



## Change Request Ruling

**Change Request:** 2.5.4 Energy Monitoring

**ID #:** CR-000018

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**Ruling Date:** July 22, 2024

**Ruling:** **Change Request Declined.**

**Reason for Change Request and Recommended Alternative:** At the request of a builder who is building to CHBA NZ Ready, and based on our experience with CHBA Net Zero and Net Zero Ready homes, we are looking to have the energy monitor requirement removed for CHBA Net Zero Ready certification. It has been our experience that almost all homeowners who use their energy monitors, are typically only checking their solar production and very rarely use the data provided to monitor or adjust their usage/consumption. This is a significant cost (time and money) for builders who are looking to build rental/lease properties where it is unlikely these devices will ever see any use either due to lack of access or interest. Additionally, we have seen multiple instances (working primarily in the new home market) where the meters are never connected to the internet (either due to lack of education or lack of wifi), and while the requirement does not state the need for a wireless connection, every one of the monitors on the market requires a wireless connection and the proper set up of the device, which often happens post-turnover from builder to homeowner. This has also created some difficulties with the commissioning side for the PV installers where they now must go to site to collect data for the final commissioning when the monitors are not fully connected.

**Additional Comments / Actions:** Declined. 2 votes in favour. 5 votes not in favour

Program Participants may use the amendments once they are posted - prior to the official version update.