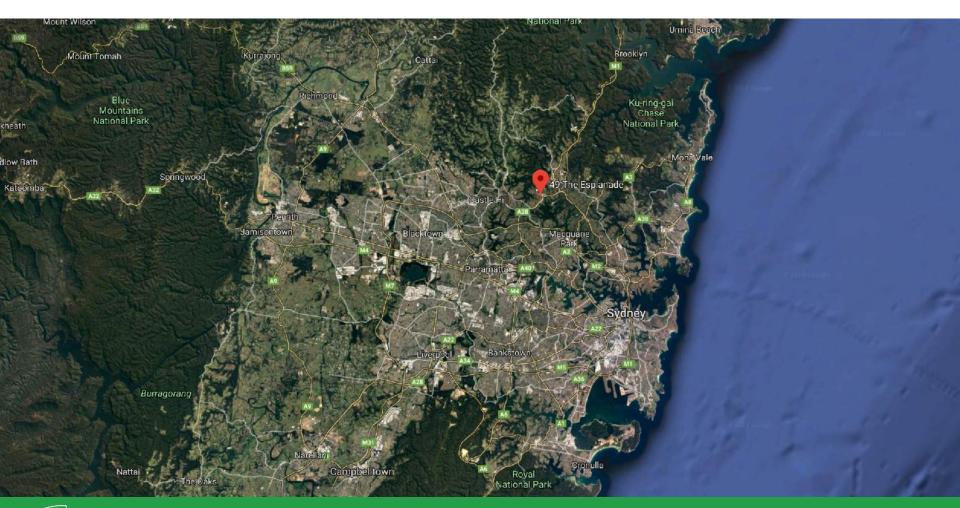




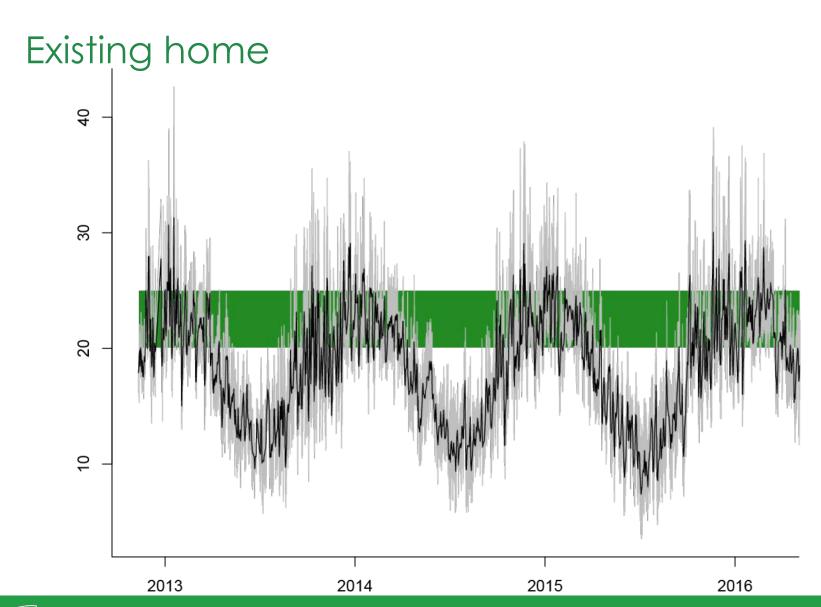




Location









Brief

- Beauty through function
- Want to be warm
- Low running costs
- No draughts
- Not a large house
- High ceilings
- Keep the gum tree
- Music to move through the house





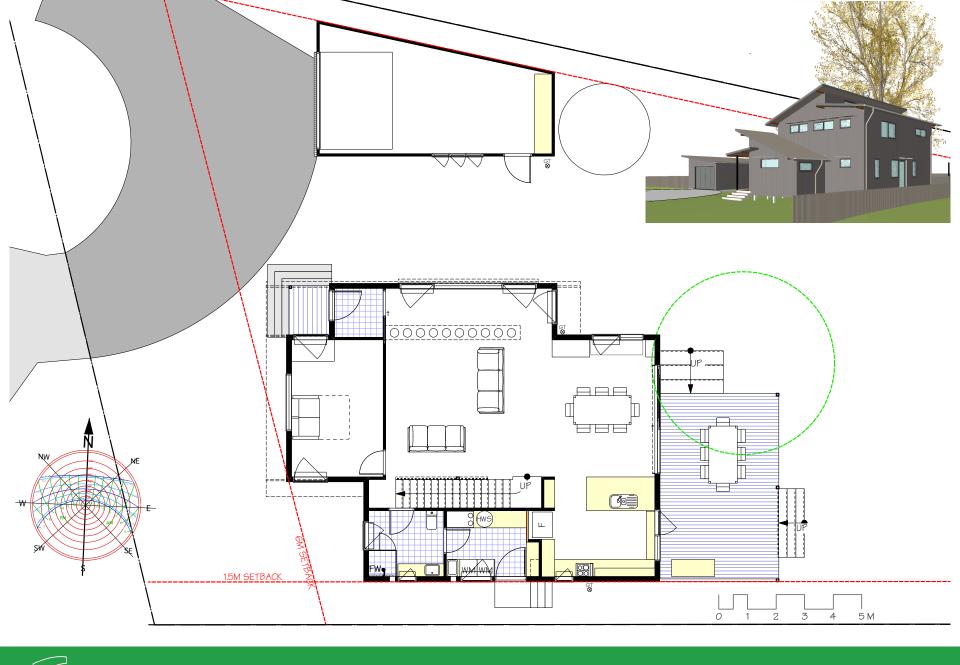
Starting Point

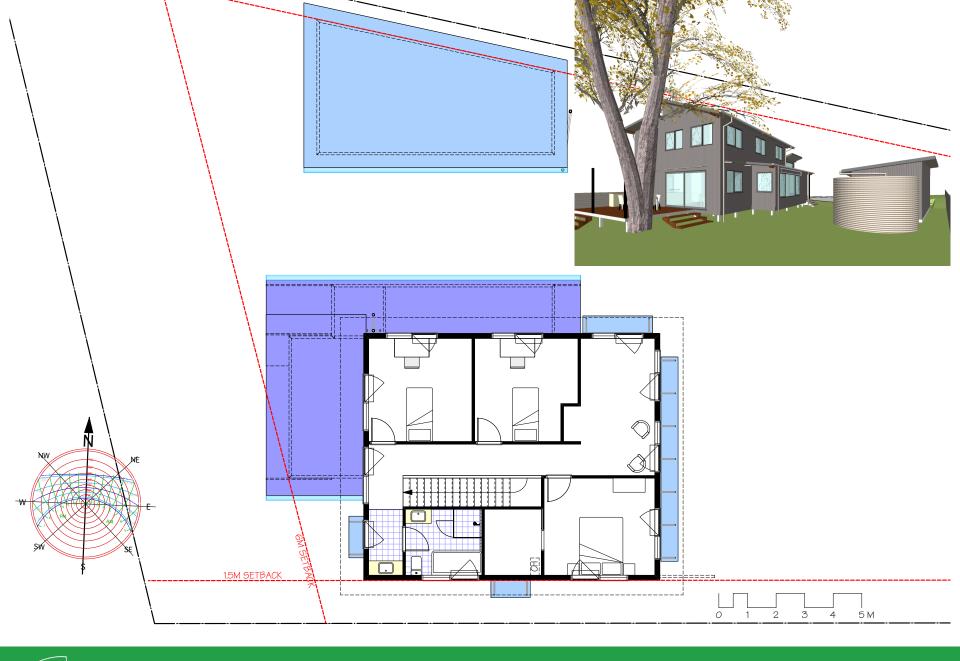
- Traditional passive solar design
- Light weight
- Timber framed walls
- Traditionally framed roof
- Thermally improved aluminium double glazed windows (local)
- One operable, external, vertical shade device
- Water tanks (internal and external)
- Heat pump hot water

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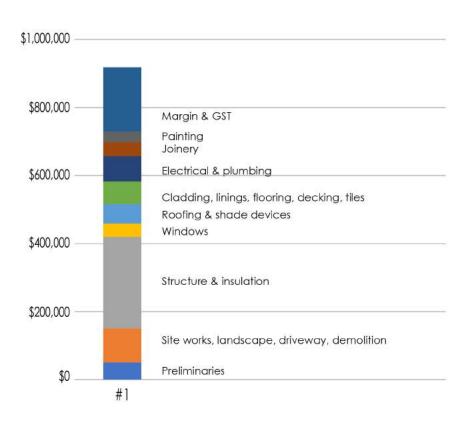






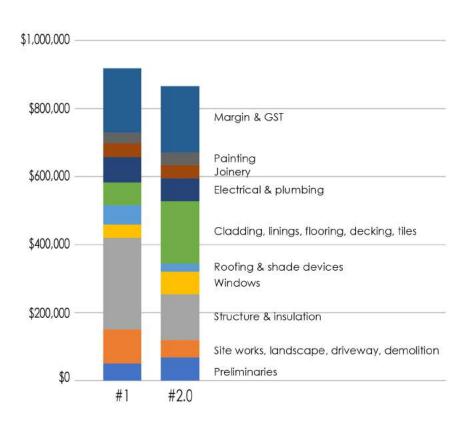


Builder #1



- Not a Passive House
- Pre-cut stick frame
- On-site construction

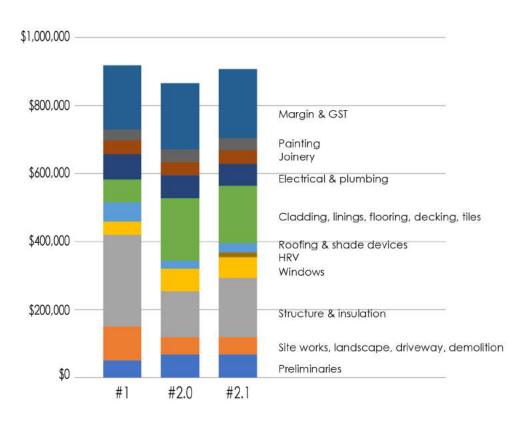
Builder #2.0



- Still not a Passive House
- Timber frame
- On-site construction



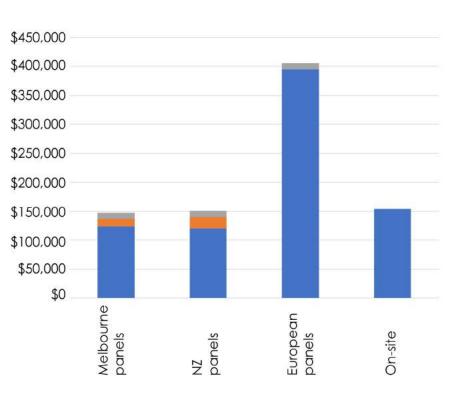
Builder #2.1



- Passive House!
- Off-site panelisation
- Builder now CPHT



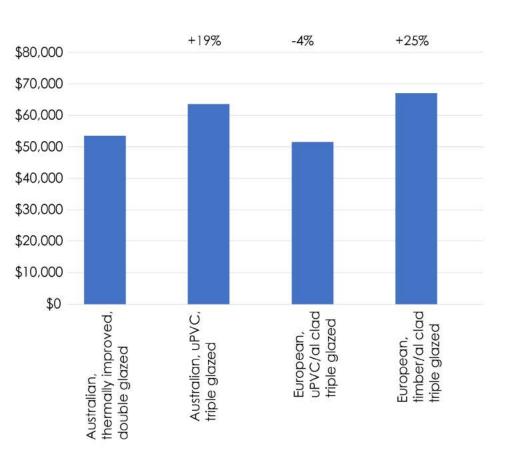
Panelisation



- Panels were very cost effective
- Freight is a cost challenge
- Site access was complex
- No decrease in Preliminaries
- Panel costs not directly comparable in this case
- European version includes windows



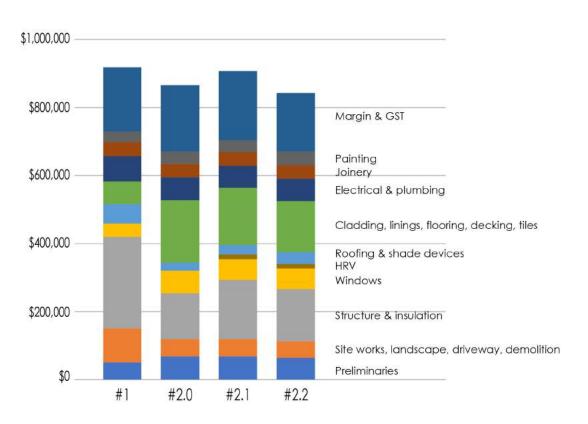
Windows



- Good double glazed local windows are not cheap
- Australian glass is relatively expensive
- Locally assembled uPVC can compete if double glazed
- uPVC has an image problem for some
- uPVC can have aesthetic challenges if not aluminium finished
- Exchange rate is a risk



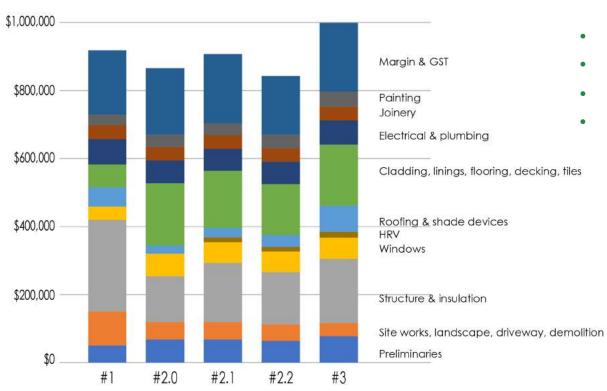
Builder #2.2



- Passive House!
- On-site construction
- Savings on cladding



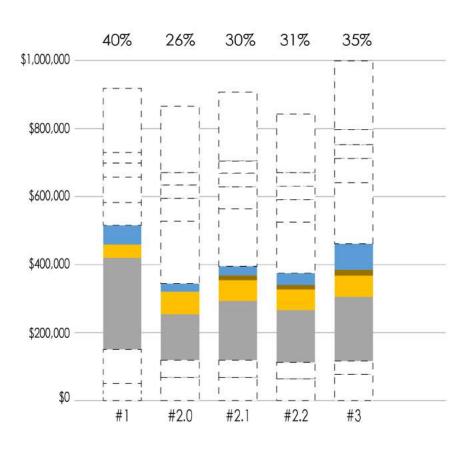
Builder #3



- Passive House!
- On-site construction
- Not a CPHT
- Explicit risk premium



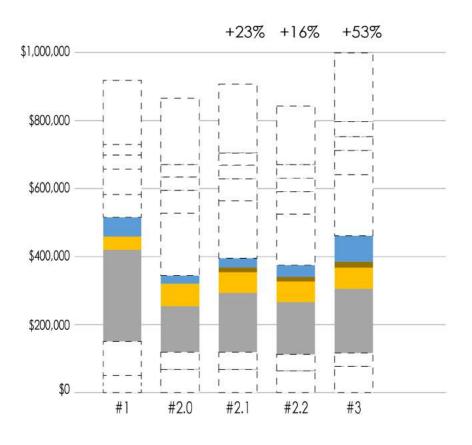
Passive House specific



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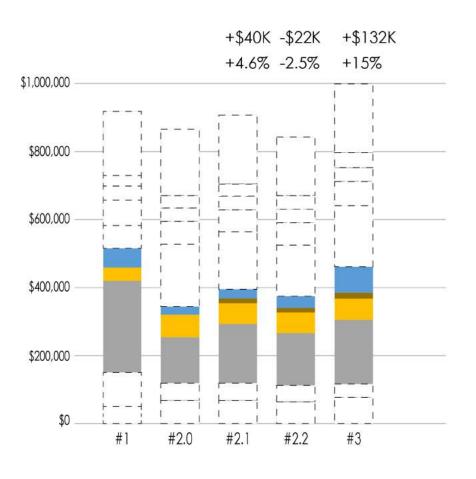


The PH-specific premium



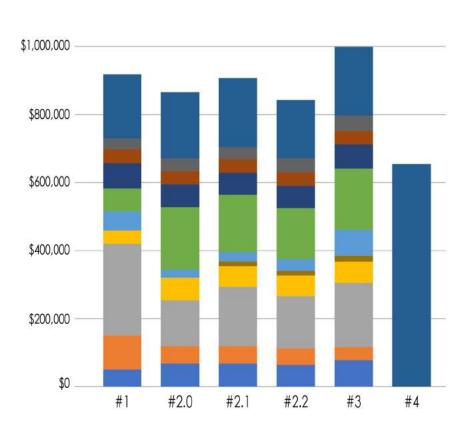
% increase against #2.0

Delivering Passive House



 Total \$ cost less than passive solar

PH vs Project Home



- Based on original non-PH design
- Concerns over quality
- Refused to tender for PH-version



Conclusions

- The cost premium is negligible/non-existent with good design (if custom builder)
- The cost premium is ~30% to a project home but quote amount isn't the issue.....
- Additional window costs are minimal
- Savings from off-site prefabrication are location dependant
- Refining a design with a single builder has benefits
- CPHT knowledge is helpful in avoiding risk premium





Thank you

Questions...

