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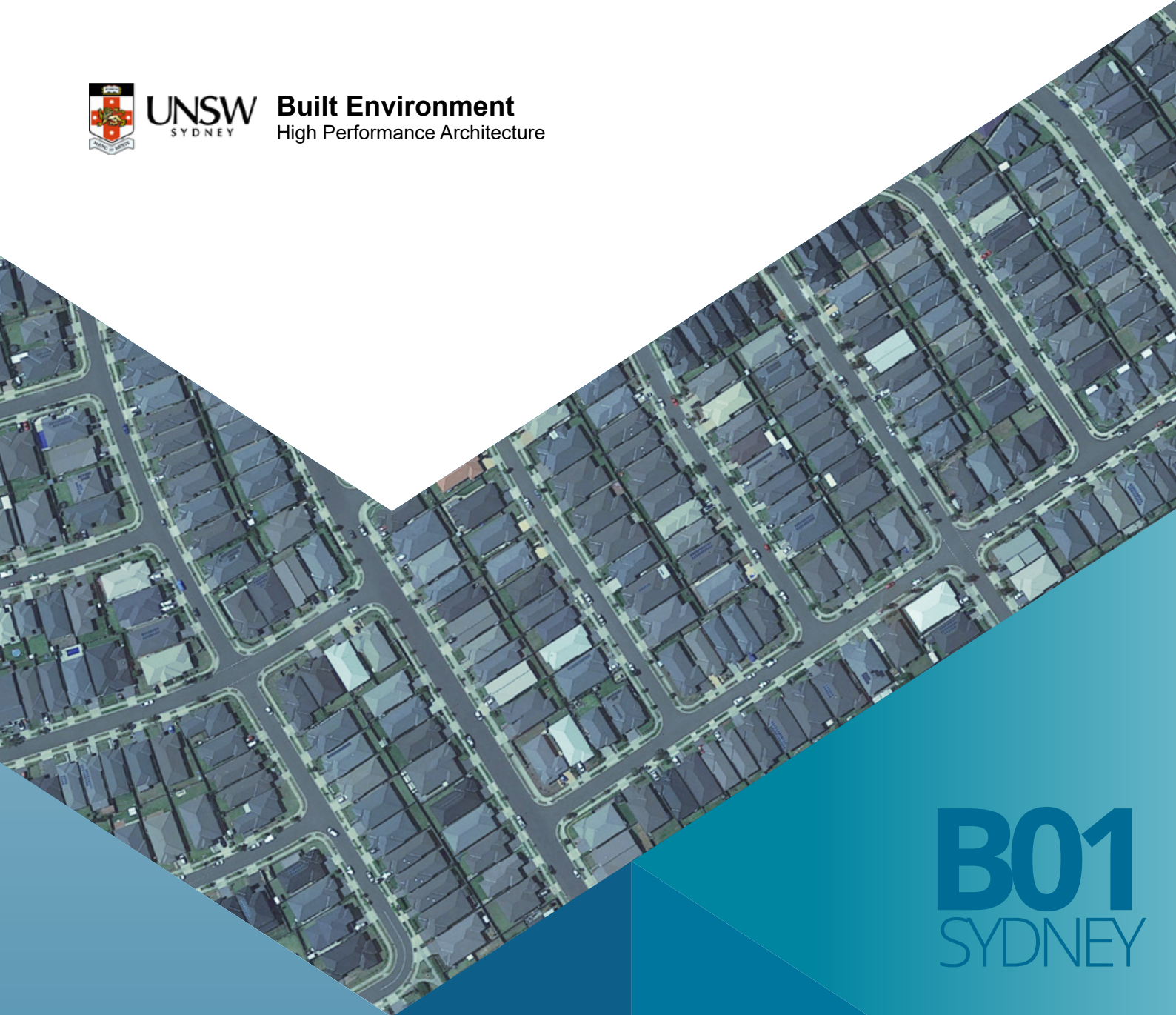
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Low-rise office building without roof insulation  
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## BUILDING 01

### LOW-RISE OFFICE BUILDING WITHOUT ROOF INSULATION

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Floor area : 1200m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 2

Image source: Ecipark Office Building. <https://jhmrad.com/21-delightful-two-story-building/ecipark-office-building-two-story/>

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a typical low-rise office building without roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 26.0                                   | 33.8                                | 11.8  | 18.1                                | 8.4  | 11.0                                |
| Terry Hill     | 30.7                                   | 36.4                                | 13.7  | 18.5                                | 11.9   | 14.9                                |
| Bankstown      | 31.5                                   | 38.1                                | 15.6  | 21.2                                | 12.5   | 14.9                                |
| Canterbury     | 27.5                                   | 34.6                                | 12.8  | 18.8                                | 10.0   | 13.0                                |
| Observatory    | 25.6                                   | 33.1                                | 11.5  | 17.6                                | 9.1  | 12.4                                |
| Richmond       | 39.7                                   | 44.5                                | 19.6  | 23.7                                | 17.7   | 19.5                                |
| Penrith        | 35.3                                   | 40.2                                | 17.9  | 22.0                                | 15.9   | 17.7                                |
| Horsley Park   | 34.3                                   | 39.5                                | 17.0  | 21.4                                | 14.1   | 16.2                                |
| Camden         | 35.7                                   | 40.0                                | 18.3  | 21.9                                | 16.2   | 17.5                                |
| Olympic Park   | 30.7                                   | 37.5                                | 15.0  | 20.8                                | 12.6   | 15.7                                |
| Campbelltown   | 33.7                                   | 38.8                                | 16.7  | 21.0                                | 14.4   | 16.2                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the low-rise office building without roof insulation from 33.1-44.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 17.6-23.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a typical low-rise office building without roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |      |                    |      | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------|------|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |      | Total cooling      |      | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 14.2   | 54.6 | 15.7               | 46.4 | 17.6  | 67.7 | 22.8               | 67.5 |
| Terry Hill     | 17.0   | 55.4 | 17.9               | 49.2 | 18.8  | 61.2 | 21.5               | 59.1 |
| Bankstown      | 15.9   | 50.5 | 16.9               | 44.4 | 19.0  | 60.3 | 23.2               | 60.9 |
| Canterbury     | 14.7   | 53.5 | 15.8               | 45.7 | 17.5  | 63.6 | 21.6               | 62.4 |
| Observatory    | 14.1   | 55.1 | 15.5               | 46.8 | 16.5  | 64.5 | 20.7               | 62.5 |
| Richmond       | 20.1   | 50.6 | 20.8               | 46.7 | 22.0  | 55.4 | 25.0               | 56.2 |
| Penrith        | 17.4   | 49.3 | 18.2               | 45.3 | 19.4  | 55.0 | 22.5               | 56.0 |
| Horsley Park   | 17.3   | 50.4 | 18.1               | 45.8 | 20.2  | 58.9 | 23.3               | 59.0 |
| Camden         | 17.4   | 48.7 | 18.1               | 45.3 | 19.5  | 54.6 | 22.5               | 56.3 |
| Olympic Park   | 15.7   | 51.1 | 16.7               | 44.5 | 18.1  | 59.0 | 21.8               | 58.1 |
| Campbelltown   | 17.0   | 50.4 | 17.8               | 45.9 | 19.3  | 57.3 | 22.6               | 58.2 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 15.5-20.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 44.4-49.2 % total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 20.7-25.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 56-67.5 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, it is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can significantly reduce the cooling load of the typical low-rise office building without insulation during the summer season.*

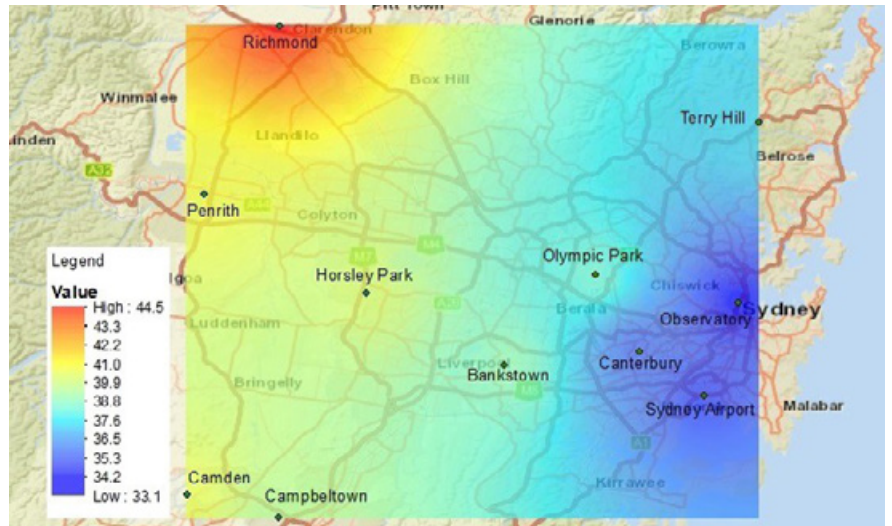


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a low-rise office building without insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

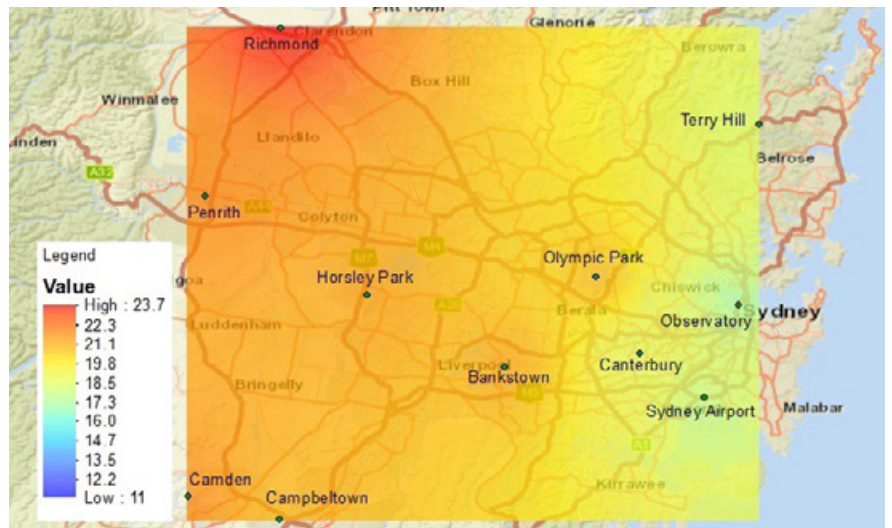


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a low-rise office building without insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

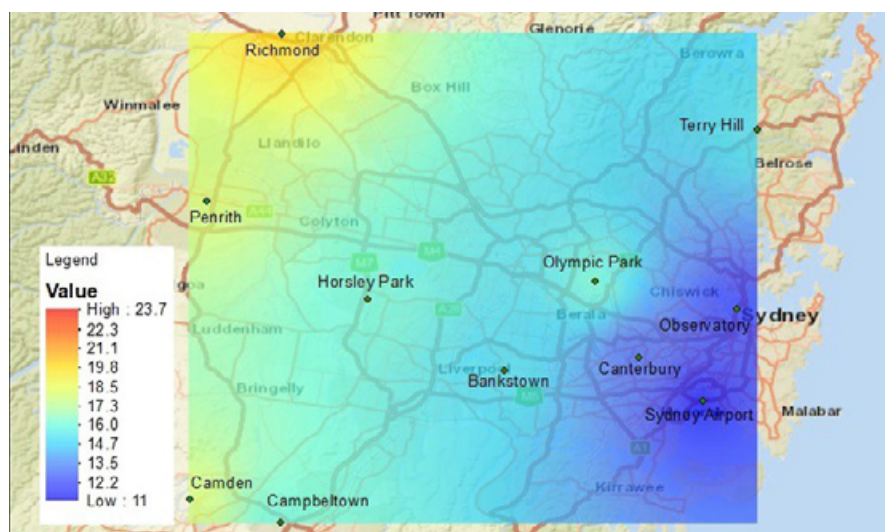


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a low-rise office building without insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a low-rise office building without roof insulation for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (2.4-4.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (24.6-43.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 47.6                                      | 57.8  | 4.1                                       | 6.2   | 24.9  | 33.2  | 6.0                                       | 8.6   |
| Terry Hill     | 43.1                                      | 56.6  | 5.0                                       | 7.9   | 18.2  | 25.4  | 7.9                                       | 11.8  |
| Bankstown      | 60.9                                      | 72.2  | 4.5                                       | 7.5   | 31.3  | 40.4  | 7.1                                       | 10.9  |
| Canterbury     | 49.6                                      | 60.3  | 4.7                                       | 8.0   | 23.7  | 31.7  | 7.6                                       | 11.9  |
| Observatory    | 53.3                                      | 63.1  | 4.0                                       | 6.1   | 24.7  | 32.6  | 6.3                                       | 9.2   |
| Richmond       | 68.1                                      | 81.1  | 4.9                                       | 8.4   | 34.7  | 44.4  | 7.4                                       | 11.8  |
| Penrith        | 76.0                                      | 89.8  | 4.0                                       | 6.9   | 36.8  | 46.7  | 6.4                                       | 10.1  |
| Horsley Park   | 65.6                                      | 74.9  | 4.7                                       | 7.7   | 30.1  | 37.3  | 7.5                                       | 11.5  |
| Camden         | 61.6                                      | 70.2  | 5.3                                       | 9.2   | 29.4  | 35.9  | 8.4                                       | 13.3  |
| Olympic Park   | 65.0                                      | 78.6  | 3.8                                       | 6.4   | 30.2  | 40.8  | 6.0                                       | 9.3   |
| Campbelltown   | 62.0                                      | 69.6  | 5.1                                       | 8.8   | 28.4  | 34.2  | 8.3                                       | 13.0  |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a low-rise office building without roof insulation using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 42.6-55.1 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 22.2 and 39.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~34.7-42.3 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |      |                    |      | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |      |                    |      |
|----------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|--|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible                   |      | Total              |      | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |      | Total              |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 22.7                       | 47.7 | 24.6               | 42.6 | 1.9                         | 2.4   | 20.8                                       | 40.2 | 22.2               | 34.7 |
| Terry Hill     | 24.9                       | 57.8 | 31.2               | 55.1 | 2.9                         | 3.9   | 22.0                                       | 45.7 | 27.3               | 42.3 |
| Bankstown      | 29.6                       | 48.6 | 31.8               | 44.0 | 2.6                         | 3.4   | 27.0                                       | 41.3 | 28.4               | 35.6 |
| Canterbury     | 25.9                       | 52.2 | 28.6               | 47.4 | 2.9                         | 3.9   | 23.0                                       | 42.4 | 24.7               | 36.2 |
| Observatory    | 28.6                       | 53.7 | 30.5               | 48.3 | 2.3                         | 3.1   | 26.3                                       | 45.9 | 27.4               | 39.6 |
| Richmond       | 33.4                       | 49.0 | 36.7               | 45.3 | 2.5                         | 3.4   | 30.9                                       | 42.3 | 33.3               | 37.2 |
| Penrith        | 39.2                       | 51.6 | 43.1               | 48.0 | 2.4                         | 3.2   | 36.8                                       | 46.0 | 39.9               | 41.3 |
| Horsley Park   | 35.5                       | 54.1 | 37.6               | 50.2 | 2.8                         | 3.8   | 32.7                                       | 46.5 | 33.8               | 40.9 |
| Camden         | 32.2                       | 52.3 | 34.3               | 48.9 | 3.1                         | 4.1   | 29.1                                       | 43.5 | 30.2               | 38.0 |
| Olympic Park   | 34.8                       | 53.5 | 37.8               | 48.1 | 2.2                         | 2.9   | 32.6                                       | 47.4 | 34.9               | 41.1 |
| Campbelltown   | 33.6                       | 54.2 | 35.4               | 50.9 | 3.2                         | 4.2   | 30.4                                       | 45.3 | 31.2               | 39.8 |



### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

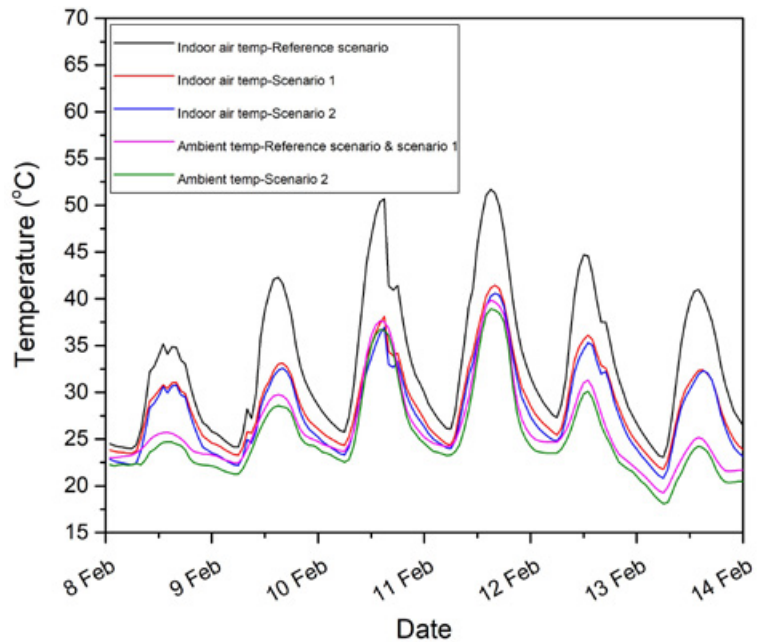


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a low-rise office building without insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

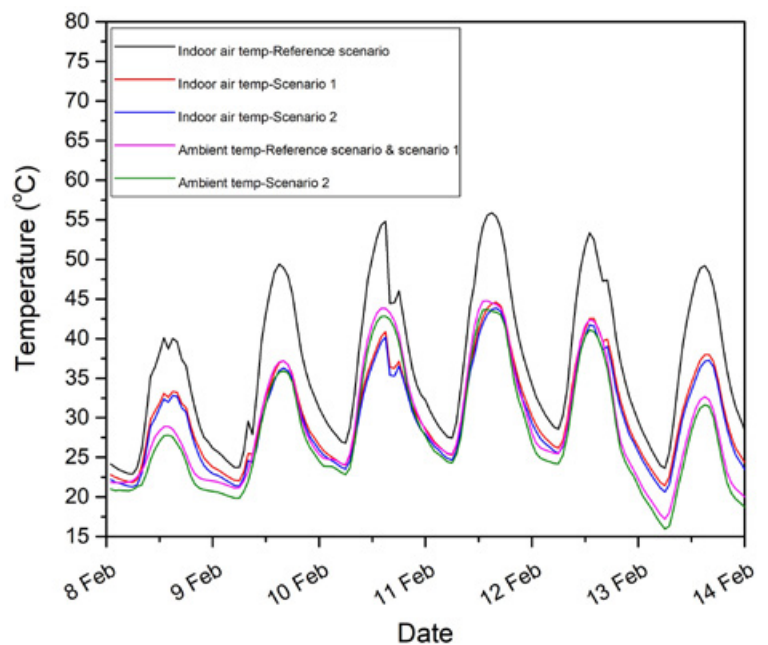


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a low-rise office building without insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 23.0-51.7 °C and 22.9-55.8 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

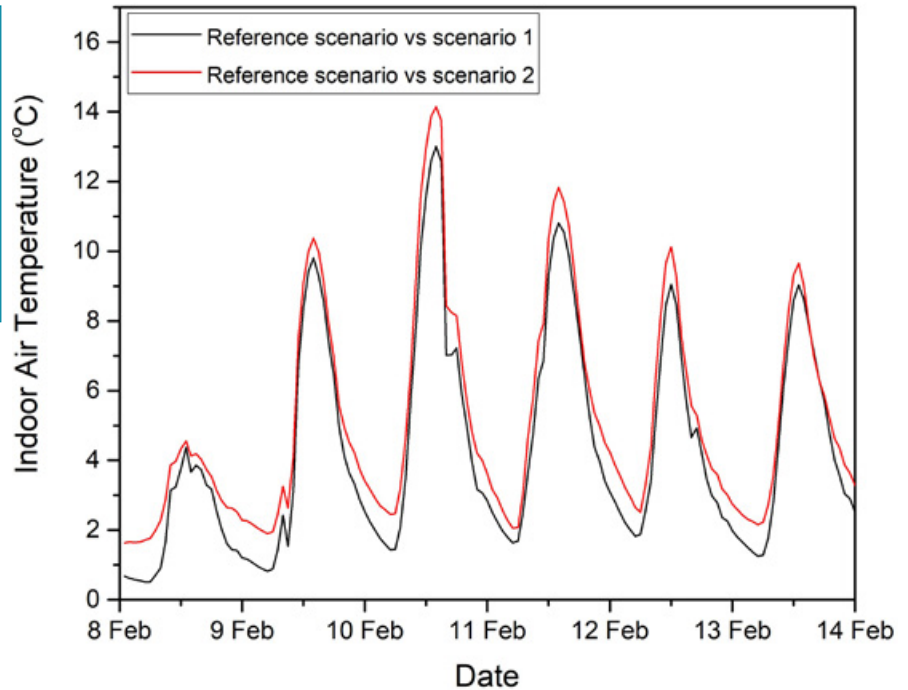


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a low-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 13 °C and 14 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 14.1°C and 14.7°C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

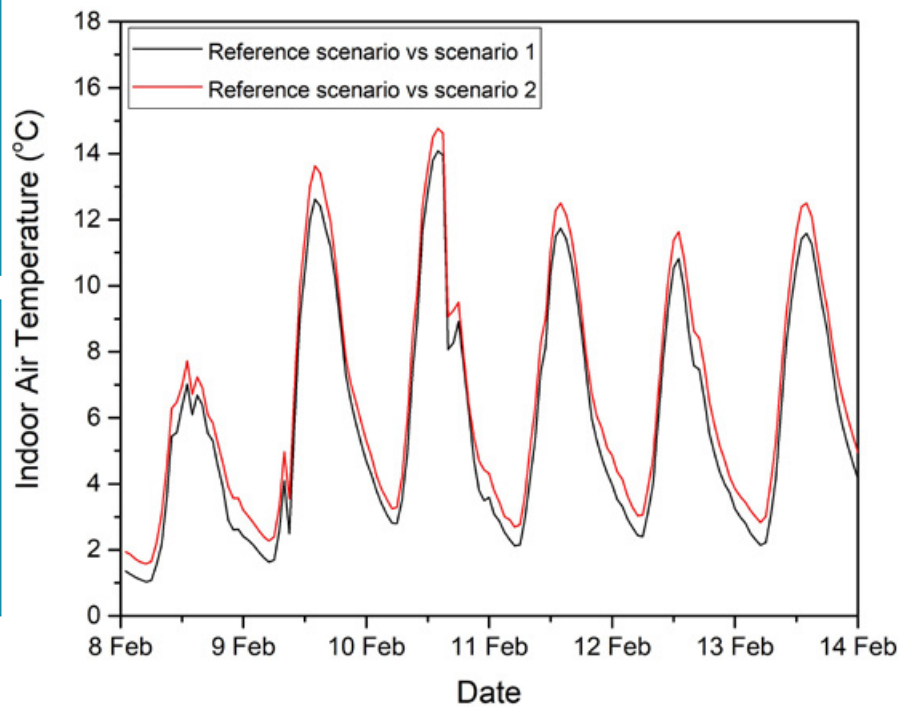


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a low-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range 8.7-26.6 °C in reference scenario to a range 8.3-23.9 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

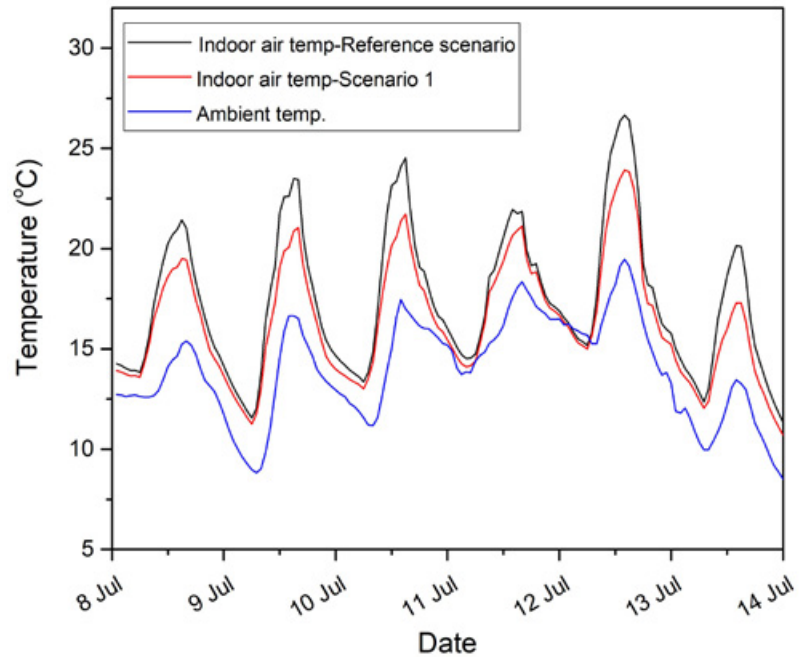


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a low-rise office building without insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 4.9-25.9 °C in reference scenario to a range 4.5-23.7 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

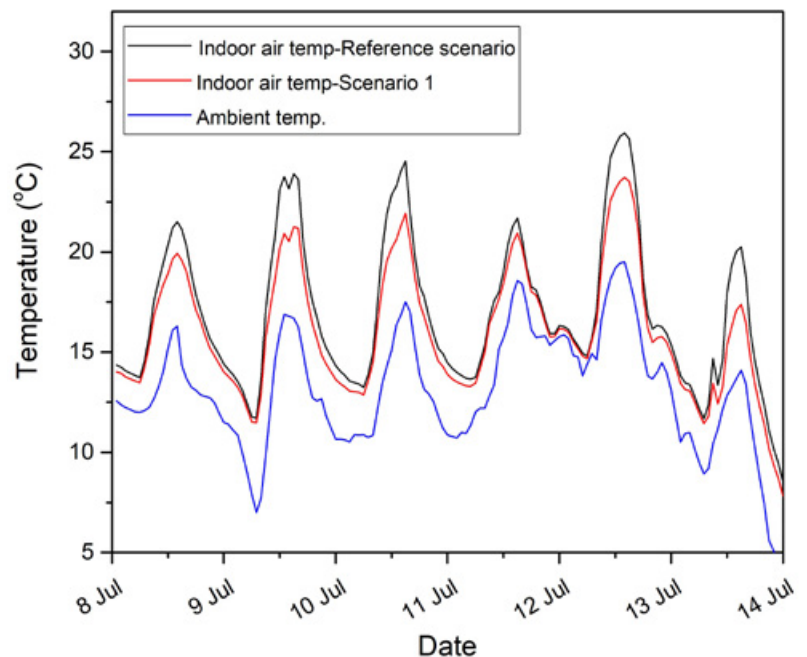


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a low-rise office building without insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 3.2 °C and 3.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

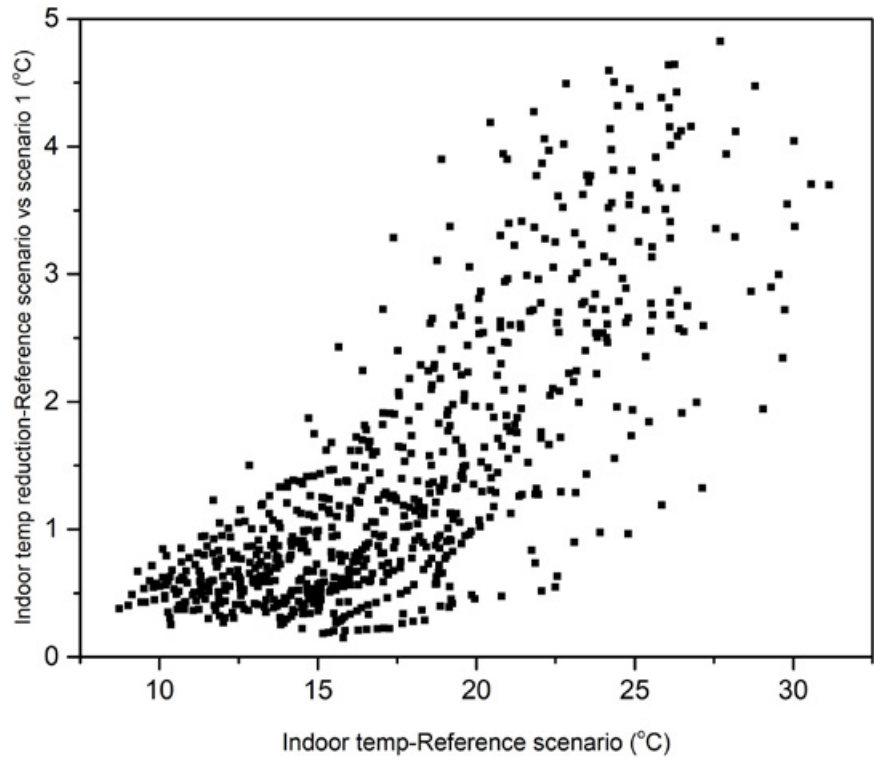


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a low-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

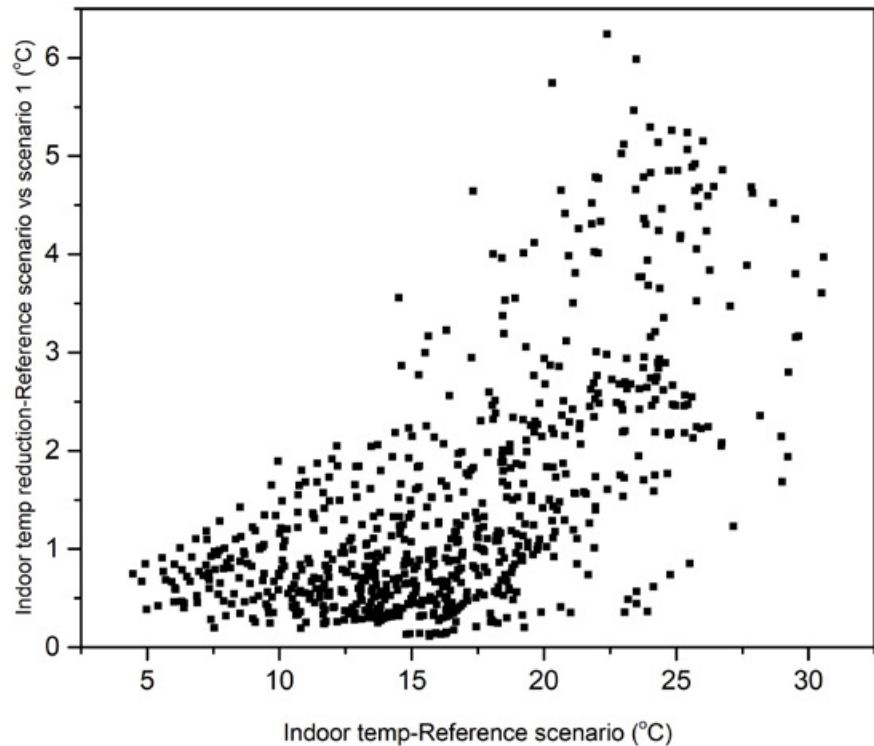


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a low-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 489 hours in reference scenario to 581 and hours and from 516 to 594 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during is expected to increase from 146 hours in reference scenario to 226 hours; and from 165 to 236 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|--|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                           | Total |
| Observatory | 146                | 489   | 226  | 581   |
| Richmond    | 165                | 516   | 236  | 594   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to significantly decreased from 462 hours in reference scenario to 356 and 296 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 499 hours in reference scenario to 385 and 346 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 462                | 356  | 296   |
| Richmond    | 499                | 385  | 346   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of the typical low-rise office building without insulation during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the low-rise office building from 33.1-44.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 17.6-23.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 15.5-20.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 44.4-49.2% total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 & Table 2 and Figure 1 & Figure 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 20.7-25 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 56-67.5% total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 & Table 2 and Figure 2 & Figure 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (2.4-4.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (24.6-43.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 42.6-55.1%. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 22.2 and 39.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (-34.7-42.3%) (Tables 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 23-51.7 °C and 22.9-55.8 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 13 and 14 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 14.1 and 14.7 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6 and Figure 7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figure 4 and Figure 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 8.7 and 26.6 °C in reference scenario to a range between 8.3 and 23.9 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 4.9 and 25.9 °C in reference scenario to a range between 4.5 and 23.7 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figure 8 and Figure 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 3.2 °C and 3.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figure 10 and Figure 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 489 hours in reference scenario to 581 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 516 hours in reference scenario to 594 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building. The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 146 hours in reference scenario to 226 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station.

Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 165 hours to 236 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 462 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 356 and 296 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 499 hours in reference scenario to 385 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 346 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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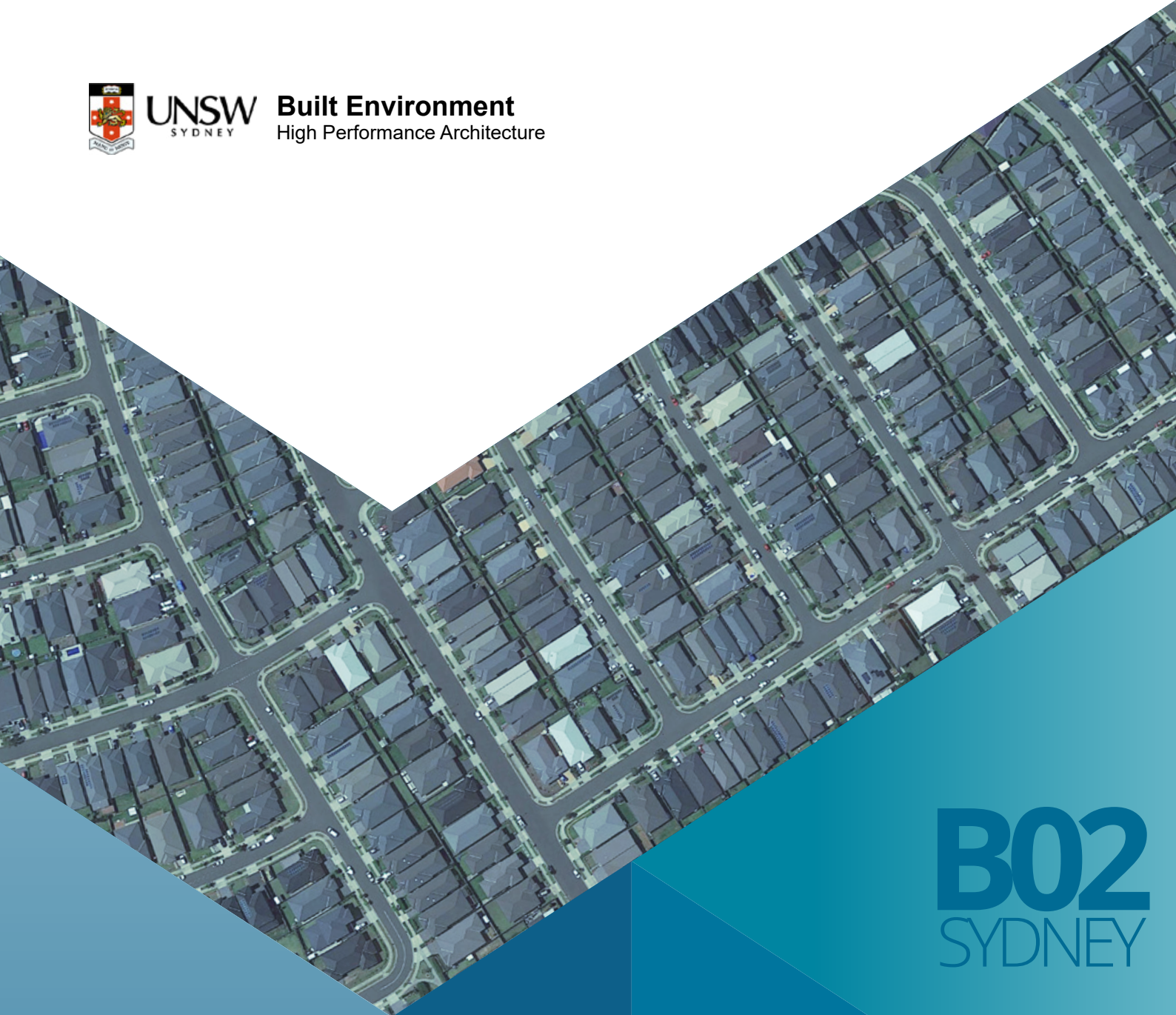
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

High-rise office building without roof insulation  
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## BUILDING 02

### HIGH-RISE OFFICE BUILDING WITHOUT ROOF INSULATION

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Floor area : 1200m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 10

Image source: Ecipark Office Building. <https://jerseydigs.com/bayonne-city-council-approves-10-story-building-975-broadway/>

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a typical high-rise office building without roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 15.6                                   | 22.5                                | 13.1  | 19.7                                | 9.3  | 12.1                                |
| Terry Hill     | 18.1                                   | 23.3                                | 14.9  | 20.0                                | 13.1   | 16.2                                |
| Bankstown      | 19.8                                   | 25.9                                | 17.0  | 22.9                                | 13.7   | 16.2                                |
| Canterbury     | 16.7                                   | 23.2                                | 14.1  | 20.4                                | 11.0   | 14.2                                |
| Observatory    | 15.3                                   | 21.9                                | 12.7  | 19.1                                | 10.0   | 13.4                                |
| Richmond       | 25.7                                   | 30.1                                | 21.6  | 26.0                                | 19.3   | 21.4                                |
| Penrith        | 22.5                                   | 27.1                                | 19.3  | 23.7                                | 17.2   | 19.2                                |
| Horsley Park   | 21.6                                   | 26.4                                | 18.4  | 23.1                                | 14.3   | 16.6                                |
| Camden         | 22.9                                   | 26.9                                | 19.7  | 23.5                                | 17.3   | 18.8                                |
| Olympic Park   | 19.2                                   | 25.5                                | 16.3  | 22.5                                | 13.8   | 17.1                                |
| Campbelltown   | 21.2                                   | 26.0                                | 18.1  | 22.7                                | 15.6   | 17.6                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the high-rise office building without roof insulation from 21.9-30.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 19.1-26.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a typical high-rise office building without roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |      |                    |      | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------|------|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |      | Total cooling      |      | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 2.5  | 16.0 | 2.8                | 12.4 | 6.3   | 40.4 | 10.4               | 46.2 |
| Terry Hill     | 3.2  | 17.7 | 3.3                | 14.2 | 5.0   | 27.6 | 7.1                | 30.5 |
| Bankstown      | 2.8  | 14.1 | 3.0                | 11.6 | 6.1   | 30.8 | 9.7                | 37.5 |
| Canterbury     | 2.6  | 15.6 | 2.8                | 12.1 | 5.7   | 34.1 | 9.0                | 38.8 |
| Observatory    | 2.6  | 17.0 | 2.8                | 12.8 | 5.3   | 34.6 | 8.5                | 38.8 |
| Richmond       | 4.1  | 16.0 | 4.1                | 13.6 | 6.4   | 24.9 | 8.7                | 28.9 |
| Penrith        | 3.2  | 14.2 | 3.4                | 12.5 | 5.3   | 23.6 | 7.9                | 29.2 |
| Horsley Park   | 3.2  | 14.8 | 3.3                | 12.5 | 7.3   | 33.8 | 9.8                | 37.1 |
| Camden         | 3.2  | 14.0 | 3.4                | 12.6 | 5.6   | 24.5 | 8.1                | 30.1 |
| Olympic Park   | 2.9  | 15.1 | 3.0                | 11.8 | 5.4   | 28.1 | 8.4                | 32.9 |
| Campbelltown   | 3.1  | 14.6 | 3.3                | 12.7 | 5.6   | 26.4 | 8.4                | 32.3 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 2.8-4.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 12.8-13.6% total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 7.1-10.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 30.5-46.2% of total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, it is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can significantly reduce the cooling load of the typical high-rise office building without roof insulation during the summer season.*

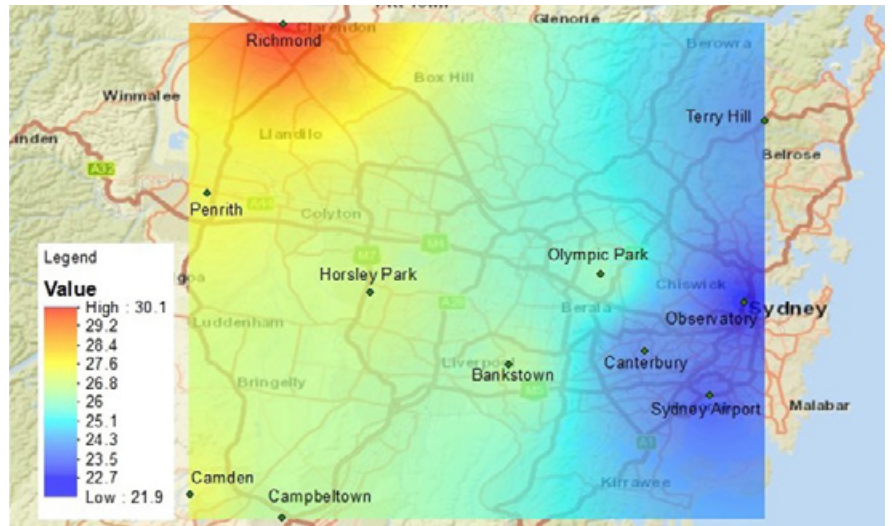


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a high-rise office building without insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

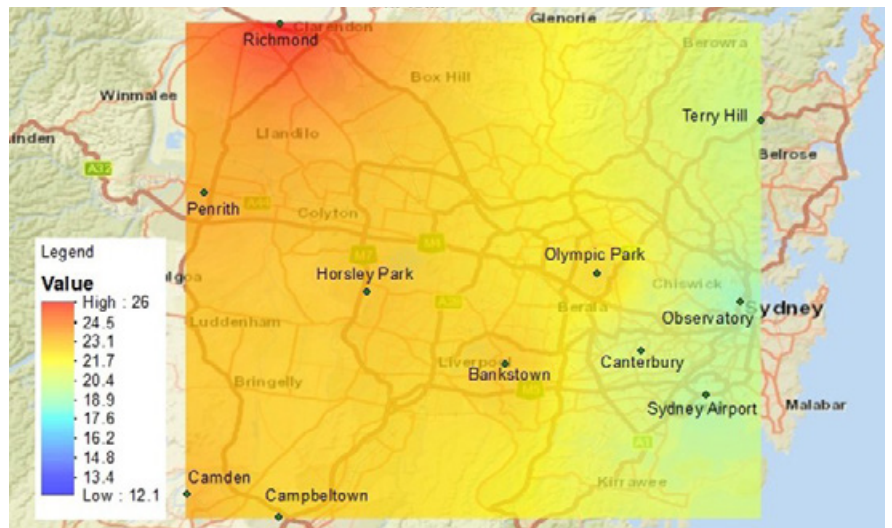


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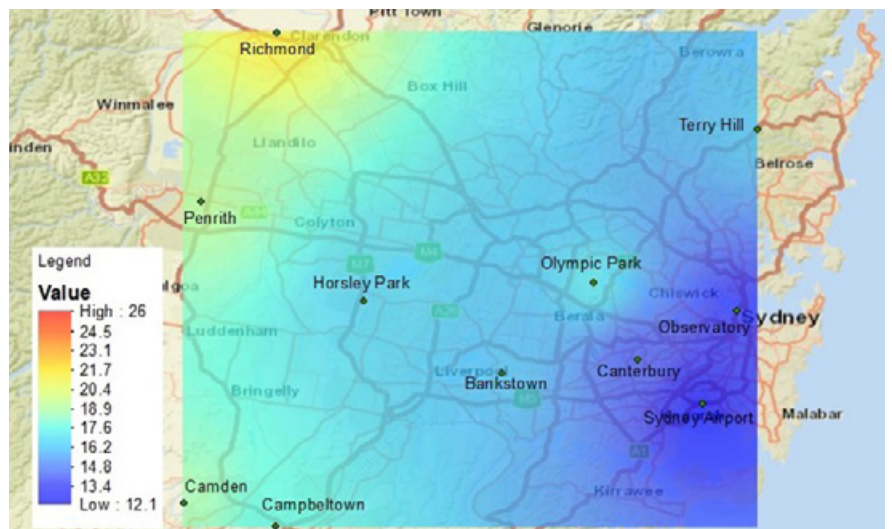


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## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a high-rise office building without roof insulation for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.5-0.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (3.7-7.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 29.8                                      | 38.8  | 1.8                                       | 3.2   | 26.3  | 35.1  | 2.2                                       | 3.7   |
| Terry Hill     | 22.8                                      | 31.1  | 2.6                                       | 4.9   | 18.6  | 25.9  | 3.2                                       | 5.7   |
| Bankstown      | 36.3                                      | 46.2  | 2.6                                       | 4.9   | 31.3  | 40.7  | 3.1                                       | 5.6   |
| Canterbury     | 29.1                                      | 38.0  | 2.6                                       | 5.3   | 25.0  | 33.4  | 3.2                                       | 6     |
| Observatory    | 31.3                                      | 39.9  | 1.6                                       | 3.0   | 26.7  | 35.0  | 2.0                                       | 3.6   |
| Richmond       | 41.1                                      | 52.0  | 3.2                                       | 6.2   | 35.5  | 45.7  | 3.7                                       | 6.9   |
| Penrith        | 44.6                                      | 55.9  | 2.3                                       | 4.6   | 37.8  | 48.2  | 2.8                                       | 5.2   |
| Horsley Park   | 37.1                                      | 45.1  | 2.6                                       | 5.0   | 30.9  | 38.5  | 3.2                                       | 5.8   |
| Camden         | 35.6                                      | 42.9  | 3.5                                       | 7.0   | 30.3  | 37.1  | 4.1                                       | 7.8   |
| Olympic Park   | 37.0                                      | 48.7  | 2.2                                       | 4.2   | 31.2  | 42.3  | 2.6                                       | 4.8   |
| Campbelltown   | 34.6                                      | 41.0  | 3.4                                       | 6.5   | 29.0  | 35.0  | 4.0                                       | 7.3   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a high-rise office building without roof insulation using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 9.5-16.7 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 3.2 and 7.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~7.6-12.2 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |      |                    |      | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |      |                    |      |
|----------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|--|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible                   |      | Total              |      | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |      | Total              |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 3.5                        | 11.7 | 3.7                | 9.5  | 0.4                         | 0.5   | 3.1  | 9.8  | 3.2                | 7.6  |
| Terry Hill     | 4.2                        | 18.4 | 5.2                | 16.7 | 0.6                         | 0.8   | 3.6  | 14.2 | 4.4                | 12.2 |
| Bankstown      | 5.0                        | 13.8 | 5.5                | 11.9 | 0.5                         | 0.7   | 4.5  | 11.6 | 4.8                | 9.4  |
| Canterbury     | 4.1                        | 14.1 | 4.6                | 12.1 | 0.6                         | 0.7   | 3.5  | 11.0 | 3.9                | 9.0  |
| Observatory    | 4.6                        | 14.7 | 4.9                | 12.3 | 0.4                         | 0.6   | 4.2  | 12.8 | 4.3                | 10.0 |
| Richmond       | 5.6                        | 13.6 | 6.3                | 12.1 | 0.5                         | 0.7   | 5.1  | 11.5 | 5.6                | 9.6  |
| Penrith        | 6.8                        | 15.2 | 7.7                | 13.8 | 0.5                         | 0.6   | 6.3  | 13.4 | 7.1                | 11.7 |
| Horsley Park   | 6.2                        | 16.7 | 6.6                | 14.6 | 0.6                         | 0.8   | 5.6  | 14.1 | 5.8                | 11.6 |
| Camden         | 5.3                        | 14.9 | 5.8                | 13.5 | 0.6                         | 0.8   | 4.7  | 12.0 | 5.0                | 10.0 |
| Olympic Park   | 5.8                        | 15.7 | 6.4                | 13.1 | 0.4                         | 0.6   | 5.4  | 13.8 | 5.8                | 11.0 |
| Campbelltown   | 5.6                        | 16.2 | 6.0                | 14.6 | 0.6                         | 0.8   | 5.0  | 13.2 | 5.2                | 10.9 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 °C in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

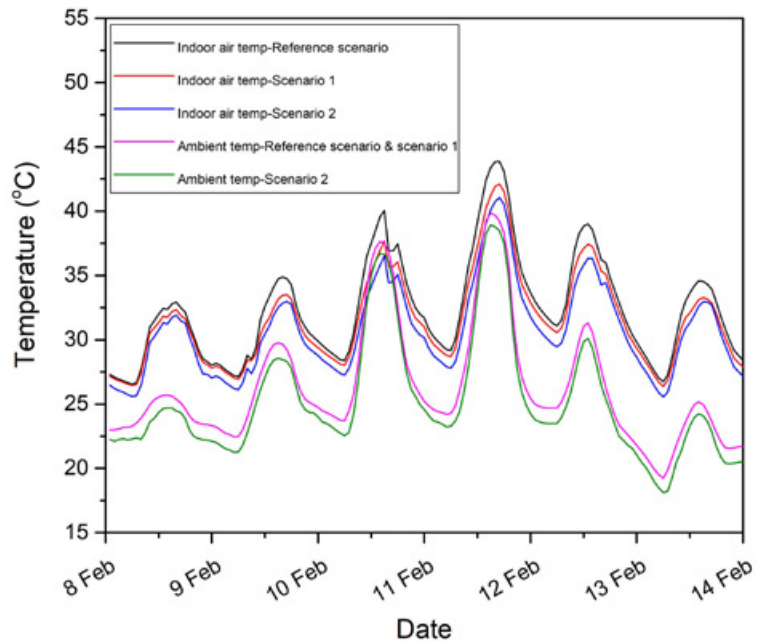


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

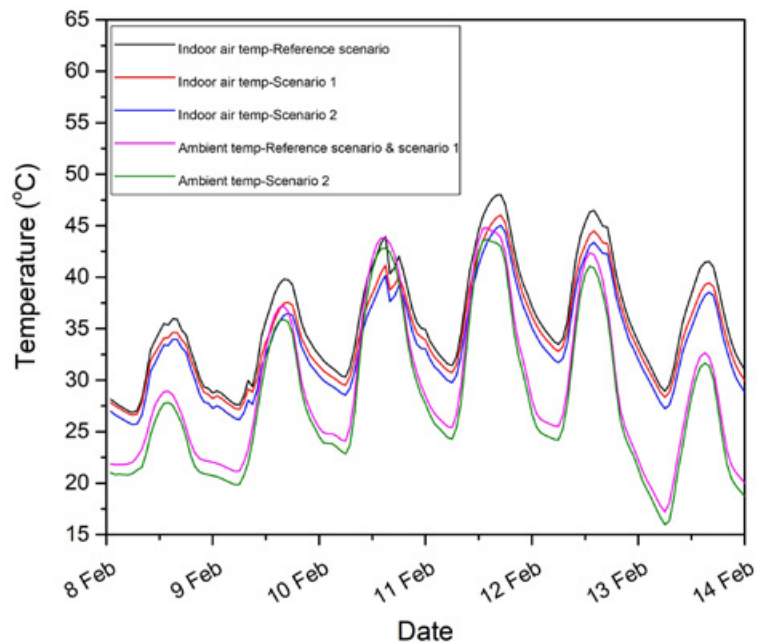


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 26.3-43.8 °C and 26.8-48.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

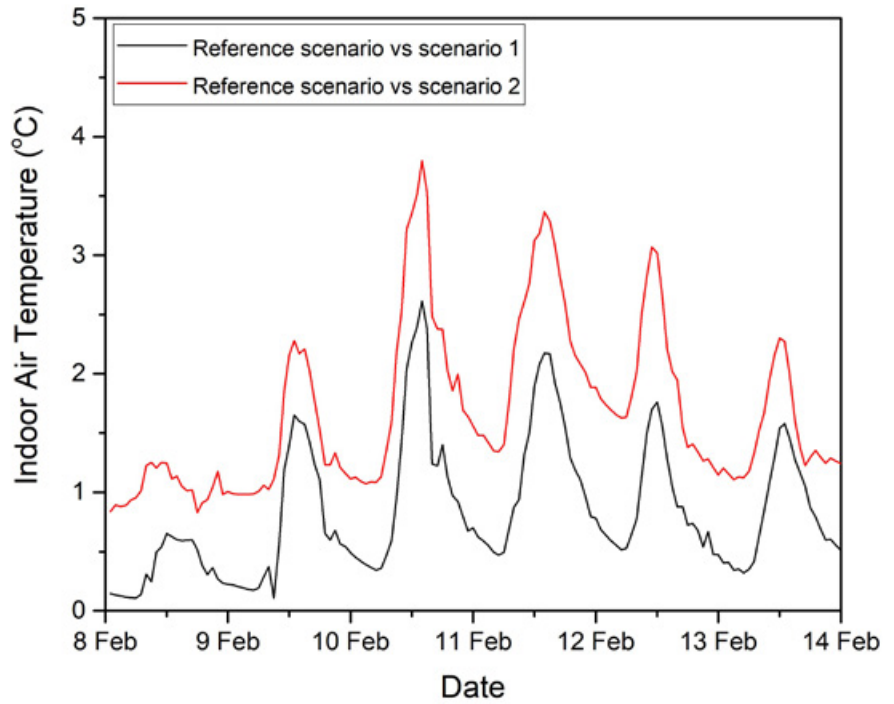


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 2.6 °C and 2.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 3.8 and 3.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

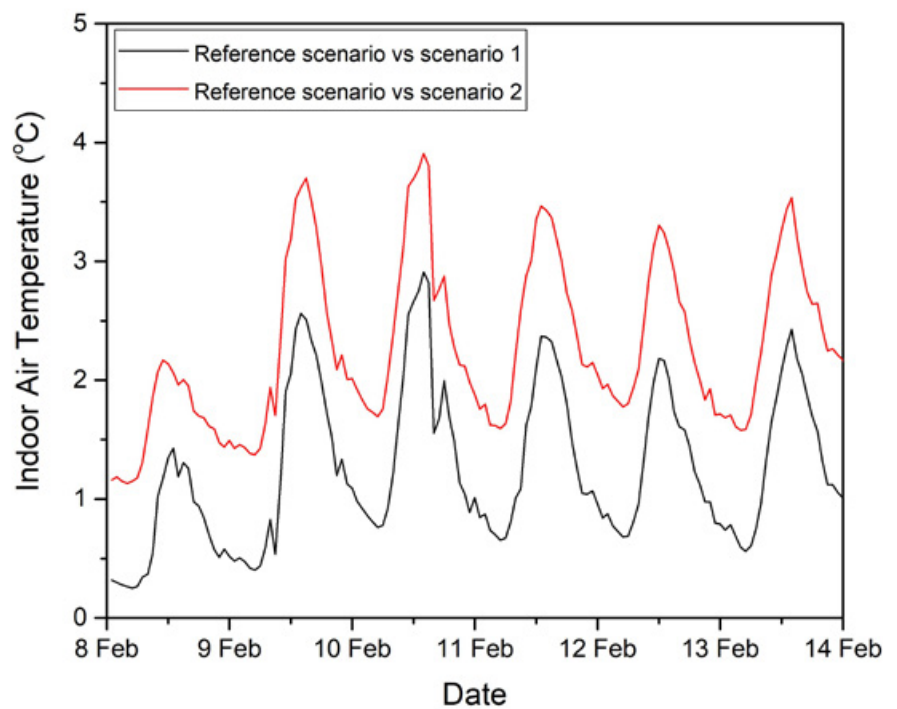


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.



## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 14.3 and 27.1 °C in reference scenario to a range between 14.2 and 26.7 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

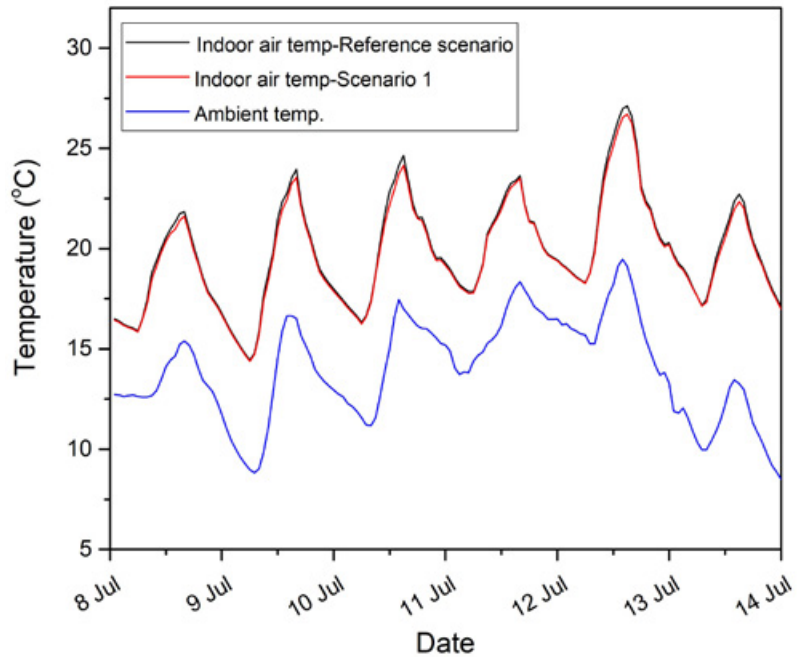


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to slightly reduce from a range between 10.6 and 26.3 °C in reference scenario to a range between 10.6 and 26.0 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

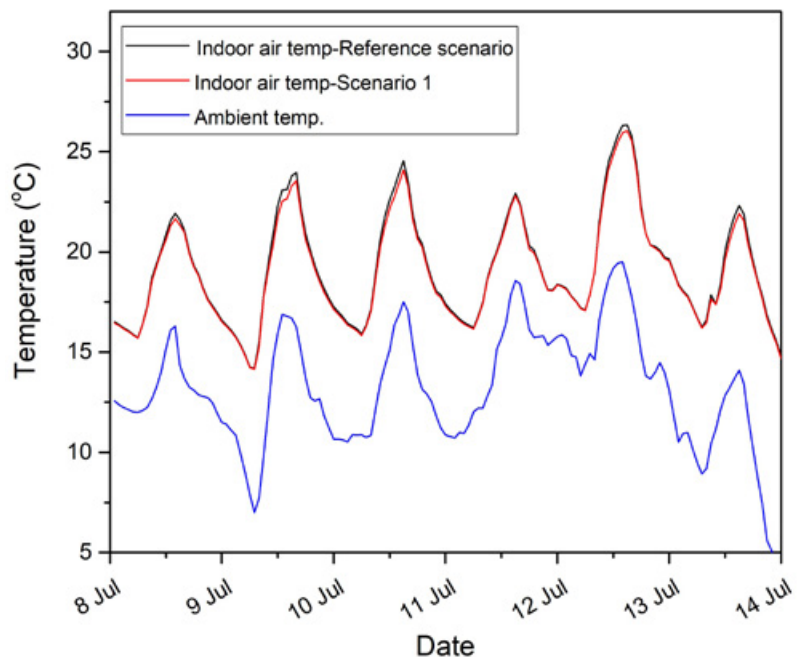


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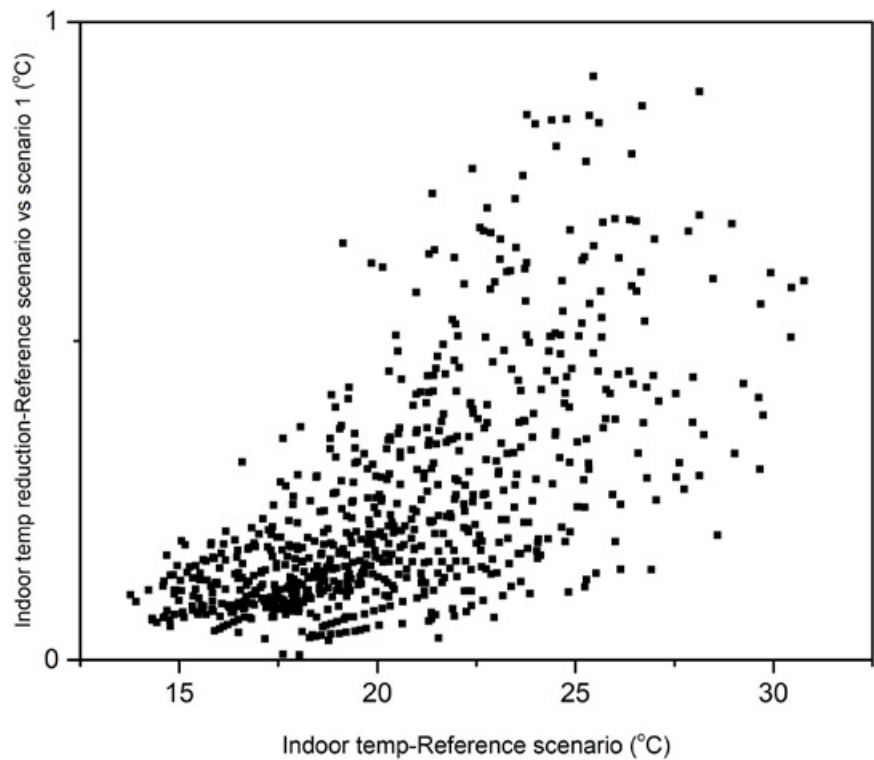


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

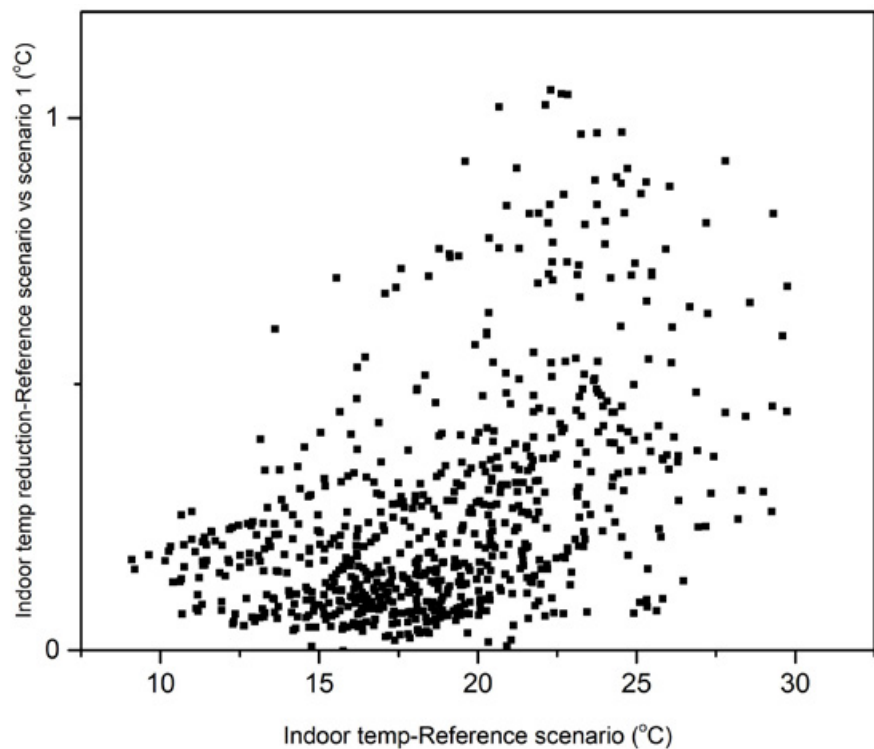


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 289 hours in reference scenario to 301 and hours and from 391 to 400 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during is expected to slightly increase from 82 hours in reference scenario to 88 hours; and from 109 to 112 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|--|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                           | Total |
| Observatory | 82                 | 289   | 88   | 301   |
| Richmond    | 109                | 391   | 112  | 400   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decrease from 607 hours in reference scenario to 591 and 832 hours under scenario 1 and 2, in Observatory station; and from 623 hours in reference scenario to 612 and 570 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 607                | 591  | 532   |
| Richmond    | 623                | 612  | 570   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 2.8-4.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> for a typical high rise office building without roof insulation. This is equal to 12.8-13.6% cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is projected to have significantly higher impact on cooling load reduction of the high-rise office building without roof insulation. As estimated, the combined building-scale and urban-scale implementation of cool roofs can reduce the total cooling load of the high-rise office building without roof insulation by 7.1-10.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to roughly 30.5-46.2% lower total cooling load under cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with respect to the reference scenario. Overall, the cooling load reduction by both building and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs is noticeable for the typical high-rise office building without roof insulation (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.5-0.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (3.7-7.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 9.5-16.7%. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 3.2 and 7.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (-7.6-12.2%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 26.3-43.8 °C and 26.8-48 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 2.6 and 2.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 3.8 and 3.9 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 14.3 and 27.1 °C in reference scenario to a range between 14.2 and 26.7 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 10.6 and 26.3 °C in reference scenario to a range between 10.6 and 26 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.6 °C and 0.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 289 hours in reference scenario to 301 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 391 hours in reference scenario to 400 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building. The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 82 hours in reference scenario to 88 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station.

Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 109 hours to 112 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 607 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 591 and 532 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 623 hours in reference scenario to 612 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 570 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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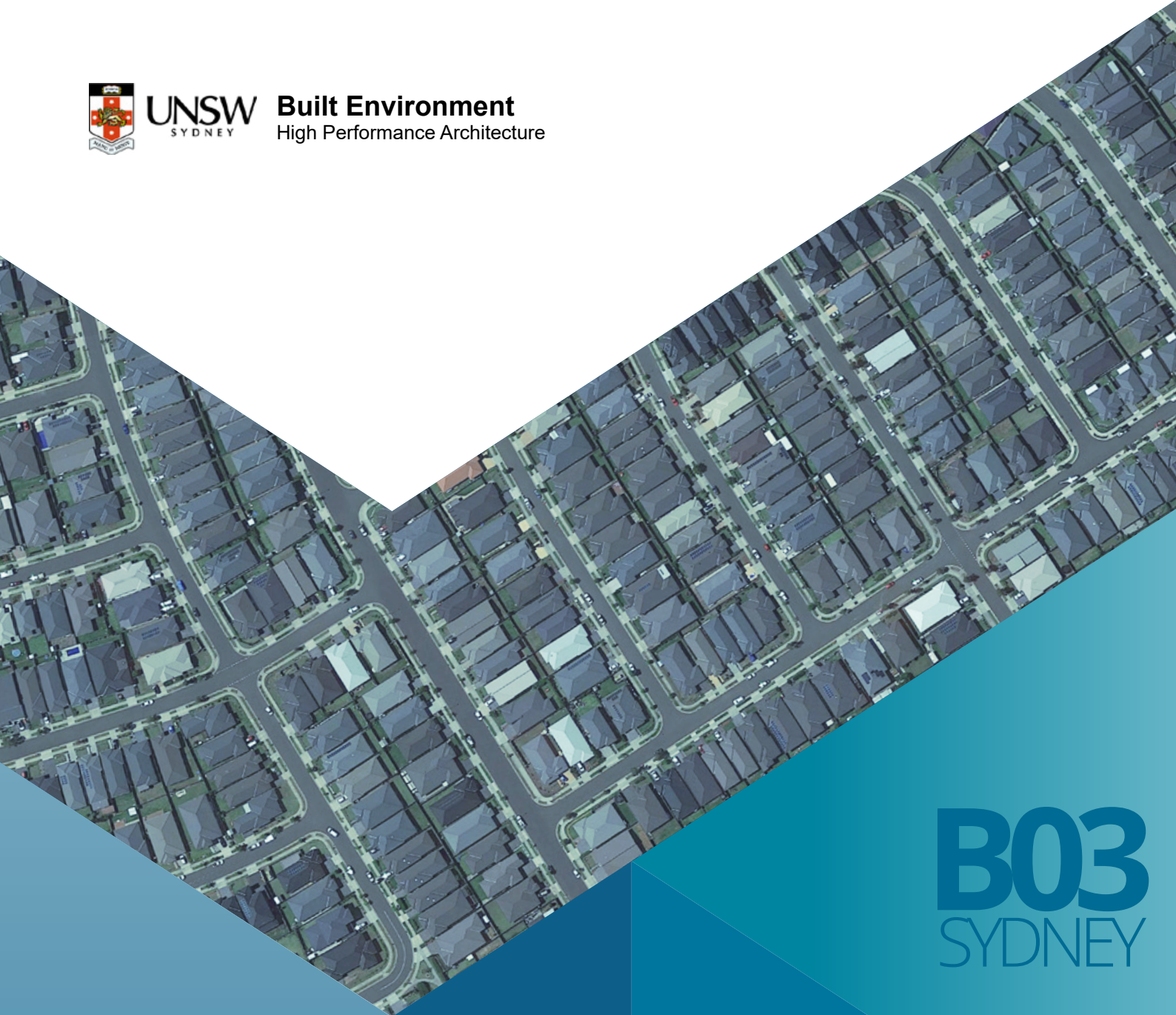
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

New low-rise office building with roof insulation  
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## BUILDING 03

### NEW LOW-RISE OFFICE BUILDING WITH ROOF INSULATION

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Floor area : 1200m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 2

Image source: Ecipark Office Building. <https://jhmrad.com/21-delightful-two-story-building/ecipark-office-building-two-story/>

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 12.7                                   | 19.1                                | 11.7  | 18.0                                | 8.3  | 11.0                                |
| Terry Hill     | 14.1                                   | 19.3                                | 13.0  | 18.1                                | 11.4   | 14.5                                |
| Bankstown      | 16.2                                   | 22.1                                | 15.1  | 20.9                                | 12.4   | 14.8                                |
| Canterbury     | 13.6                                   | 19.9                                | 12.5  | 18.7                                | 9.9  | 13.0                                |
| Observatory    | 12.4                                   | 18.6                                | 11.4  | 17.5                                | 9.0  | 12.3                                |
| Richmond       | 20.3                                   | 24.6                                | 18.7  | 22.9                                | 17.0   | 19.0                                |
| Penrith        | 18.4                                   | 22.7                                | 17.1  | 21.3                                | 15.4   | 17.3                                |
| Horsley Park   | 17.5                                   | 22.2                                | 16.3  | 20.8                                | 14.5   | 16.7                                |
| Camden         | 18.7                                   | 22.5                                | 17.5  | 21.1                                | 15.4   | 16.8                                |
| Olympic Park   | 15.7                                   | 21.9                                | 14.5  | 20.6                                | 12.4   | 15.6                                |
| Campbelltown   | 17.3                                   | 21.8                                | 15.9  | 20.4                                | 13.8   | 15.7                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the new low-rise office building with roof insulation from 18.6-24.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 17.5-22.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 1.0  | 7.9 | 1.1                | 5.8 | 4.4   | 34.6 | 8.1                | 42.4 |
| Terry Hill     | 1.1  | 7.8 | 1.2                | 6.2 | 2.7   | 19.1 | 4.8                | 24.9 |
| Bankstown      | 1.1  | 6.8 | 1.2                | 5.4 | 3.8   | 23.5 | 7.3                | 33.0 |
| Canterbury     | 1.1  | 8.1 | 1.2                | 6.0 | 3.7   | 27.2 | 6.9                | 34.7 |
| Observatory    | 1.0  | 8.1 | 1.1                | 5.9 | 3.4   | 27.4 | 6.3                | 33.9 |
| Richmond       | 1.6  | 7.9 | 1.7                | 6.9 | 3.3   | 16.3 | 5.6                | 22.8 |
| Penrith        | 1.3  | 7.1 | 1.4                | 6.2 | 3.0   | 16.3 | 5.4                | 23.8 |
| Horsley Park   | 1.2  | 6.9 | 1.4                | 6.3 | 3.0   | 17.1 | 5.5                | 24.8 |
| Camden         | 1.2  | 6.4 | 1.4                | 6.2 | 3.3   | 17.6 | 5.7                | 25.3 |
| Olympic Park   | 1.2  | 7.6 | 1.3                | 5.9 | 3.3   | 21.0 | 6.3                | 28.8 |
| Campbelltown   | 1.4  | 8.1 | 1.4                | 6.4 | 3.5   | 20.2 | 6.1                | 28.0 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 1.1-1.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 5.4-6.9 % total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 4.8-8.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 24.9-42.2% of total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to have higher impact on the total cooling load reduction of the new low-rise office building with roof insulation.*

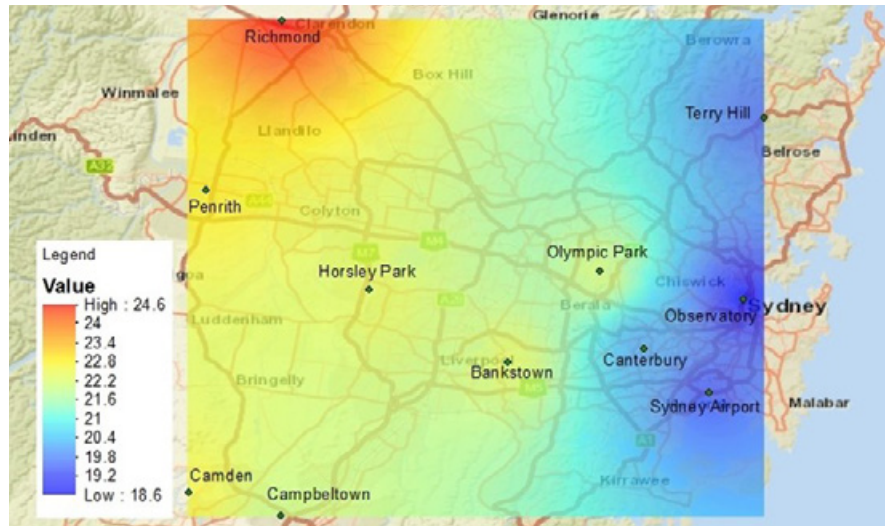


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The building-scale application of cool roofs has a lower but still noticeable impact on the cooling load reduction of the new low-rise office building with roof insulation.*

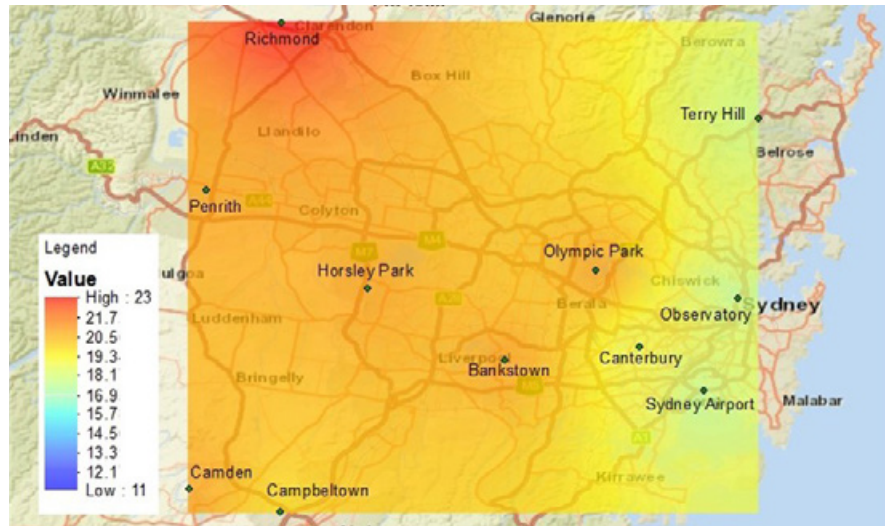


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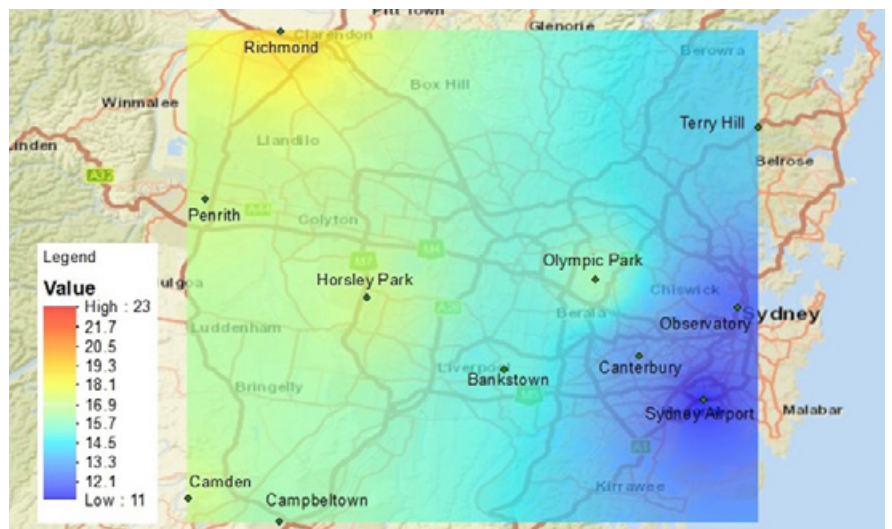


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.8-8.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|--|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )    |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                     | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 27.0                                      | 35.6  | 0.6                                       | 1.4   | 25.4   | 33.8  | 0.6                                       | 1.4   |
| Terry Hill     | 18.1                                      | 25.3  | 1.1                                       | 2.5   | 16.7   | 23.5  | 1.2                                       | 2.7   |
| Bankstown      | 31.2                                      | 40.5  | 1.4                                       | 3.0   | 29.2   | 38.3  | 1.4                                       | 3.2   |
| Canterbury     | 25.1                                      | 33.5  | 1.3                                       | 3.1   | 23.5   | 31.6  | 1.3                                       | 3.3   |
| Observatory    | 27.2                                      | 35.4  | 0.6                                       | 1.4   | 25.3   | 33.4  | 0.6                                       | 1.6   |
| Richmond       | 35.5                                      | 45.7  | 1.9                                       | 4.2   | 33.0   | 42.8  | 2.0                                       | 4.5   |
| Penrith        | 36.8                                      | 47.0  | 1.4                                       | 3.1   | 34.0   | 43.7  | 1.5                                       | 3.3   |
| Horsley Park   | 30.5                                      | 38.0  | 1.5                                       | 3.3   | 28.0   | 35.3  | 1.6                                       | 3.5   |
| Camden         | 30.0                                      | 36.9  | 2.2                                       | 5.0   | 27.8   | 34.4  | 2.4                                       | 5.3   |
| Olympic Park   | 30.8                                      | 41.6  | 1.2                                       | 2.7   | 28.4   | 38.8  | 1.3                                       | 2.9   |
| Campbelltown   | 34.6                                      | 41.0  | 2.0                                       | 4.5   | 26.7   | 32.5  | 2.2                                       | 4.7   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 5.1-20.7 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.6 and 8.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~4.6-18.2 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |      |                    |      | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |      |                    |      |
|----------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|--|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible                   |      | Total              |      | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |      | Total              |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 1.6                        | 5.9  | 1.8                | 5.1  | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 1.6  | 5.8  | 1.8                | 4.9  |
| Terry Hill     | 1.4                        | 7.7  | 1.8                | 7.1  | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 1.3  | 6.8  | 1.6                | 5.8  |
| Bankstown      | 2.0                        | 6.4  | 2.2                | 5.4  | 0.0                         | 0.2   | 2.0  | 6.1  | 2.0                | 4.6  |
| Canterbury     | 1.6                        | 6.4  | 1.9                | 5.7  | 0.0                         | 0.2   | 1.6  | 6.1  | 1.7                | 4.6  |
| Observatory    | 1.9                        | 7.0  | 2.0                | 5.6  | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 1.9  | 6.7  | 1.9                | 5.2  |
| Richmond       | 2.5                        | 7.0  | 2.9                | 6.3  | 0.1                         | 0.3   | 2.4  | 6.4  | 2.6                | 5.2  |
| Penrith        | 2.8                        | 7.6  | 3.3                | 7.0  | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 2.7  | 7.1  | 3.1                | 6.2  |
| Horsley Park   | 2.5                        | 8.2  | 2.7                | 7.1  | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 2.4  | 7.5  | 2.5                | 6.1  |
| Camden         | 2.2                        | 7.3  | 2.5                | 6.8  | 0.2                         | 0.3   | 2.0  | 6.2  | 2.2                | 5.3  |
| Olympic Park   | 2.4                        | 7.8  | 2.8                | 6.7  | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 2.3  | 7.2  | 2.6                | 5.9  |
| Campbelltown   | 7.9                        | 22.8 | 8.5                | 20.7 | 0.2                         | 0.2   | 7.7  | 21.0 | 8.3                | 18.2 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 °C in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

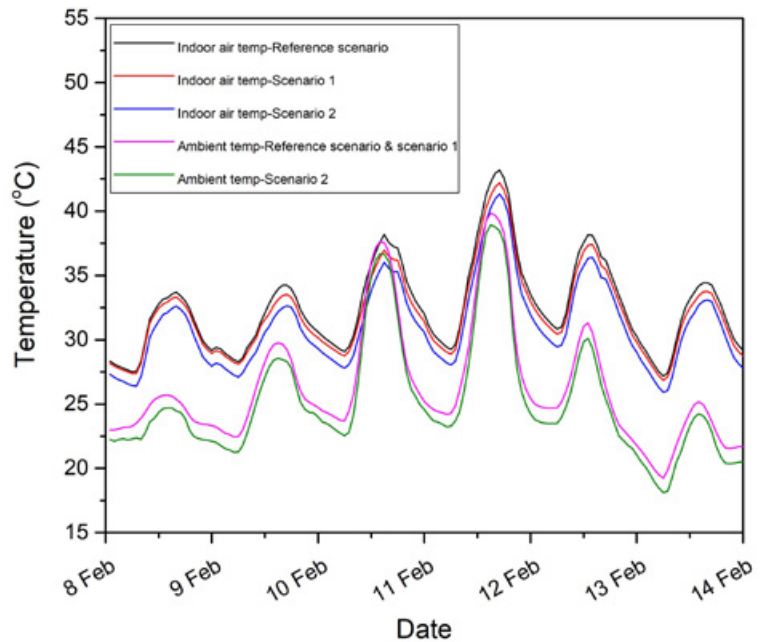


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

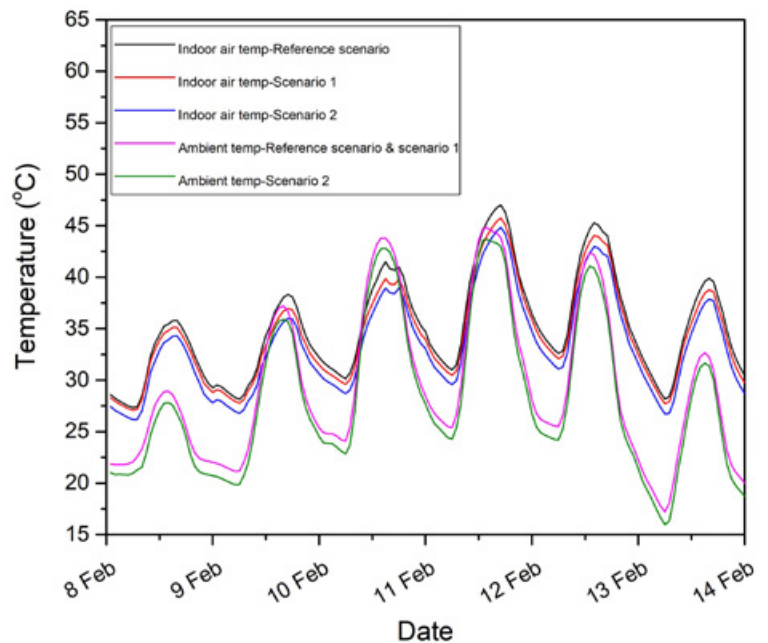


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 27.1-43.1 °C and 27.3-47.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

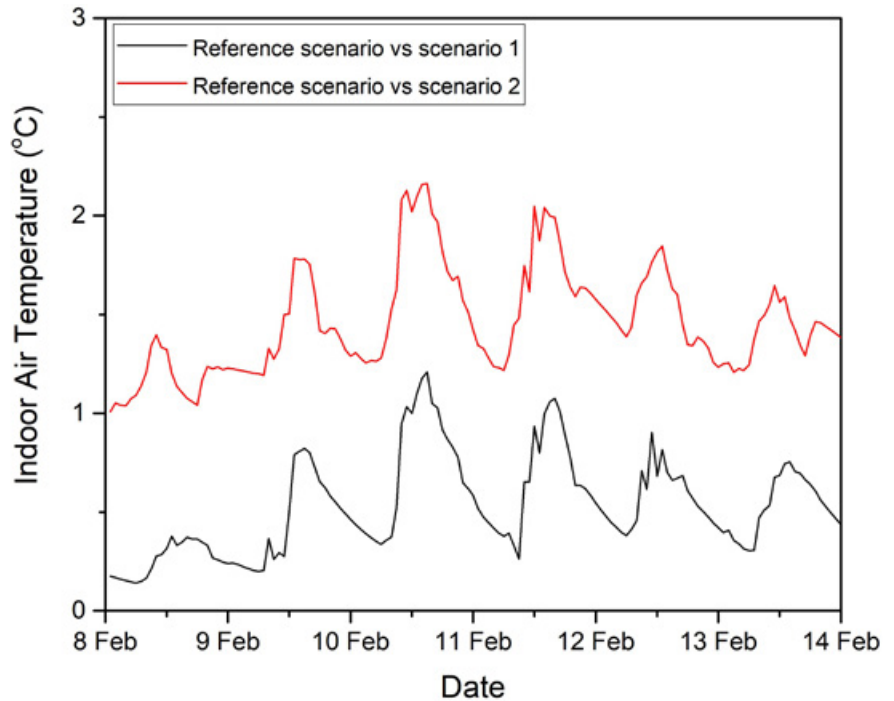


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 1.2 °C and 1.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 2.1 and 2.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

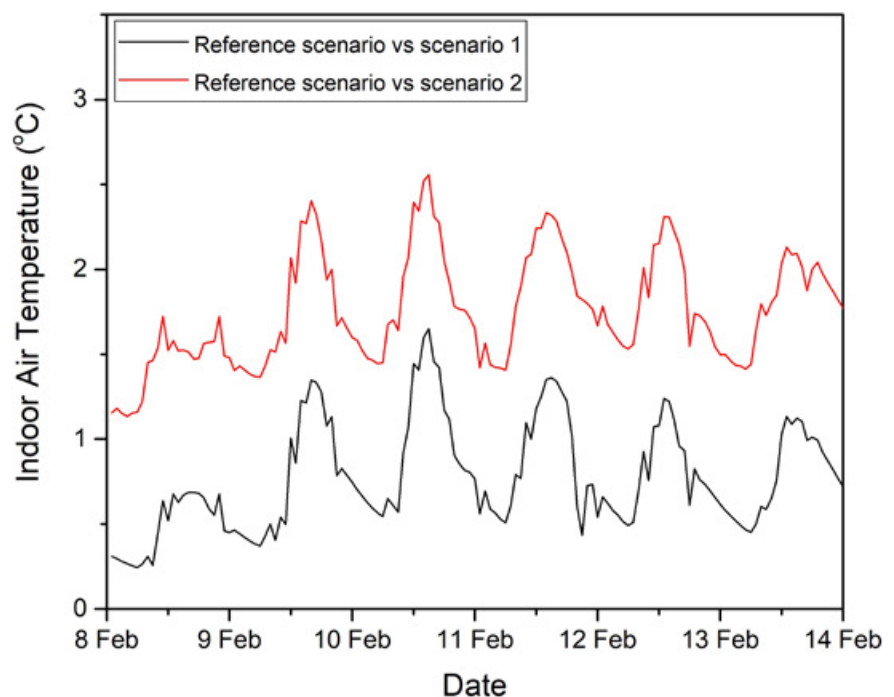


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## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 15.6 and 29.2 °C in reference scenario to a range between 15.6 and 28.9 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

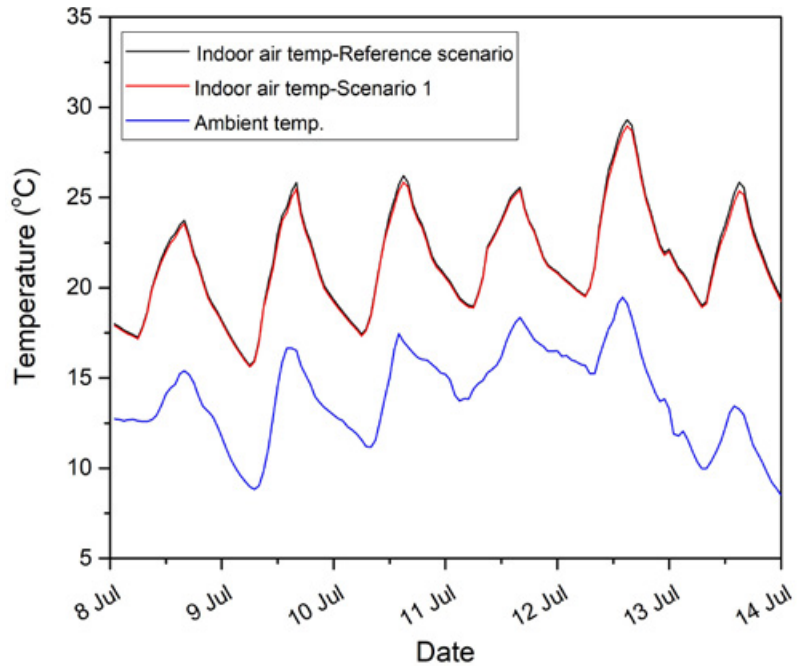


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 12.6 and 28.7 °C in reference scenario to a range between 12.5 and 28.4 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

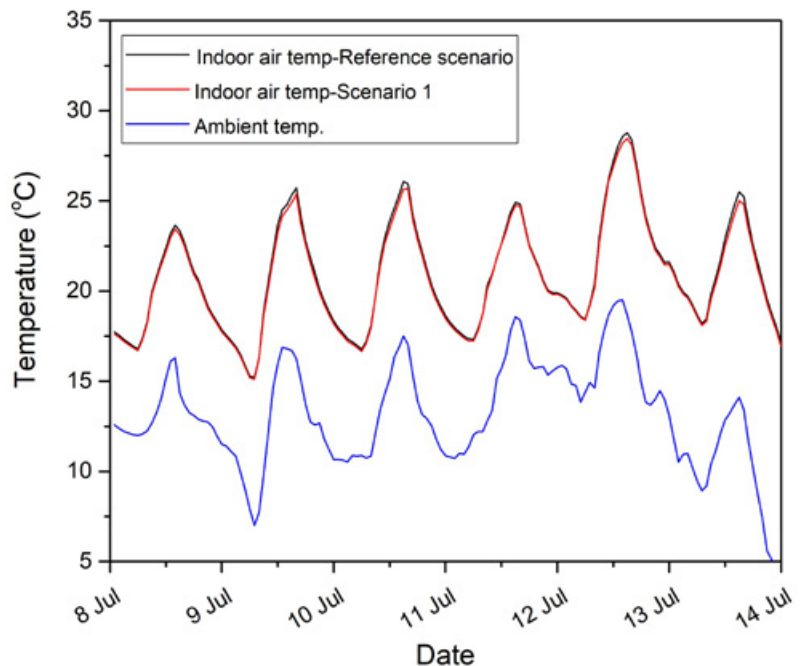


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.5 °C and 0.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

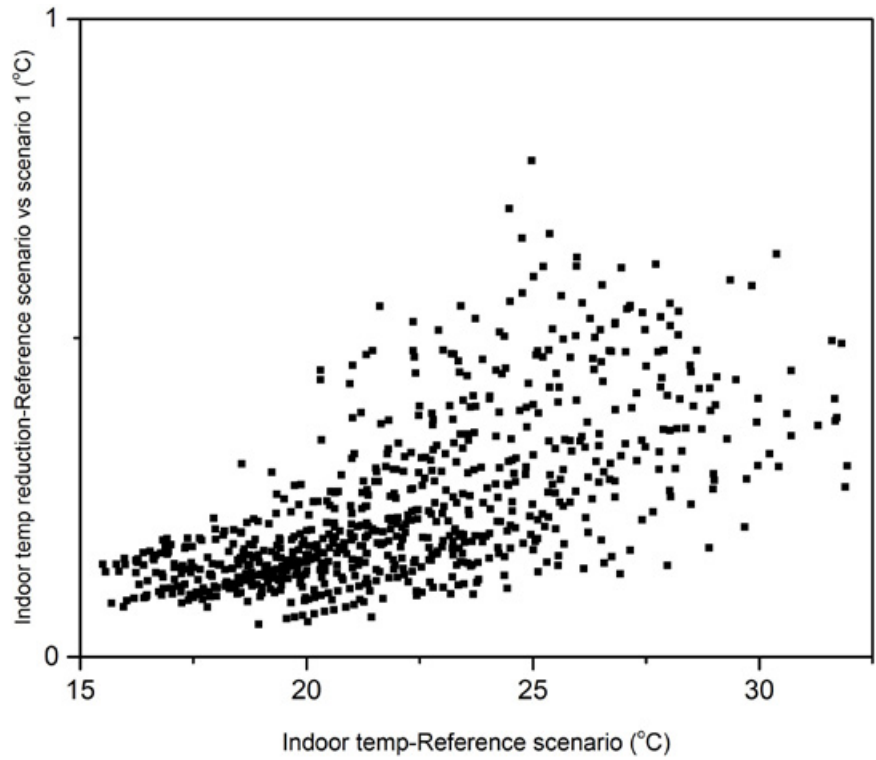


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

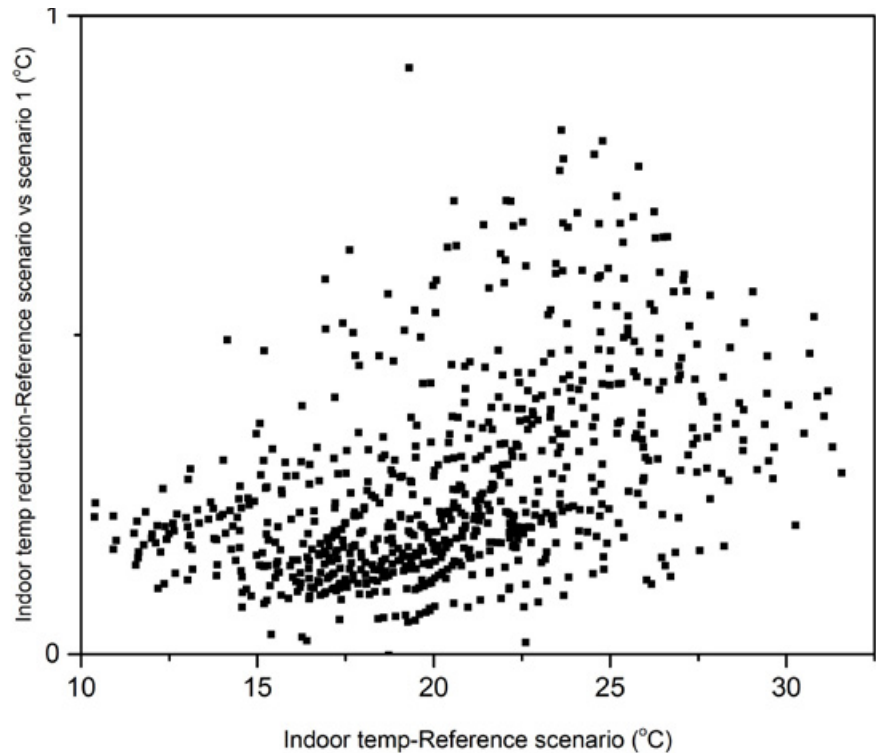


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.



## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to increase from 147 hours in reference scenario to 245 and hours and from 276 to 287 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during is expected to slightly increase from 41 hours in reference scenario to 45 hours; and from 74 to 116 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|--|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                           | Total |
| Observatory | 41                 | 147   | 45   | 245   |
| Richmond    | 74                 | 276   | 116  | 287   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decrease from 630 hours in reference scenario to 622 and 595 hours under scenario 1 and 2, in Observatory station; and from 658 hours in reference scenario to 652 and 613 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 630                | 622  | 595   |
| Richmond    | 658                | 652  | 613   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building scale application of cool roofs can reduce the total cooling load of a new low-rise office building with roof insulation by 1.1-1.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~5.4-6.9%) (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to have higher impact on the total cooling load reduction of the new low-rise office building with roof insulation. As projected, the combined building-scale and urban-scale implementation of cool roofs will reduce the cooling load of a typical low-rise office building with roof insulation by up to 4.8-8.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equal to around 24.9-42.2% cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- Overall, the simulation results demonstrate that the combined building-scale and urban scale implementation of cool roofs is an efficient method to lower the cooling loads of the new low-rise office building with roof insulation. The building-scale application of cool roofs has a lower but still noticeable impact on the cooling load reduction of the new low-rise office building with roof insulation.
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0-0.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.8-8.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 5.1-20.7 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.6 and 8.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~4.6-18.2%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 27.1-43.1 °C and 27.3-47 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 1.2 and 1.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 2.1 and 2.5 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 15.6 and 29.2 °C in reference scenario to a range between 15.6 and 28.9 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in

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Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8). Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 12.6 and 28.7 °C in reference scenario to a range between 12.5 and 28.4 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.5 °C and 0.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 147 hours in reference scenario to 245 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 276 hours in reference scenario to 287 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building. The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 41 hours in reference scenario to 45 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station.

Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 74 hours to 116 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 630 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 622 and 595 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 658 hours in reference scenario to 652 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 613 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).



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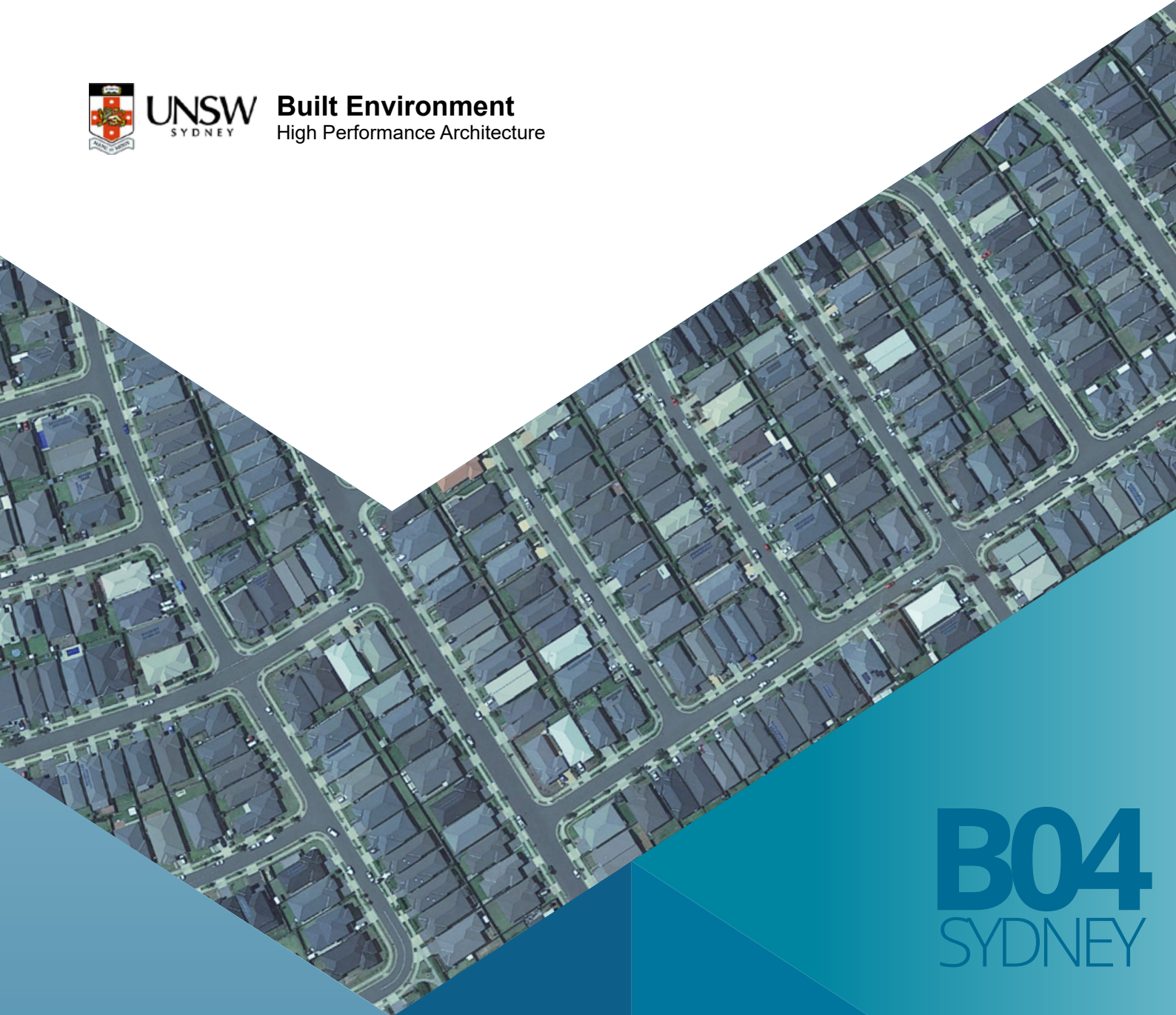
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## **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

New high-rise office building with roof insulation  
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## BUILDING 04

### NEW HIGH-RISE OFFICE BUILDING WITH ROOF INSULATION

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Floor area : 1200m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 10

Image source: Ecipark Office Building. <https://jerseydigs.com/bayonne-city-council-approves-10-story-building-975-broadway/>

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a typical new high-rise office building with roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 12.4                                   | 18.6                                | 12.2  | 18.4                                | 8.6  | 11.3                                |
| Terry Hill     | 13.7                                   | 18.6                                | 13.4  | 18.3                                | 11.8   | 14.9                                |
| Bankstown      | 15.9                                   | 21.5                                | 15.6  | 21.2                                | 12.8   | 15.2                                |
| Canterbury     | 13.2                                   | 19.3                                | 13.0  | 19.1                                | 10.3   | 13.4                                |
| Observatory    | 12.0                                   | 18.1                                | 11.8  | 17.8                                | 9.3  | 12.6                                |
| Richmond       | 19.8                                   | 23.7                                | 19.5  | 23.4                                | 17.5   | 19.5                                |
| Penrith        | 17.9                                   | 21.9                                | 17.7  | 21.6                                | 15.8   | 17.7                                |
| Horsley Park   | 17.0                                   | 21.4                                | 16.8  | 21.1                                | 14.8   | 17.0                                |
| Camden         | 18.2                                   | 21.6                                | 17.9  | 21.4                                | 15.8   | 17.2                                |
| Olympic Park   | 15.4                                   | 21.2                                | 15.1  | 20.9                                | 12.8   | 16.1                                |
| Campbelltown   | 16.7                                   | 21.0                                | 16.4  | 20.7                                | 14.3   | 16.2                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the new high-rise office building with roof insulation from 18.1-23.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 17.8-23.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a typical new high-rise office building with roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 0.2  | 1.6 | 0.2                | 1.1 | 3.8   | 30.6 | 7.3                | 39.2 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.3  | 2.2 | 0.3                | 1.6 | 1.9   | 13.9 | 3.7                | 19.9 |
| Bankstown      | 0.3  | 1.9 | 0.3                | 1.4 | 3.1   | 19.5 | 6.3                | 29.3 |
| Canterbury     | 0.2  | 1.5 | 0.2                | 1.0 | 2.9   | 22.0 | 5.9                | 30.6 |
| Observatory    | 0.2  | 1.7 | 0.3                | 1.7 | 2.7   | 22.5 | 5.5                | 30.4 |
| Richmond       | 0.3  | 1.5 | 0.3                | 1.3 | 2.3   | 11.6 | 4.2                | 17.7 |
| Penrith        | 0.2  | 1.1 | 0.3                | 1.4 | 2.1   | 11.7 | 4.2                | 19.2 |
| Horsley Park   | 0.2  | 1.2 | 0.3                | 1.4 | 2.2   | 12.9 | 4.4                | 20.6 |
| Camden         | 0.3  | 1.6 | 0.2                | 0.9 | 2.4   | 13.2 | 4.4                | 20.4 |
| Olympic Park   | 0.3  | 1.9 | 0.3                | 1.4 | 2.6   | 16.9 | 5.1                | 24.1 |
| Campbelltown   | 0.3  | 1.8 | 0.3                | 1.4 | 2.4   | 14.4 | 4.8                | 22.9 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 0.2-0.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 0.9-1.7 % total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 3.7-7.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 19.9-39.2% of total cooling load reduction.*



*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the new high-rise office building with roof insulation during the summer season.*

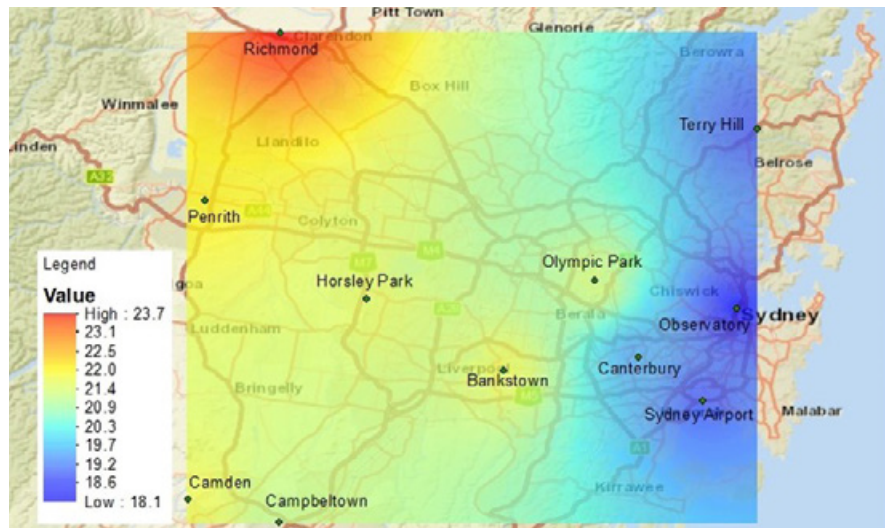


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new high-rise office building with insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.*

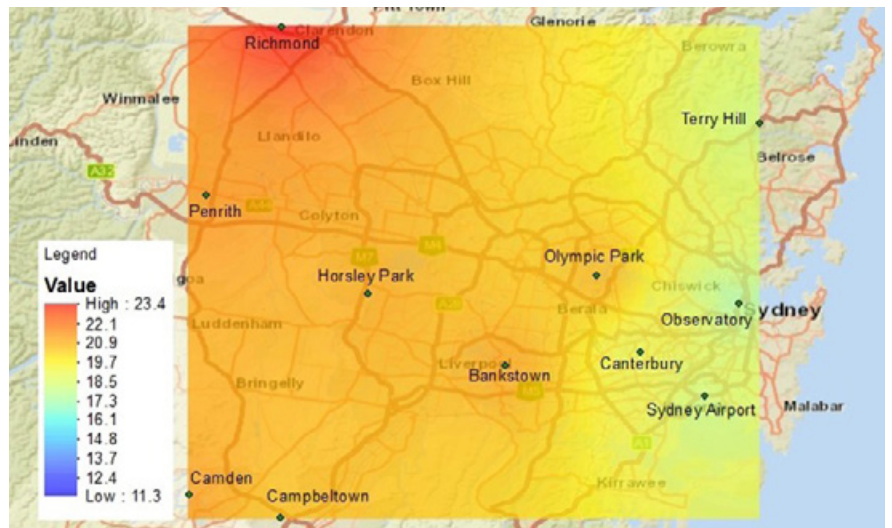


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new high-rise office building with insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.



Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new high-rise office building with insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

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<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new high-rise office building with roof insulation for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (0.3-0.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 26.2                                      | 34.7  | 0.2                                       | 0.7   | 26.0  | 34.4  | 0.2                                       | 0.7   |
| Terry Hill     | 17.1                                      | 24.1  | 0.6                                       | 1.7   | 16.8  | 23.7  | 0.6                                       | 1.8   |
| Bankstown      | 30.0                                      | 38.9  | 0.7                                       | 2.0   | 29.6  | 38.5  | 0.7                                       | 2.1   |
| Canterbury     | 24.1                                      | 32.2  | 0.7                                       | 2.1   | 23.8  | 31.9  | 0.7                                       | 2.1   |
| Observatory    | 26.3                                      | 34.4  | 0.2                                       | 0.8   | 26.0  | 34.0  | 0.2                                       | 0.8   |
| Richmond       | 33.7                                      | 43.5  | 1.2                                       | 3.2   | 33.3  | 43.0  | 1.2                                       | 3.2   |
| Penrith        | 34.8                                      | 44.7  | 0.7                                       | 2.1   | 34.3  | 44.0  | 0.8                                       | 2.2   |
| Horsley Park   | 28.8                                      | 36.0  | 0.8                                       | 2.2   | 28.4  | 35.5  | 0.8                                       | 2.3   |
| Camden         | 28.4                                      | 35.1  | 1.4                                       | 3.8   | 28.0  | 34.6  | 1.4                                       | 3.8   |
| Olympic Park   | 29.2                                      | 39.6  | 0.6                                       | 1.8   | 28.8  | 39.1  | 0.6                                       | 1.8   |
| Campbelltown   | 27.3                                      | 33.1  | 1.2                                       | 3.3   | 26.8  | 32.7  | 1.3                                       | 3.3   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise office building with roof insulation using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 0.9-1.7 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 0.3 and 0.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~0.7-1.3 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 0.2                        | 0.8 | 0.3                | 0.9 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 0.2  | 0.8 | 0.3                | 0.8 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.3                        | 1.8 | 0.4                | 1.7 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 0.3  | 1.7 | 0.3                | 1.2 |
| Bankstown      | 0.4                        | 1.3 | 0.4                | 1.0 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 0.4  | 1.3 | 0.3                | 0.7 |
| Canterbury     | 0.3                        | 1.2 | 0.3                | 0.9 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 0.3  | 1.2 | 0.3                | 0.9 |
| Observatory    | 0.3                        | 1.1 | 0.4                | 1.2 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 0.3  | 1.1 | 0.4                | 1.1 |
| Richmond       | 0.4                        | 1.2 | 0.5                | 1.1 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 0.4  | 1.1 | 0.5                | 1.1 |
| Penrith        | 0.5                        | 1.4 | 0.7                | 1.6 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 0.4  | 1.1 | 0.6                | 1.3 |
| Horsley Park   | 0.4                        | 1.4 | 0.5                | 1.4 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 0.4  | 1.4 | 0.4                | 1.0 |
| Camden         | 0.4                        | 1.4 | 0.5                | 1.4 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 0.4  | 1.3 | 0.5                | 1.3 |
| Olympic Park   | 0.4                        | 1.4 | 0.5                | 1.3 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 0.4  | 1.3 | 0.5                | 1.2 |
| Campbelltown   | 0.5                        | 1.8 | 0.4                | 1.2 | 0.1                         | 0.0   | 0.4  | 1.4 | 0.4                | 1.1 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 °C in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

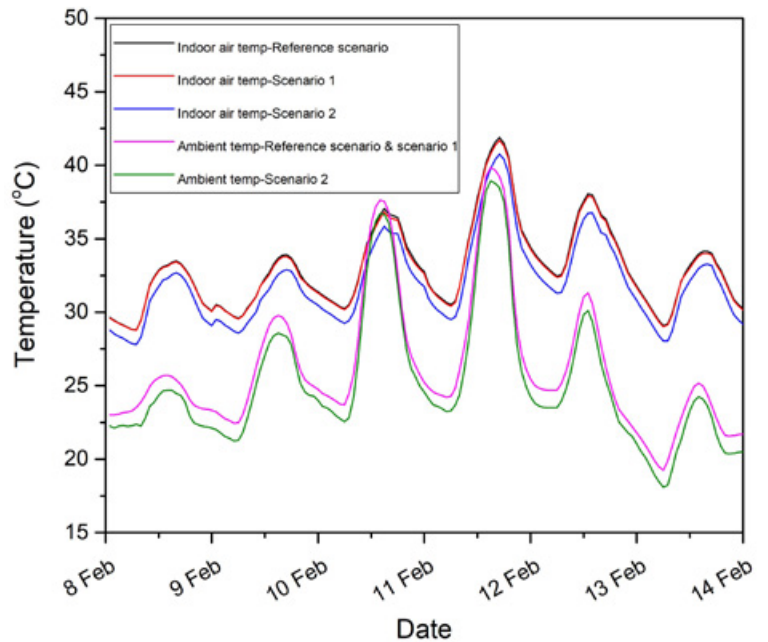


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise office building with insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

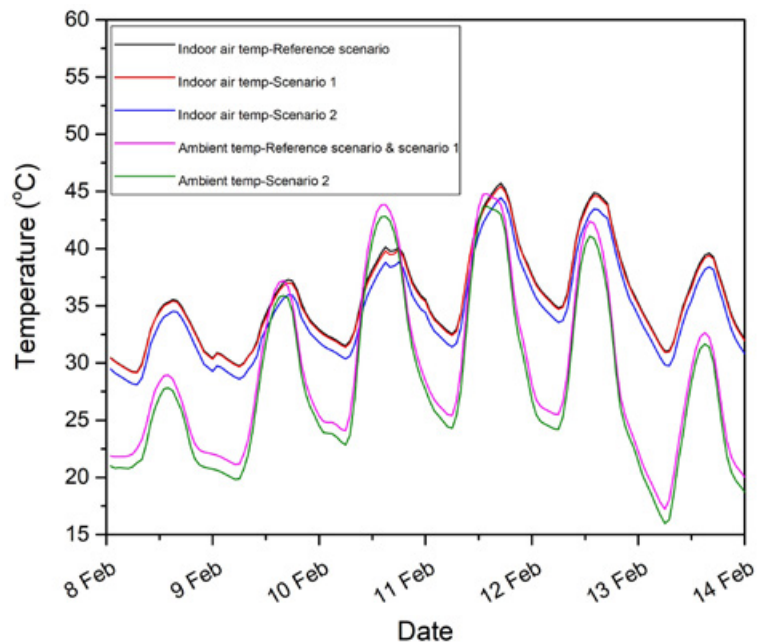


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise office building with insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.5-41.8 °C and 29.1-45.7 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

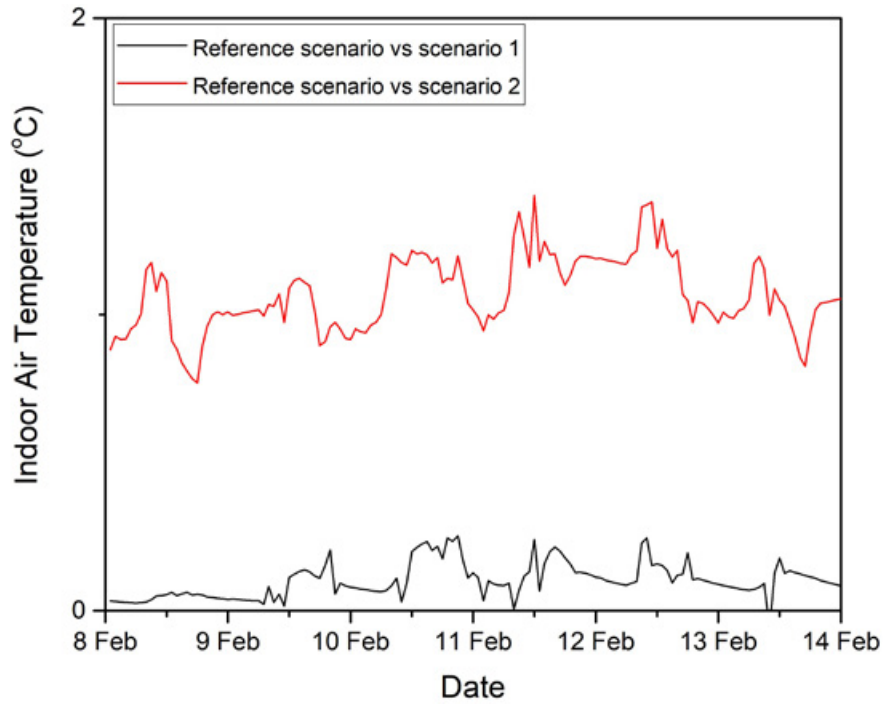


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise office building with insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.2 °C and 0.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 1.4 and 1.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

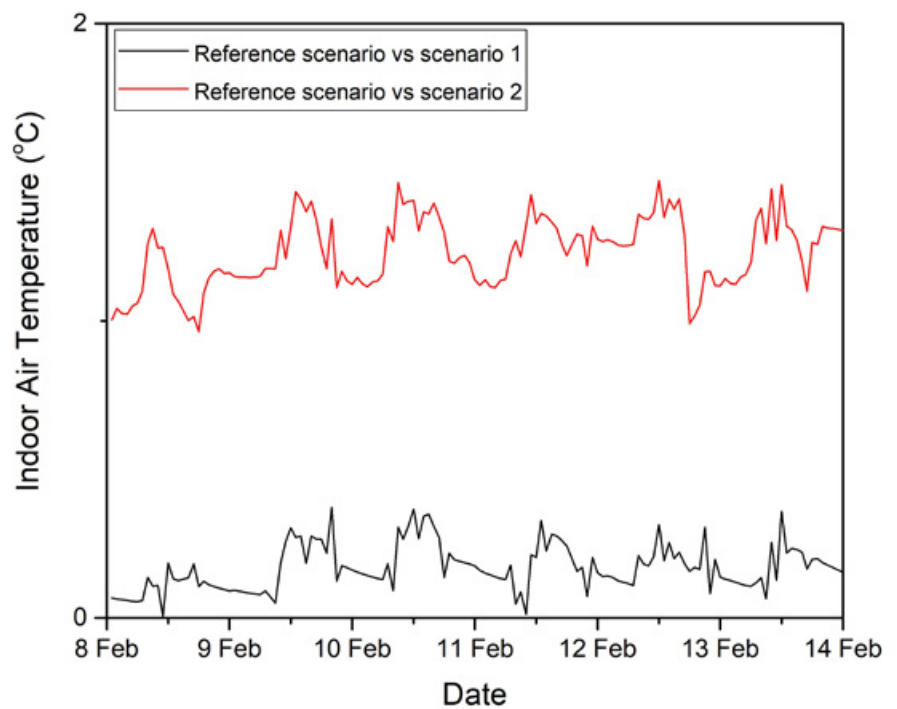


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise office building with insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to remain almost the same in reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill and Richmond stations, respectively.*

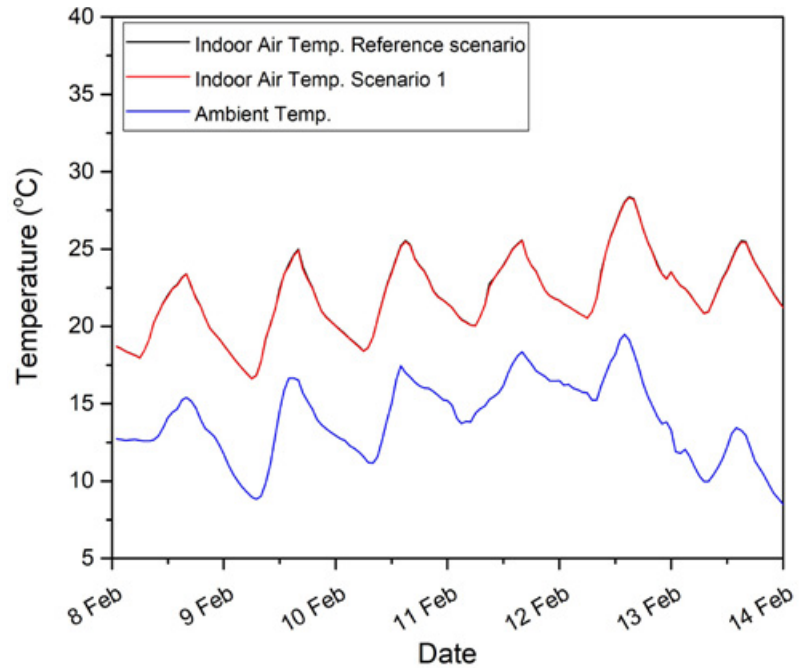


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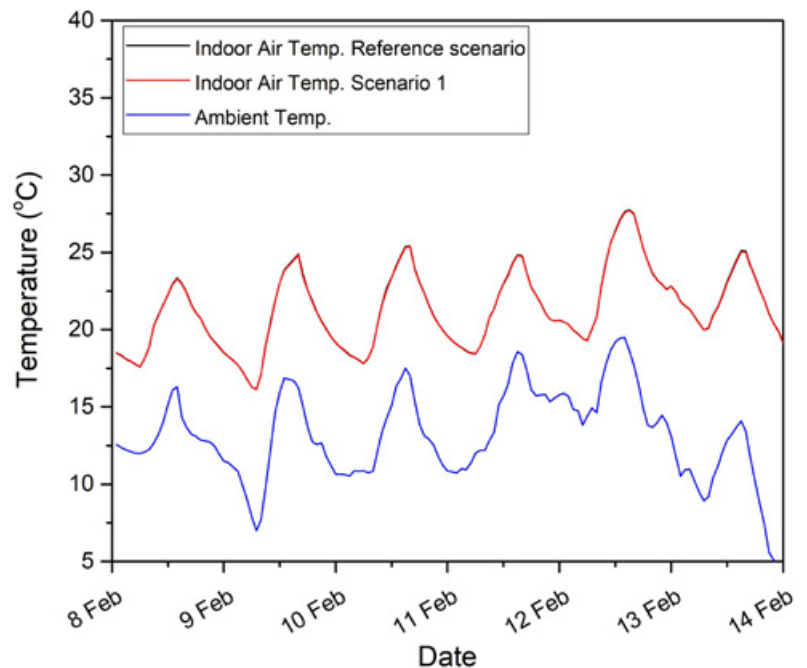


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise office building with insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.1 °C and 0.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

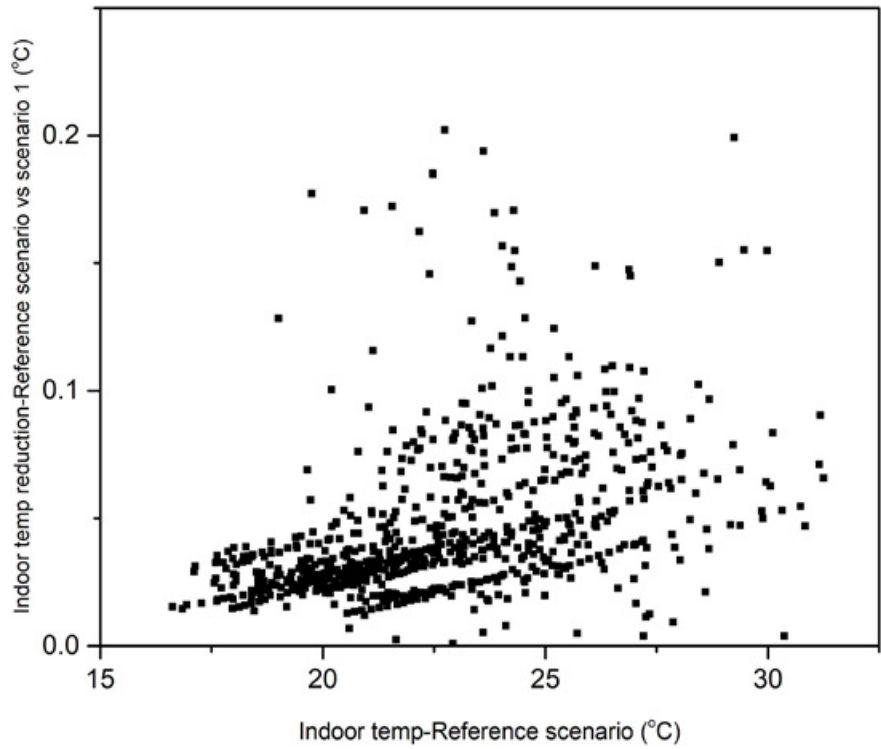


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

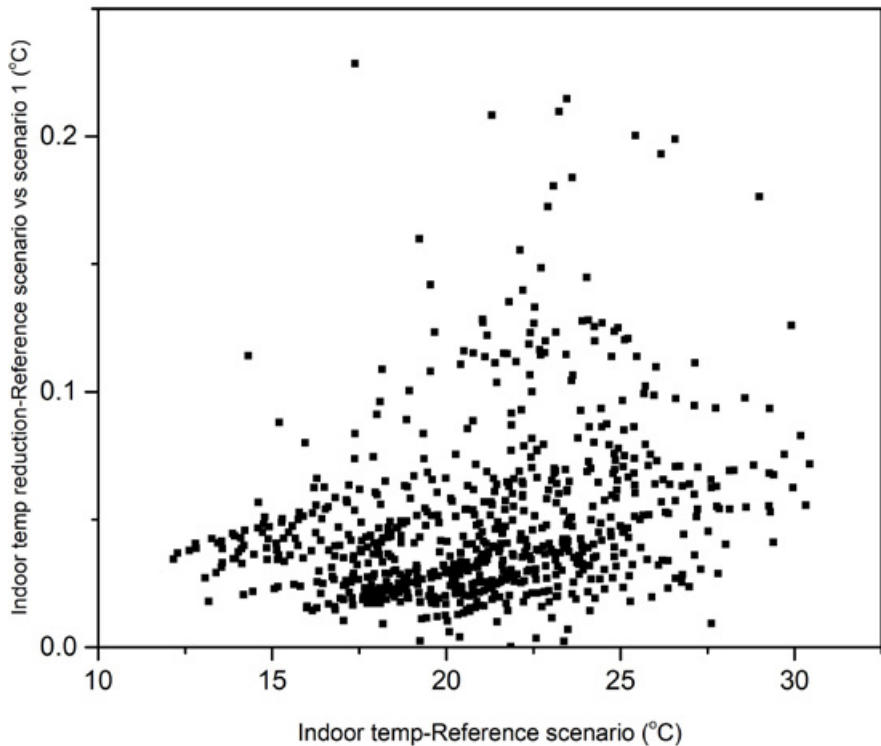


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 67 hours in reference scenario to 70 and hours and from 225 to 226 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during is expected to slightly increase from 21 hours in reference scenario to 22 hours; and from 65 to 82 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|--|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                           | Total |
| Observatory | 21                 | 67    | 22   | 70    |
| Richmond    | 65                 | 225   | 82   | 226   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decrease from 672 hours in reference scenario to 672 and 657 hours under scenario 1 and 2, in Observatory station; and from 661 hours in reference scenario to 656 and 634 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 672                | 672  | 657   |
| Richmond    | 661                | 659  | 634   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to reduce the cooling load of new high-rise office building with roof insulation by 0.2-0.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~ 0.9-1.7%) (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2). The combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is foreseen to have a significant contribution to cooling load reduction. It is estimated that the cooling load of cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) is around 3.7-7.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~19.9-39.2%) lower than the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3) . Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0-0.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is lower than the annual cooling load reduction (0.3-0.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 0.9-1.7%. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 0.3 and 0.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~0.7-1.3%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.5-41.8 °C and 29.1-45.7 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.2 and 0.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 1.4 and 1.5 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to remain almost the same in reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill and Richmond stations (See Figures 8 and 9).
- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.1 °C and 0.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).
- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted



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to increase slightly from 67 hours in reference scenario to 70 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 225 hours in reference scenario to 226 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). Also, the number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 21 hours in reference scenario to 22 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 65 hours to 82 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, the number of hours above 26 °C in reference with cool scenario (scenario 1) is predicted to remain the same as the reference scenario in Observatory station. The combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to reduce the total number of hours above 26 °C from 672 hours to 657 hours. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 661 hours in reference scenario to 659 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 634 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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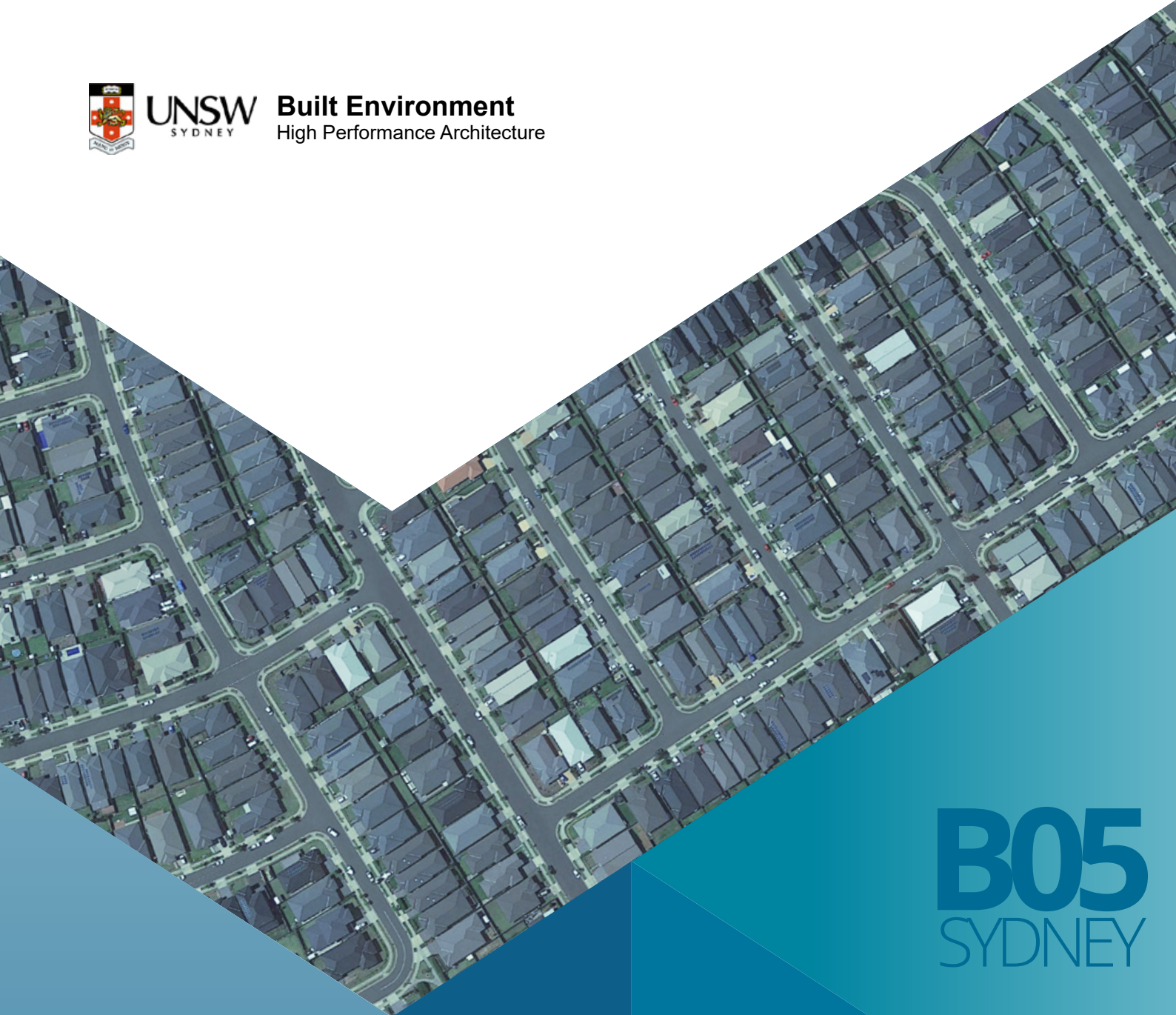
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

New low-rise shopping mall centre  
2021

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## BUILDING 05

### NEW LOW-RISE SHOPPING MALL CENTRE

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Floor area : 1100m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 2

Image source: Westfield Tea Tree Plaza, Tea Tree Plaza 976 North East Rd, Modbury, Tea Tree Gully, South Australia 5092, Australia

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a new low-rise shopping mall centre without roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 52.7                                   | 80.0                                | 51.2  | 78.4                                | 47.0   | 61.8                                |
| Terry Hill     | 55.7                                   | 76.6                                | 54.0  | 74.8                                | 51.7   | 65.3                                |
| Bankstown      | 58.1                                   | 80.2                                | 56.6  | 78.5                                | 52.9   | 63.2                                |
| Canterbury     | 54.0                                   | 79.3                                | 52.5  | 77.8                                | 48.9   | 63.7                                |
| Observatory    | 52.3                                   | 79.1                                | 50.8  | 77.5                                | 48.1   | 65.3                                |
| Richmond       | 67.0                                   | 83.0                                | 64.8  | 80.6                                | 61.8   | 69.5                                |
| Penrith        | 62.9                                   | 79.1                                | 61.0  | 77.1                                | 58.1   | 65.9                                |
| Horsley Park   | 61.2                                   | 78.6                                | 59.4  | 76.6                                | 53.5   | 62.6                                |
| Camden         | 63.7                                   | 77.9                                | 61.9  | 75.9                                | 58.4   | 64.0                                |
| Olympic Park   | 57.2                                   | 80.4                                | 55.5  | 78.6                                | 52.9   | 66.6                                |
| Campbelltown   | 60.6                                   | 77.9                                | 58.8  | 75.9                                | 55.5   | 63.5                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the new low-rise office building from 76.6-83.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 74.8-80.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a new low-rise shopping mall centre without roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 1.5  | 2.8 | 1.6                | 2.0 | 5.7   | 10.8 | 18.2               | 22.8 |
| Terry Hill     | 1.7  | 3.1 | 1.8                | 2.3 | 4.0   | 7.2  | 11.3               | 14.8 |
| Bankstown      | 1.5  | 2.6 | 1.7                | 2.1 | 5.2   | 9.0  | 17.0               | 21.2 |
| Canterbury     | 1.5  | 2.8 | 1.5                | 1.9 | 5.1   | 9.4  | 15.6               | 19.7 |
| Observatory    | 1.5  | 2.9 | 1.6                | 2.0 | 4.2   | 8.0  | 13.8               | 17.4 |
| Richmond       | 2.2  | 3.3 | 2.4                | 2.9 | 5.2   | 7.8  | 13.5               | 16.3 |
| Penrith        | 1.9  | 3.0 | 2.0                | 2.5 | 4.8   | 7.6  | 13.2               | 16.7 |
| Horsley Park   | 1.8  | 2.9 | 2.0                | 2.5 | 7.7   | 12.6 | 16.0               | 20.4 |
| Camden         | 1.8  | 2.8 | 2.0                | 2.6 | 5.3   | 8.3  | 13.9               | 17.8 |
| Olympic Park   | 1.7  | 3.0 | 1.8                | 2.2 | 4.3   | 7.5  | 13.8               | 17.2 |
| Campbelltown   | 1.8  | 3.0 | 2.0                | 2.6 | 5.1   | 8.4  | 14.4               | 18.5 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 1.5-2.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 1.9-2.9 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 11.3-18.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 14.8-22.8 % total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the new low-rise shopping mall centre with insulation during the summer season.*

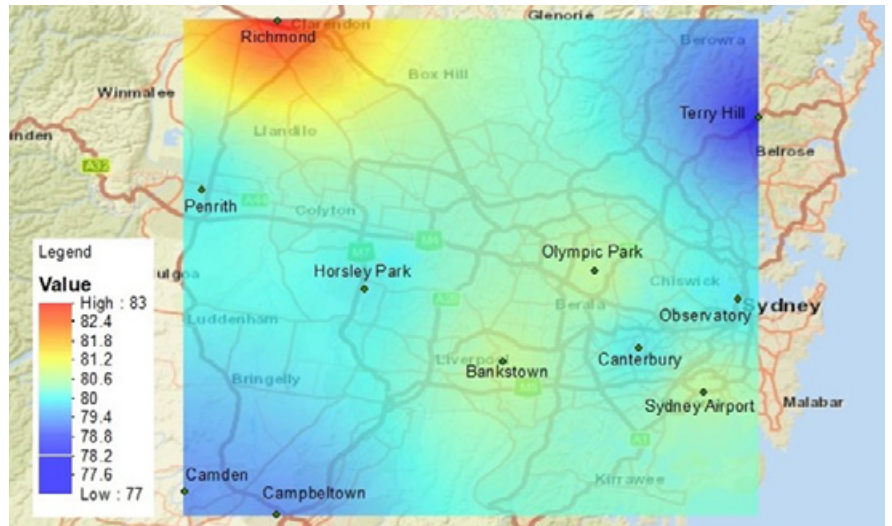


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for new low-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

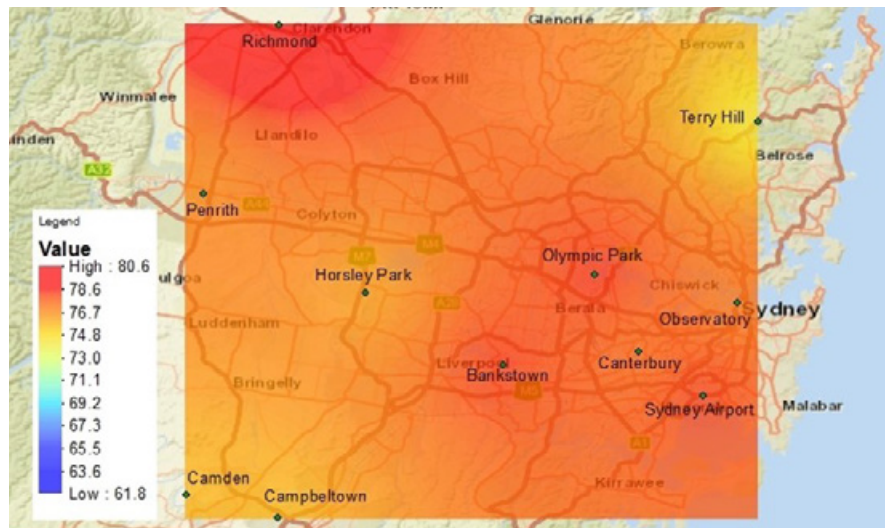


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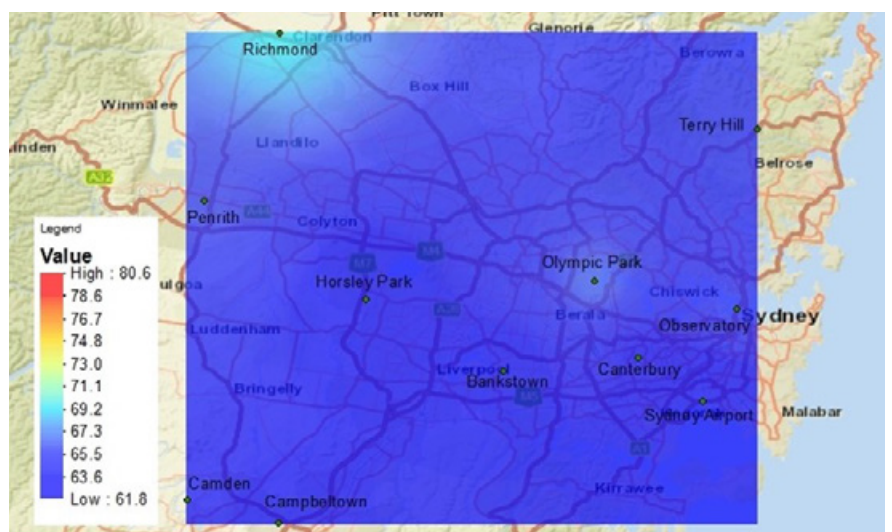


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new low-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

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<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new low-rise shopping mall centre for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (4.6-7.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 182.2                                     | 233.4 | 0.7                                       | 1.5   | 177.8   | 228.8 | 0.7                                       | 1.6   |
| Terry Hill     | 154.3                                     | 212.7 | 1.2                                       | 3.2   | 148.5   | 206.3 | 1.2                                       | 3.3   |
| Bankstown      | 182.9                                     | 228.0 | 1.6                                       | 4.3   | 177.6   | 222.4 | 1.6                                       | 4.4   |
| Canterbury     | 168.2                                     | 213.4 | 1.4                                       | 4.2   | 163.2   | 208.1 | 1.5                                       | 4.3   |
| Observatory    | 182.5                                     | 224.7 | 0.7                                       | 1.5   | 177.2   | 219.1 | 0.7                                       | 1.6   |
| Richmond       | 186.0                                     | 235.0 | 2.5                                       | 6.9   | 179.9   | 228.5 | 2.5                                       | 6.9   |
| Penrith        | 195.5                                     | 245.9 | 1.7                                       | 4.5   | 188.3   | 238.3 | 1.7                                       | 4.6   |
| Horsley Park   | 180.5                                     | 219.4 | 1.8                                       | 4.7   | 173.6   | 212.1 | 1.8                                       | 4.8   |
| Camden         | 172.6                                     | 207.1 | 2.9                                       | 8.2   | 166.4   | 200.5 | 2.9                                       | 8.3   |
| Olympic Park   | 186.5                                     | 242.5 | 1.4                                       | 3.7   | 179.9   | 235.5 | 1.4                                       | 3.7   |
| Campbelltown   | 170.5                                     | 202.8 | 2.6                                       | 6.9   | 164.0   | 196.0 | 2.6                                       | 7.0   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for new low-rise shopping mall centre using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 2.0-3.4 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 4.5 and 7.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~1.9-3.2 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 4.4                        | 2.4 | 4.6                | 2.0 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 4.4  | 2.4 | 4.5                | 1.9 |
| Terry Hill     | 5.8                        | 3.8 | 6.4                | 3.0 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 5.8  | 3.7 | 6.3                | 2.9 |
| Bankstown      | 5.3                        | 2.9 | 5.6                | 2.5 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 5.3  | 2.9 | 5.5                | 2.4 |
| Canterbury     | 5.0                        | 3.0 | 5.3                | 2.5 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 4.9  | 2.9 | 5.2                | 2.4 |
| Observatory    | 5.3                        | 2.9 | 5.6                | 2.5 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 5.3  | 2.9 | 5.5                | 2.4 |
| Richmond       | 6.1                        | 3.3 | 6.5                | 2.8 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 6.1  | 3.2 | 6.5                | 2.7 |
| Penrith        | 7.2                        | 3.7 | 7.6                | 3.1 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 7.2  | 3.7 | 7.5                | 3.0 |
| Horsley Park   | 6.9                        | 3.8 | 7.3                | 3.3 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 6.9  | 3.8 | 7.2                | 3.2 |
| Camden         | 6.2                        | 3.6 | 6.6                | 3.2 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 6.2  | 3.5 | 6.5                | 3.0 |
| Olympic Park   | 6.6                        | 3.5 | 7.0                | 2.9 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 6.6  | 3.5 | 7.0                | 2.8 |
| Campbelltown   | 6.5                        | 3.8 | 6.8                | 3.4 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 6.5  | 3.8 | 6.7                | 3.2 |



### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

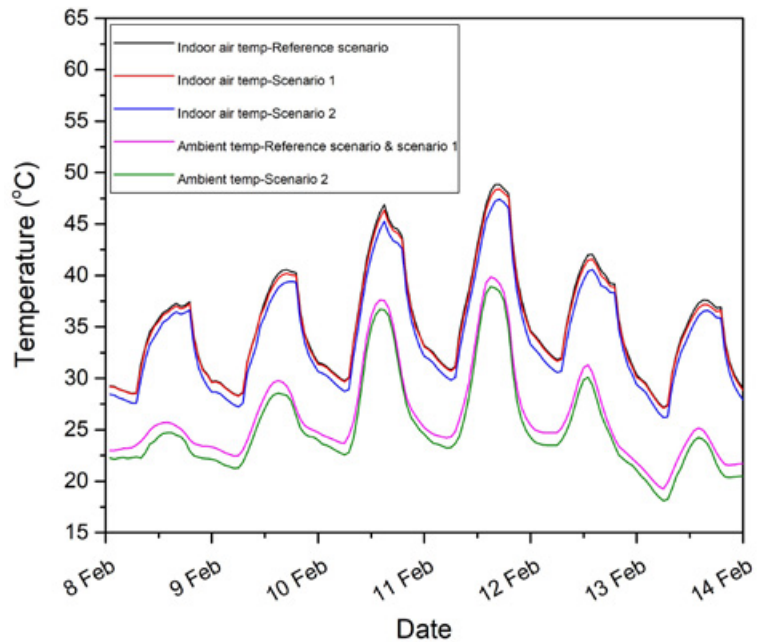


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for new low-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

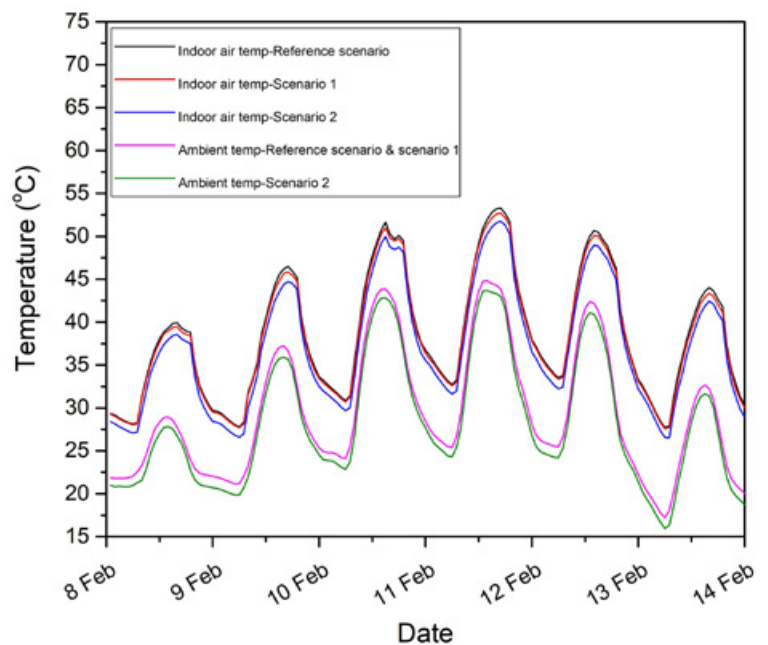


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 27.1-48.8 °C and 27.2-53.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

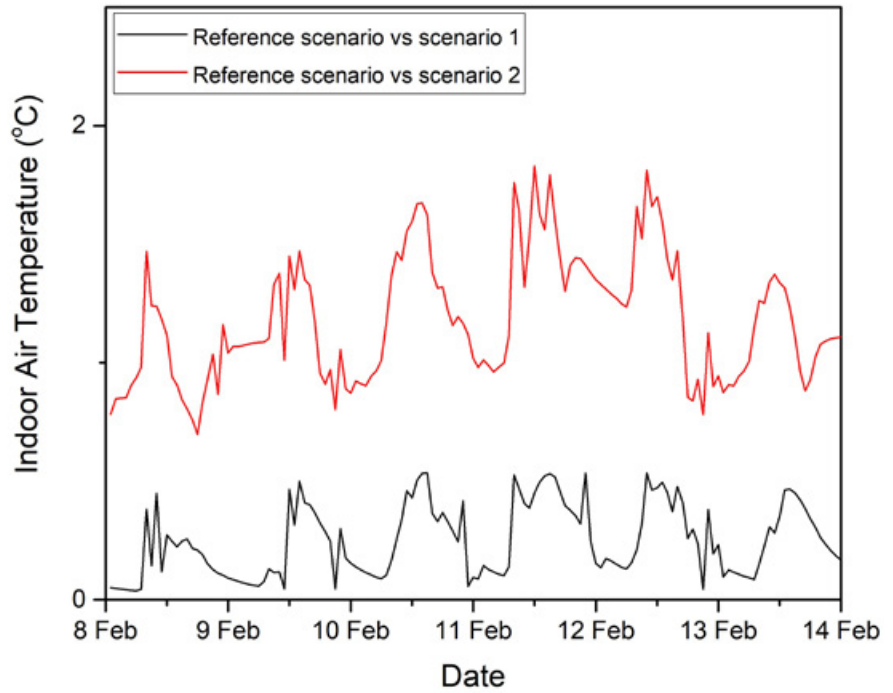


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.5 °C and 0.8 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 1.8°C and 2.1°C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

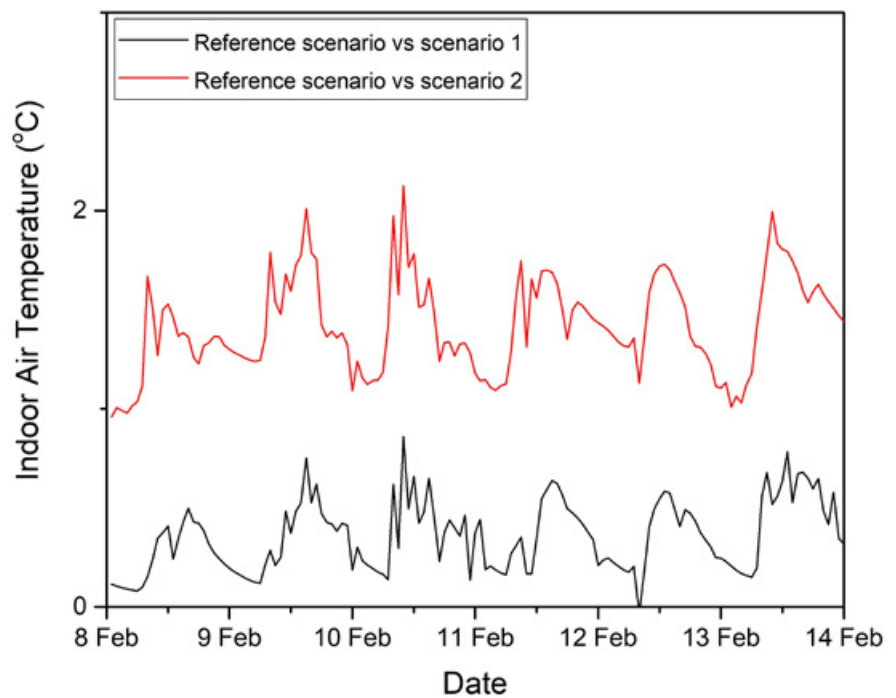


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range 14.7-32.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 14.6-32.5 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

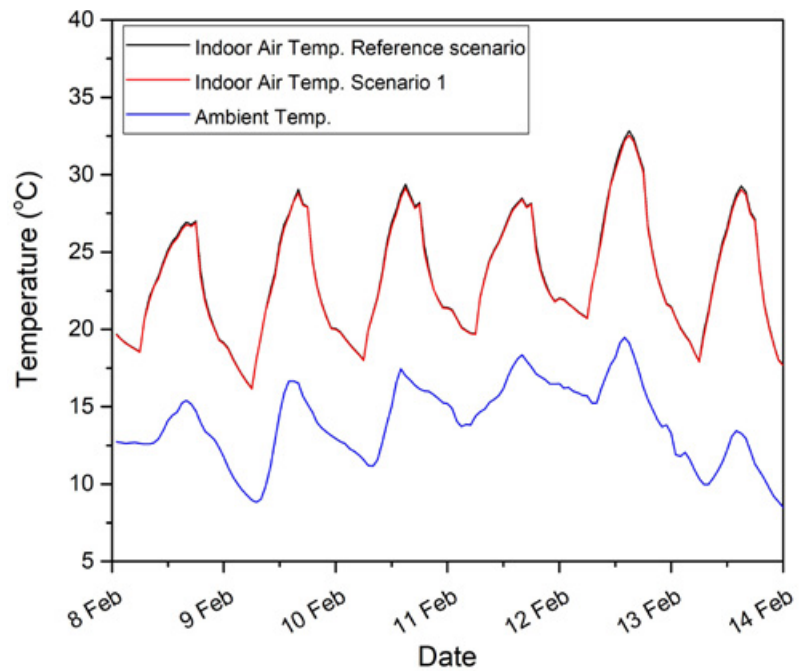


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 9.4-32.1 °C in reference scenario to a range 9.4-31.9 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

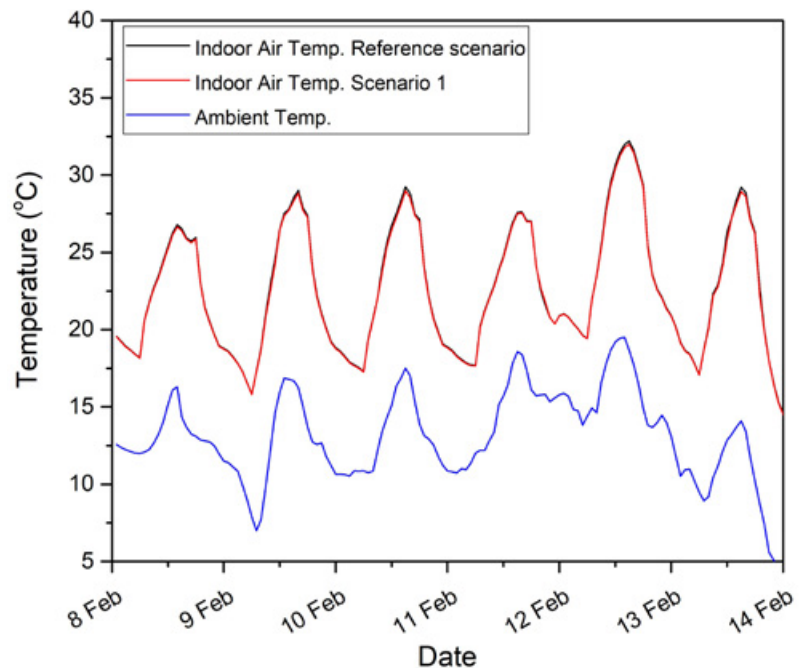


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.3 °C and 0.4°C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

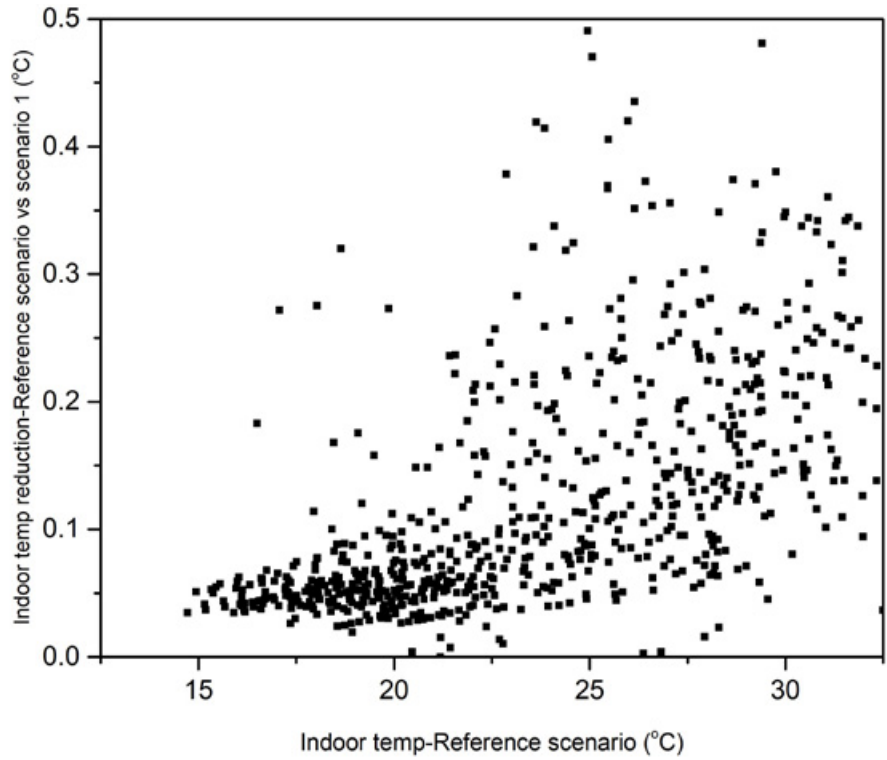


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

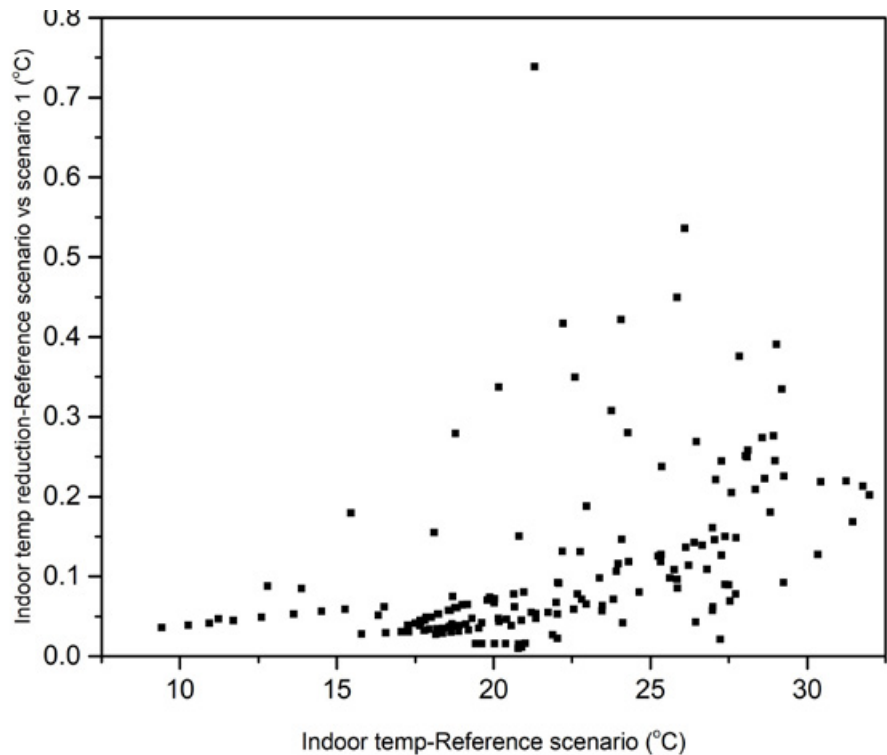


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 131 hours in reference scenario to 134 hours, and from 253 to 257 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during nearly remain the same in reference scenario compared to scenario 1 in Observatory; and slightly increased from 51 to 53 hours in Richmond station.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|--|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                           | Total |
| Observatory | 18                 | 131   | 18   | 134   |
| Richmond    | 51                 | 253   | 53   | 257   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decreased from 669 hours in reference scenario to 668 and 611 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 641 hours in reference scenario to 639 and 619 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 669                | 668  | 611   |
| Richmond    | 641                | 639  | 619   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the new low-rise shopping mall centre during the summer season. Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the total cooling load of a typical low-rise shopping mall centre under the reference scenario is approximately 76.6 and 83 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>, which reduces to a range between 74.8 and 80.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> under Reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). As computed, the total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 1.5-2.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~ 1.9-2.9%) (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the total cooling load of low-rise shopping mall centre is estimated to be around 11.3-18.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> lower under cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario. This is equivalent to 14.8-22.8% total cooling load saving by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roof.
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0-0.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (4.6-7.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 2-3.4%. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 4.5 and 7.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~1.9-3.2%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 27.1-48.8 °C and 27.2-53.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.5 and 0.8 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 1.8 and 2.1 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 14.7 and 32.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 14.6 and 32.5 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 9.4 and 32.1 °C in reference scenario to a range between 9.4 and 31.9 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.3 °C and 0.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 131 hours in reference scenario to 134 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 253 hours in reference scenario to 257 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building. The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. 7 am-6 pm) remain the same in reference scenario compared to reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station.

The calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 51 hours to 53 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 669 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 668 and 611 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 641 hours in reference scenario to 639 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 619 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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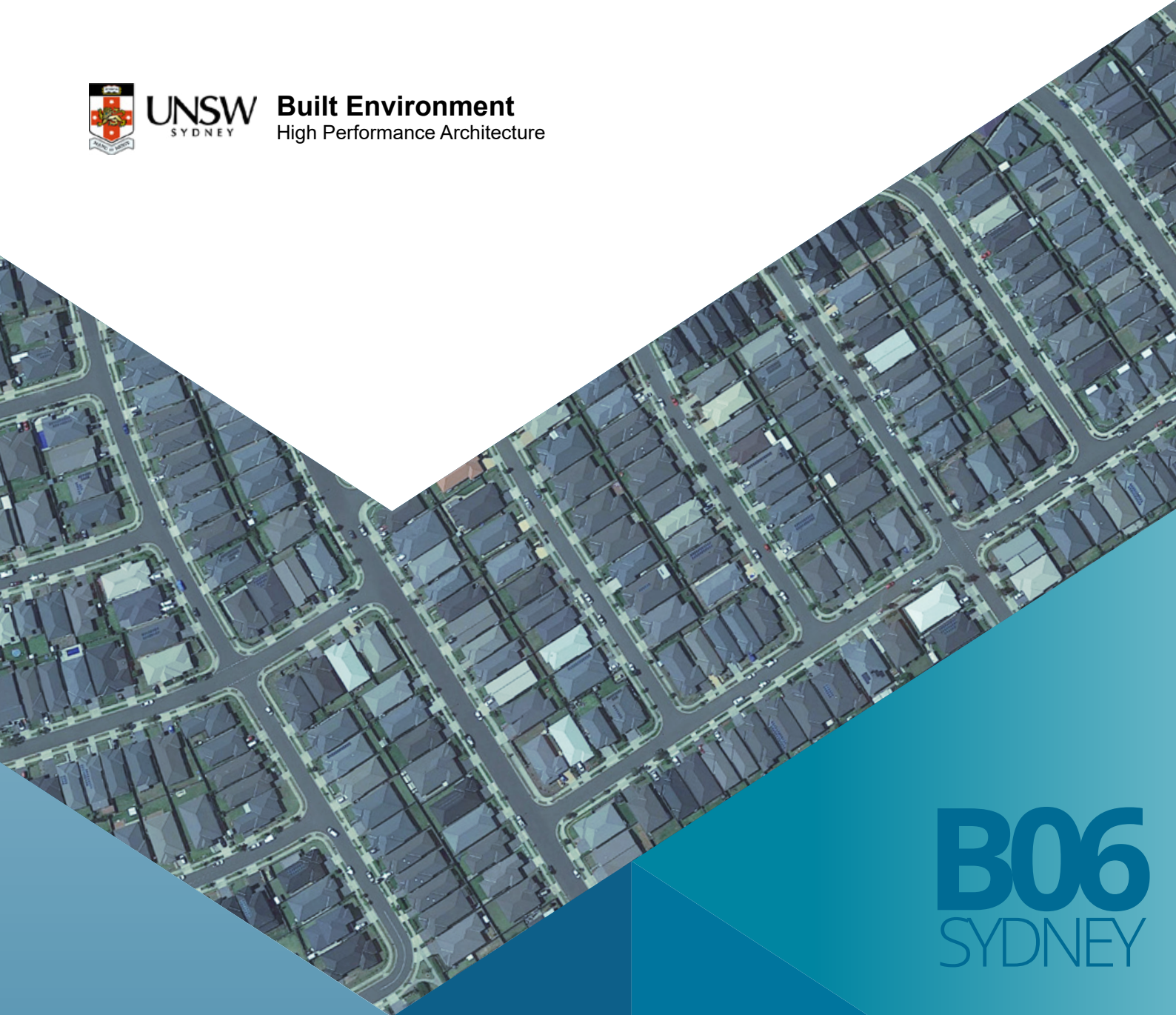
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

New mid-rise shopping mall centre  
2021

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## BUILDING 06

### NEW MID-RISE SHOPPING MALL CENTRE

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Floor area : 1100m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 4

Image source: Yamanto Central, Brisbane

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre without roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 51.7                                   | 79.0                                | 51.0  | 78.3                                | 46.9   | 61.7                                |
| Terry Hill     | 54.5                                   | 75.4                                | 53.7  | 74.5                                | 51.6   | 65.2                                |
| Bankstown      | 57.0                                   | 79.1                                | 56.3  | 78.3                                | 52.7   | 63.0                                |
| Canterbury     | 53.0                                   | 78.2                                | 52.3  | 77.5                                | 48.7   | 63.5                                |
| Observatory    | 51.3                                   | 78.1                                | 50.6  | 77.3                                | 47.9   | 65.2                                |
| Richmond       | 65.8                                   | 81.7                                | 64.7  | 80.6                                | 61.7   | 69.5                                |
| Penrith        | 61.6                                   | 77.8                                | 60.7  | 76.8                                | 57.9   | 65.7                                |
| Horsley Park   | 60.0                                   | 77.3                                | 59.1  | 76.3                                | 53.3   | 62.3                                |
| Camden         | 62.5                                   | 76.6                                | 61.6  | 75.6                                | 58.1   | 63.8                                |
| Olympic Park   | 56.1                                   | 79.3                                | 55.3  | 78.4                                | 52.8   | 66.5                                |
| Campbelltown   | 59.4                                   | 76.6                                | 58.5  | 75.7                                | 55.4   | 63.4                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new mid-rise shopping mall centre from 75.4-81.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 74.5-80.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre without roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 0.7  | 1.4 | 0.7                | 0.9 | 4.8   | 9.3  | 17.3               | 21.9 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.8  | 1.5 | 0.9                | 1.2 | 2.9   | 5.3  | 10.2               | 13.5 |
| Bankstown      | 0.7  | 1.2 | 0.8                | 1.0 | 4.3   | 7.5  | 16.1               | 20.4 |
| Canterbury     | 0.7  | 1.3 | 0.7                | 0.9 | 4.3   | 8.1  | 14.7               | 18.8 |
| Observatory    | 0.7  | 1.4 | 0.8                | 1.0 | 3.4   | 6.6  | 12.9               | 16.5 |
| Richmond       | 1.1  | 1.7 | 1.1                | 1.3 | 4.1   | 6.2  | 12.2               | 14.9 |
| Penrith        | 0.9  | 1.5 | 1.0                | 1.3 | 3.7   | 6.0  | 12.1               | 15.6 |
| Horsley Park   | 0.9  | 1.5 | 1.0                | 1.3 | 6.7   | 11.2 | 15.0               | 19.4 |
| Camden         | 0.9  | 1.4 | 1.0                | 1.3 | 4.4   | 7.0  | 12.8               | 16.7 |
| Olympic Park   | 0.8  | 1.4 | 0.9                | 1.1 | 3.3   | 5.9  | 12.8               | 16.1 |
| Campbelltown   | 0.9  | 1.5 | 0.9                | 1.2 | 4.0   | 6.7  | 13.2               | 17.2 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 0.7-1.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 0.9-1.3 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 10.2-17.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 13.5-21.9 % total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs can significantly reduce the cooling load of a new mid-rise shopping mall centre during the summer season.*

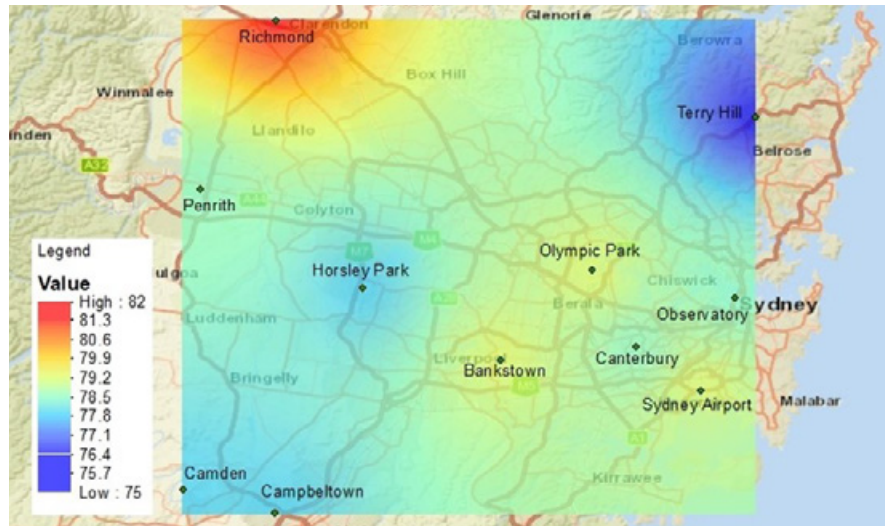


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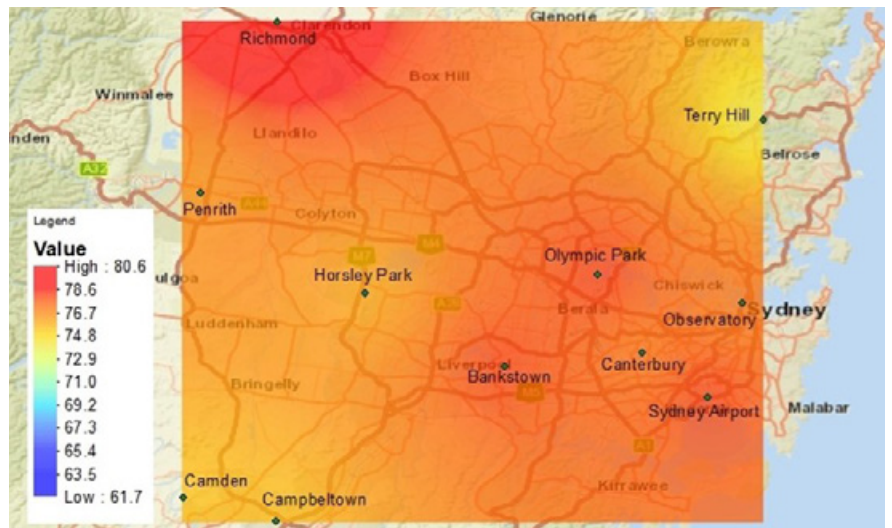


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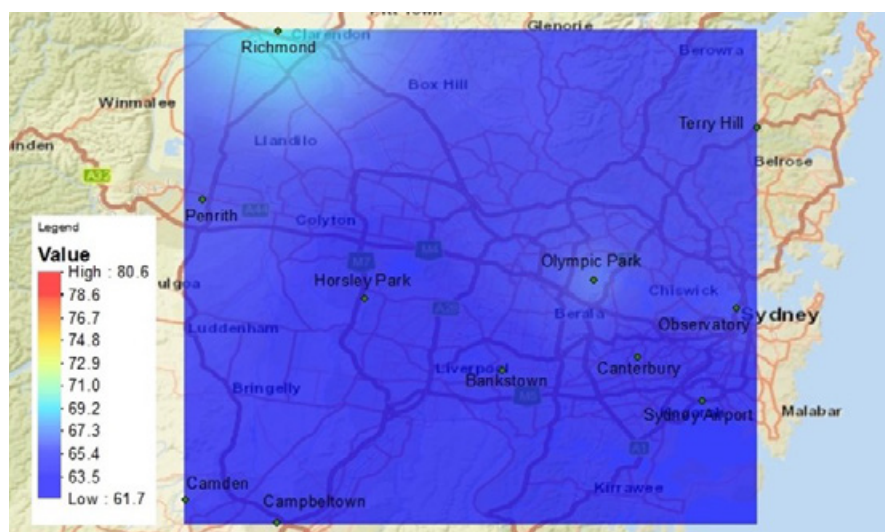


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## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (2.2-3.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 176.3                                     | 227.4 | 0.5                                       | 1.2   | 174.3   | 225.2 | 0.5                                       | 1.2   |
| Terry Hill     | 147.1                                     | 205.1 | 0.9                                       | 2.7   | 144.3   | 202.1 | 0.9                                       | 2.7   |
| Bankstown      | 175.8                                     | 220.7 | 1.2                                       | 3.6   | 173.3   | 218.1 | 1.2                                       | 3.6   |
| Canterbury     | 161.7                                     | 206.7 | 1.0                                       | 3.5   | 159.3   | 204.2 | 1   | 3.5   |
| Observatory    | 176.6                                     | 218.7 | 0.4                                       | 1.1   | 174.1   | 216.0 | 0.4                                       | 1.1   |
| Richmond       | 178.4                                     | 227.1 | 2.1                                       | 6.3   | 175.5   | 224.0 | 2.1                                       | 6.3   |
| Penrith        | 187.7                                     | 237.7 | 1.3                                       | 3.9   | 184.2   | 234.1 | 1.3                                       | 4     |
| Horsley Park   | 172.8                                     | 211.5 | 1.4                                       | 4.1   | 169.5   | 208.0 | 1.4                                       | 4.1   |
| Camden         | 164.9                                     | 199.3 | 2.3                                       | 7.3   | 161.9   | 196.2 | 2.4                                       | 7.4   |
| Olympic Park   | 179.0                                     | 234.7 | 1.1                                       | 3.1   | 175.9   | 231.4 | 1.1                                       | 3.2   |
| Campbelltown   | 162.4                                     | 194.6 | 2.1                                       | 6.1   | 159.4   | 191.4 | 2.1                                       | 6.2   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for new mid-rise shopping mall centre using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 1.0-1.6 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 2.2 and 3.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~1.0-1.6%).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 2.0                        | 1.1 | 2.2                | 1.0 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.0  | 1.1 | 2.2                | 1.0 |
| Terry Hill     | 2.8                        | 1.9 | 3.0                | 1.5 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.8  | 1.9 | 3.0                | 1.4 |
| Bankstown      | 2.5                        | 1.4 | 2.6                | 1.2 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.5  | 1.4 | 2.6                | 1.2 |
| Canterbury     | 2.4                        | 1.5 | 2.5                | 1.2 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.4  | 1.5 | 2.5                | 1.2 |
| Observatory    | 2.5                        | 1.4 | 2.7                | 1.2 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.5  | 1.4 | 2.7                | 1.2 |
| Richmond       | 2.9                        | 1.6 | 3.1                | 1.4 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.9  | 1.6 | 3.1                | 1.3 |
| Penrith        | 3.5                        | 1.9 | 3.6                | 1.5 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 3.5  | 1.9 | 3.5                | 1.4 |
| Horsley Park   | 3.3                        | 1.9 | 3.5                | 1.7 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 3.3  | 1.9 | 3.5                | 1.6 |
| Camden         | 3.0                        | 1.8 | 3.1                | 1.6 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 2.9  | 1.7 | 3.0                | 1.5 |
| Olympic Park   | 3.1                        | 1.7 | 3.3                | 1.4 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 3.1  | 1.7 | 3.2                | 1.3 |
| Campbelltown   | 3.0                        | 1.8 | 3.2                | 1.6 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 3.0  | 1.8 | 3.1                | 1.5 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

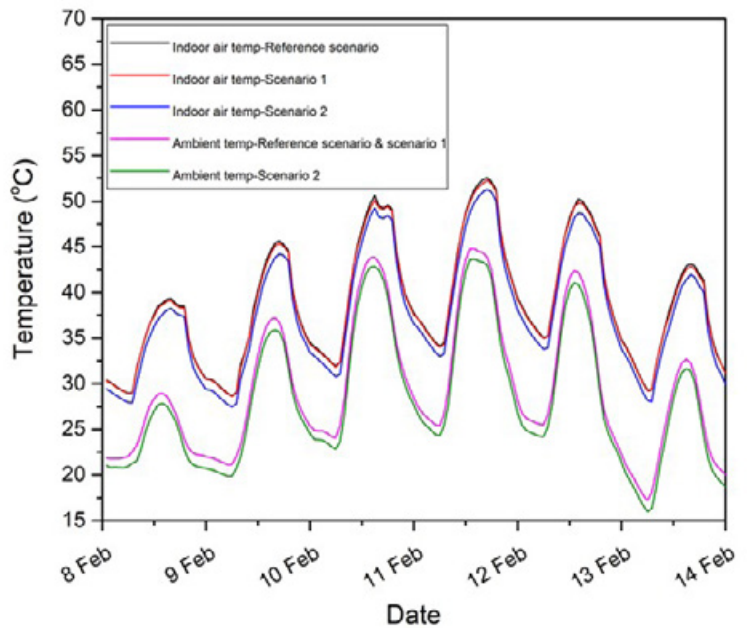


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for new mid-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

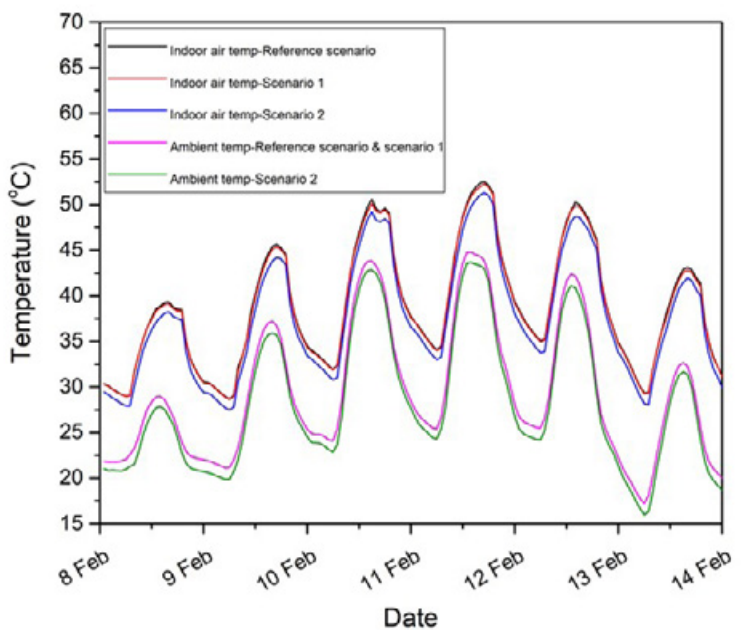


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.2 -48.1 °C and 28.4-52.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

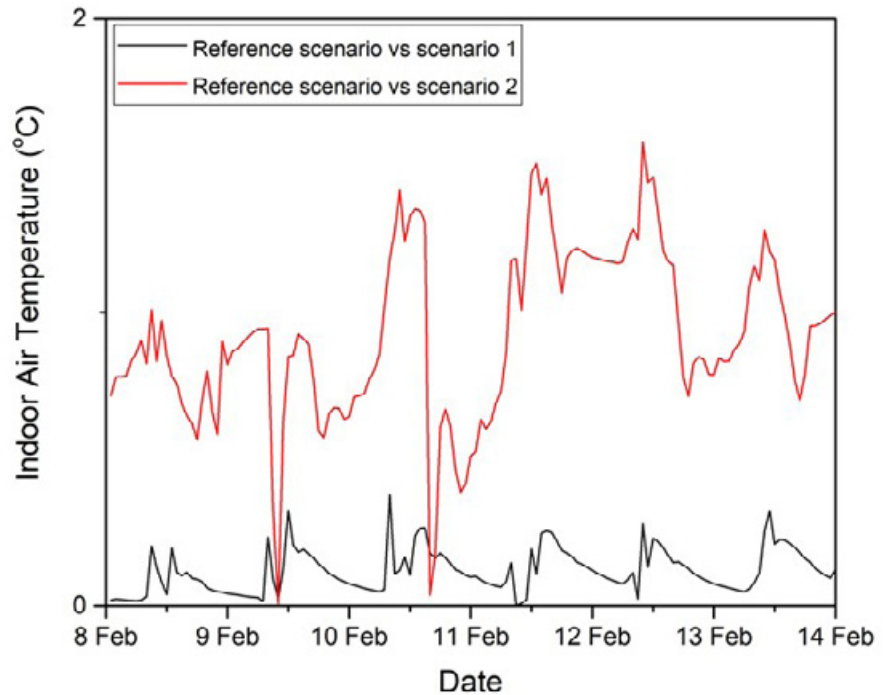


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.4 °C and 0.7 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 1.6 °C and 1.8 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

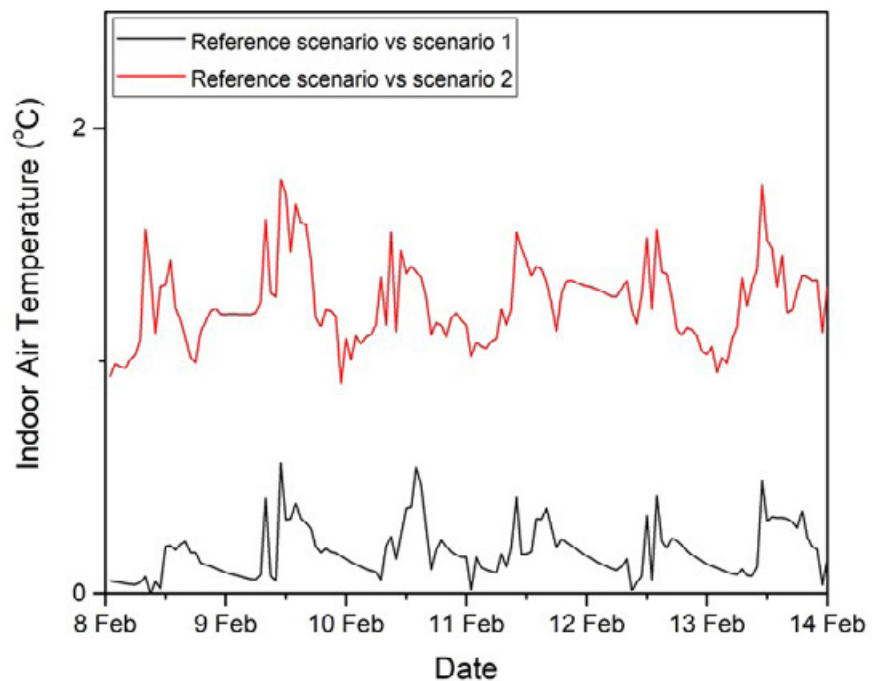


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.



## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to slightly reduce from a range 15.7-32.1 °C in reference scenario to a range 15.6-32.0 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

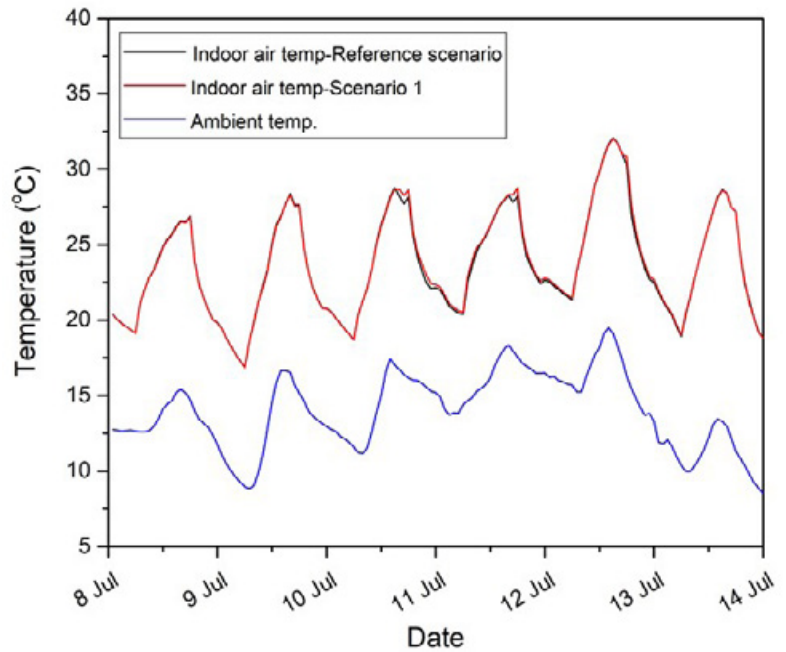


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to slightly reduce from a range 10.7-31.4 °C in reference scenario to a range 10.7-31.3 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

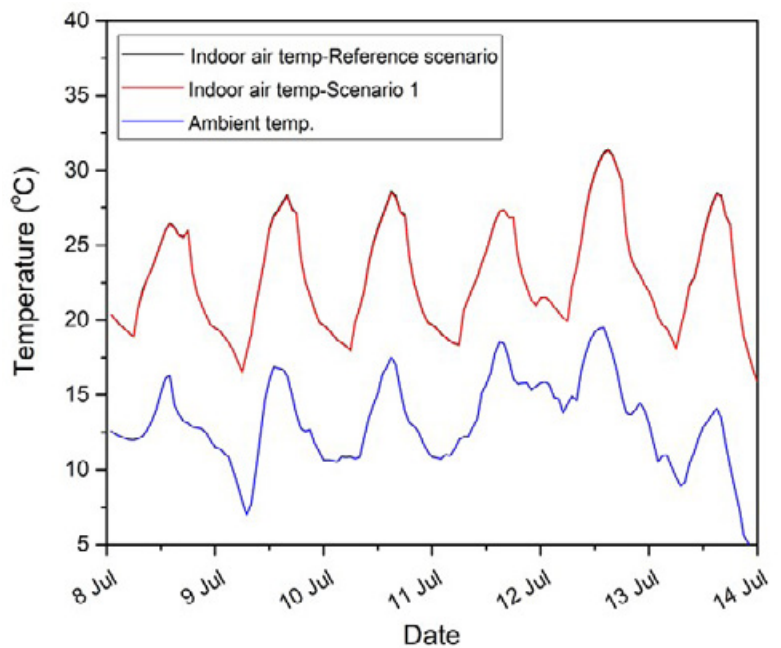


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.2 °C and 0.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

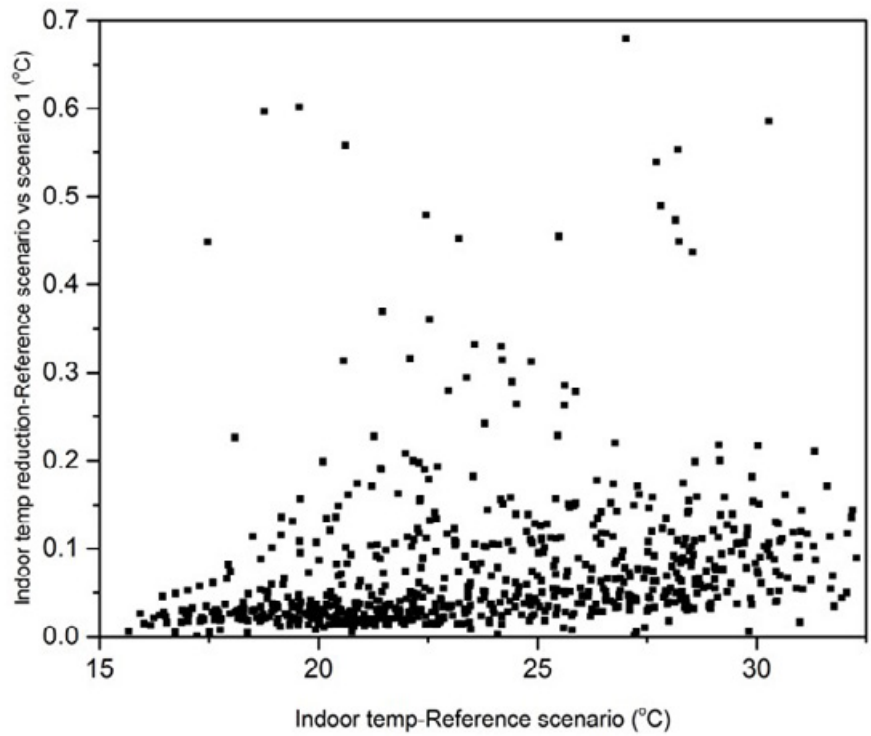


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

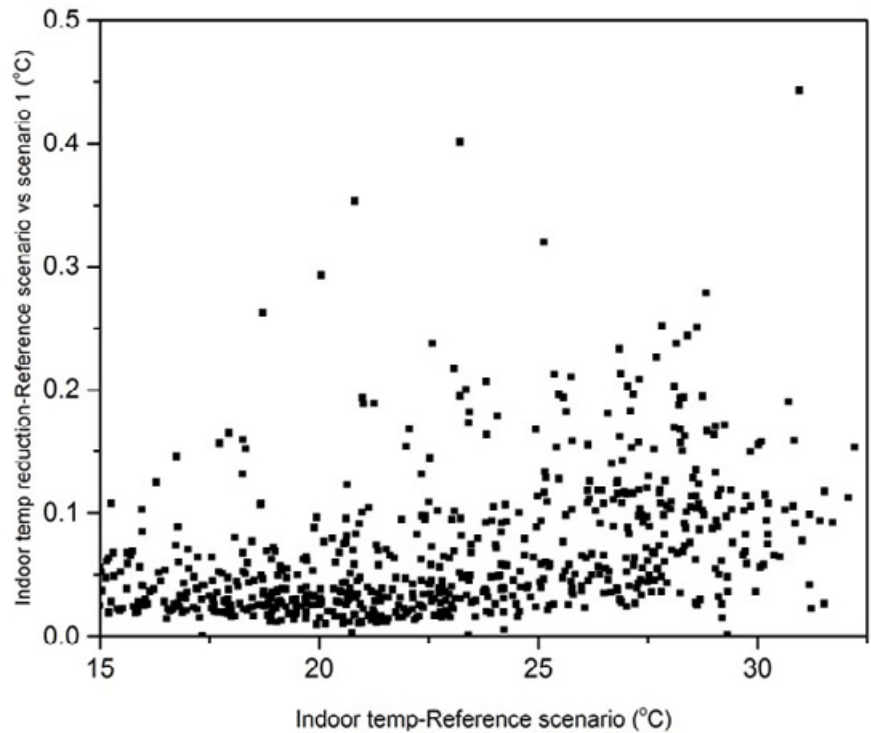


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to remain the same with 89 and 219 hours for both scenarios in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during remain the same in reference scenario compared to scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|---|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                              | Total |
| Observatory | 14                 | 89    | 14  | 89    |
| Richmond    | 50                 | 219   | 50  | 219   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decreased from 670 hours in reference scenario to 668 hours under scenario 2 in Observatory station; and from 662 hours in reference scenario to 661 and 638 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Observatory | 670                | 670   | 668  |
| Richmond    | 662                | 661   | 638  |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs can significantly reduce the cooling load of a new mid-rise shopping mall centre during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the mid-rise shopping mall centre from 75.4-81.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 74.5-80.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 0.7-1.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 0.9-1.3 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 10.2-17.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 13.5-21.9 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (2.2-3.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 1.0-1.6 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 2.2 and 3.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (-1.0-1.6%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.2 -48.1 °C and 28.4-5 2.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.4 and 0.7 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 1.6 and 1 .8 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 oC in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 oC in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to reduce slightly from a range between 15.7 and 32.1 °C in reference scenario to a range between 15.6 and 32.0 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to slightly reduce between 10.7 and 31.4 °C in reference scenario to a range between 10.6 and 31.3 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.2 °C and 0.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to remain the same with 89 hours for both scenarios in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show the same number of hours below 19 °C with 219 for both scenarios. The results show no increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building. The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) also remain the same between reference scenario and cool roof scenario (scenario 1) with 14 hours in Observatory station and 50 hours in Richmond station (See Table 5).

under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 670 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which remains the same for the cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and slightly decreases to 668 hours for the cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2). The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a similar reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 662 hours in reference scenario to 661 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 638 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

- During a typical summer month and

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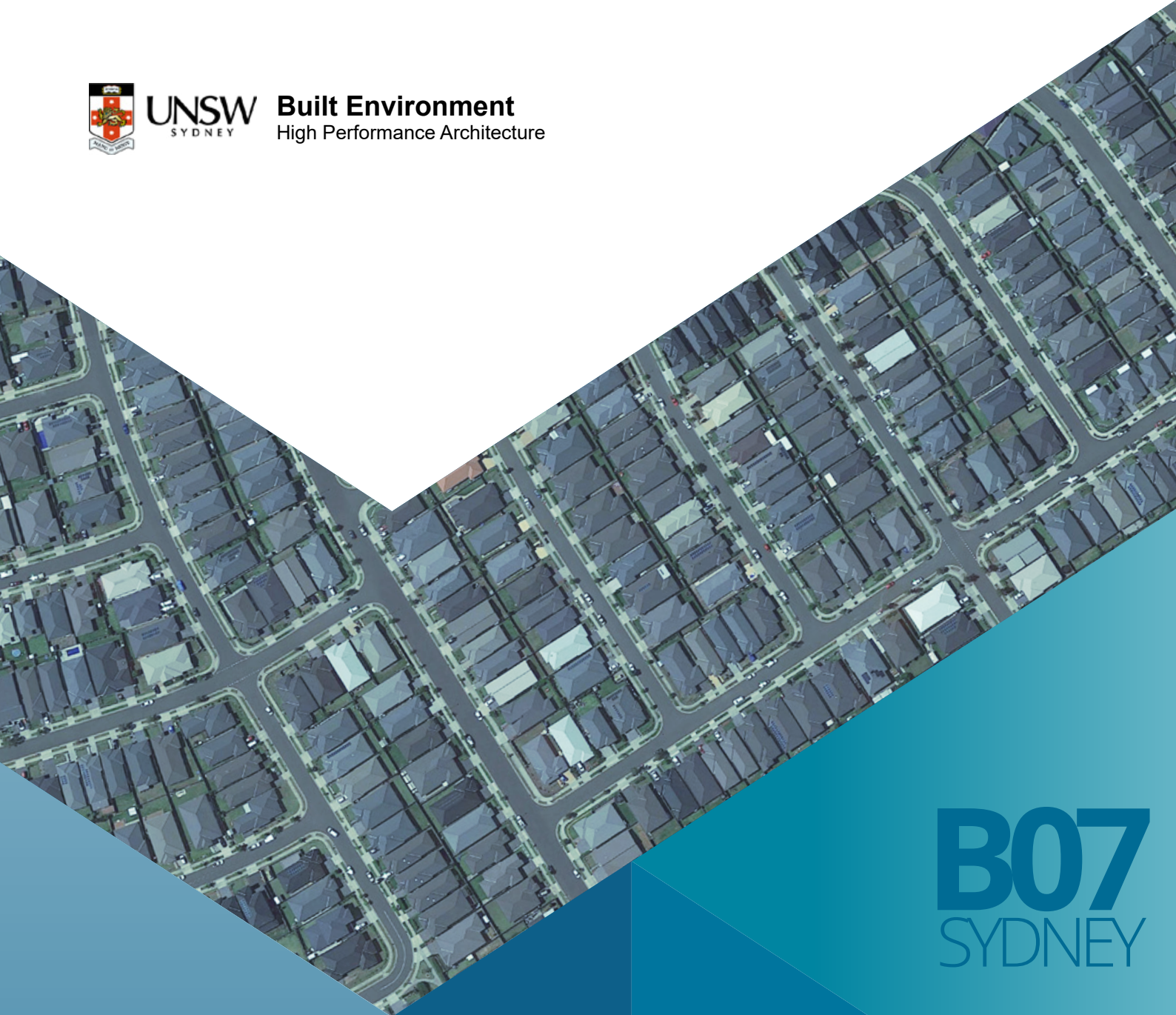
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

New high-rise shopping mall centre  
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## BUILDING 07

### NEW HIGH-RISE SHOPPING MALL CENTRE

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Floor area : 1100m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 6

Image source: Mall of America, Minneapolis

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a new high-rise shopping mall centre for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 51.4                                   | 78.6                                | 50.9  | 78.1                                | 46.7   | 61.5                                |
| Terry Hill     | 54.1                                   | 74.9                                | 53.5  | 74.3                                | 51.4   | 65.0                                |
| Bankstown      | 56.6                                   | 78.6                                | 56.2  | 78.1                                | 52.5   | 62.9                                |
| Canterbury     | 52.6                                   | 77.8                                | 52.1  | 77.3                                | 48.6   | 63.4                                |
| Observatory    | 50.9                                   | 77.7                                | 50.5  | 77.2                                | 47.7   | 65.0                                |
| Richmond       | 65.4                                   | 81.3                                | 64.7  | 80.5                                | 61.7   | 69.5                                |
| Penrith        | 61.2                                   | 77.3                                | 60.6  | 76.6                                | 57.8   | 65.6                                |
| Horsley Park   | 59.6                                   | 76.8                                | 59.0  | 76.2                                | 53.1   | 62.1                                |
| Camden         | 62.0                                   | 76.1                                | 61.4  | 75.5                                | 58.0   | 63.7                                |
| Olympic Park   | 55.7                                   | 78.8                                | 55.2  | 78.2                                | 52.7   | 66.4                                |
| Campbelltown   | 58.9                                   | 76.2                                | 58.4  | 75.5                                | 55.3   | 63.3                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new high-rise shopping mall centre from 74.9-81.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 74.3-80.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a new high-rise shopping mall centre for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 0.5  | 1.0 | 0.5                | 0.6 | 4.7   | 9.1  | 17.1               | 21.8 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.6  | 1.1 | 0.6                | 0.8 | 2.7   | 5.0  | 9.9                | 13.2 |
| Bankstown      | 0.4  | 0.7 | 0.5                | 0.6 | 4.1   | 7.2  | 15.7               | 20.0 |
| Canterbury     | 0.5  | 1.0 | 0.5                | 0.6 | 4.0   | 7.6  | 14.4               | 18.5 |
| Observatory    | 0.4  | 0.8 | 0.5                | 0.6 | 3.2   | 6.3  | 12.7               | 16.3 |
| Richmond       | 0.7  | 1.1 | 0.8                | 1.0 | 3.7   | 5.7  | 11.8               | 14.5 |
| Penrith        | 0.6  | 1.0 | 0.7                | 0.9 | 3.4   | 5.6  | 11.7               | 15.1 |
| Horsley Park   | 0.6  | 1.0 | 0.6                | 0.8 | 6.5   | 10.9 | 14.7               | 19.1 |
| Camden         | 0.6  | 1.0 | 0.6                | 0.8 | 4.0   | 6.5  | 12.4               | 16.3 |
| Olympic Park   | 0.5  | 0.9 | 0.6                | 0.8 | 3.0   | 5.4  | 12.4               | 15.7 |
| Campbelltown   | 0.5  | 0.8 | 0.7                | 0.9 | 3.6   | 6.1  | 12.9               | 16.9 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 0.5-0.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 0.6-1.0 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 9.9-17.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 13.2-21.8 % total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs can significantly reduce the cooling load of a new high-rise shopping mall centre during the summer season.*

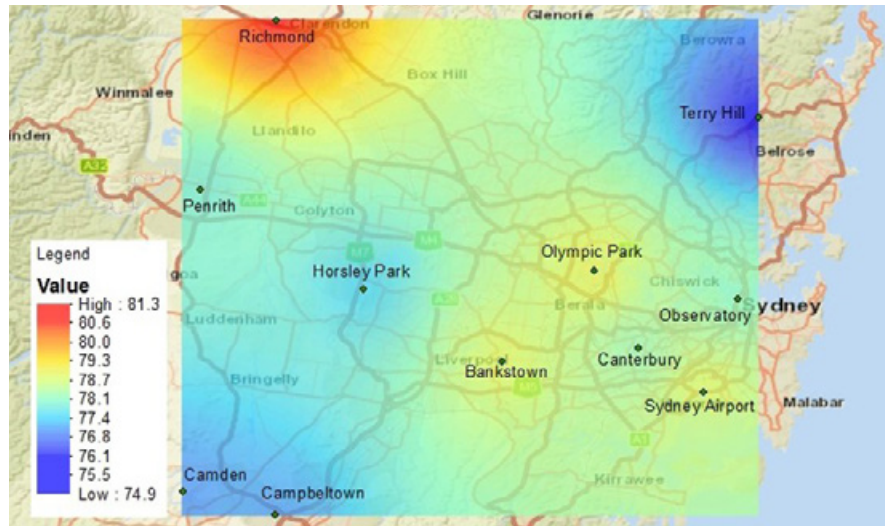


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

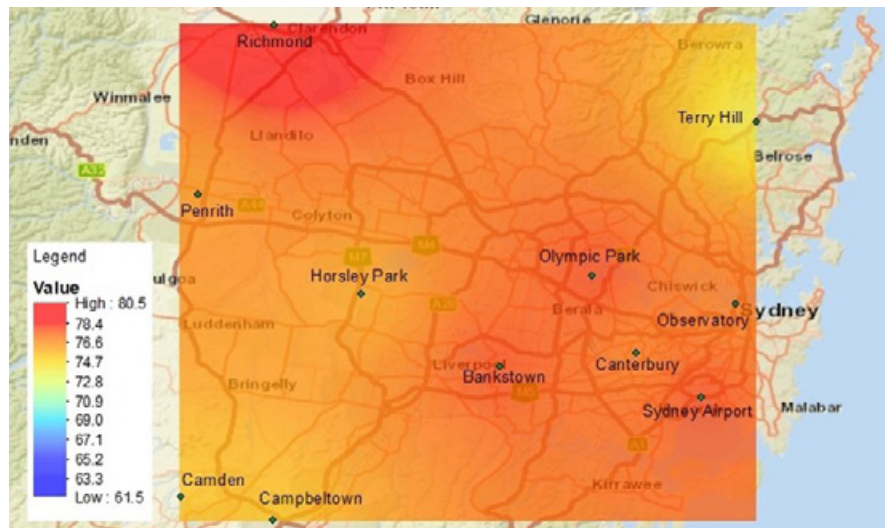


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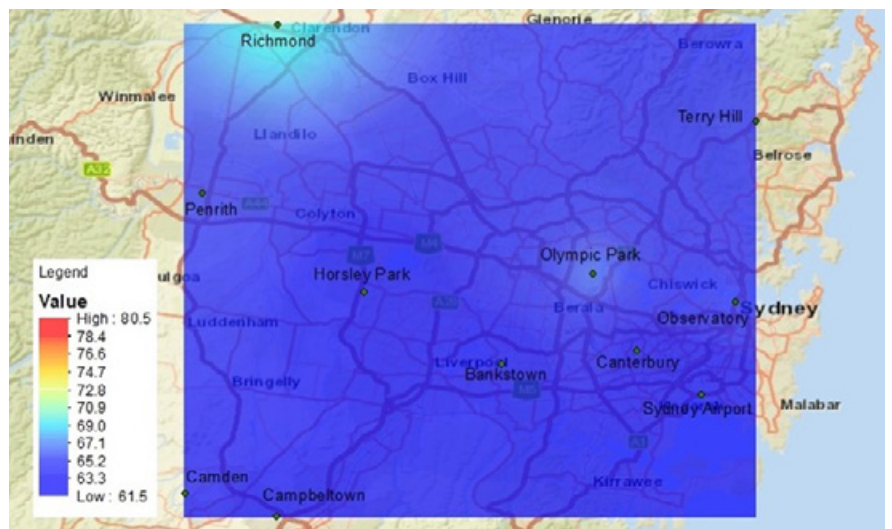


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new high-rise shopping mall centre for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.4-2.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 174.0                                     | 225.0 | 0.4                                       | 1.1   | 172.7   | 223.6 | 0.4                                       | 1.1   |
| Terry Hill     | 144.3                                     | 202.2 | 0.8                                       | 2.6   | 142.6   | 200.2 | 0.8                                       | 2.6   |
| Bankstown      | 173.1                                     | 217.9 | 1.1                                       | 3.4   | 171.5   | 216.3 | 1.1                                       | 3.5   |
| Canterbury     | 159.2                                     | 204.1 | 0.9                                       | 3.3   | 157.7   | 202.5 | 1.0                                       | 3.3   |
| Observatory    | 174.3                                     | 216.2 | 0.4                                       | 1.0   | 172.7   | 214.6 | 0.4                                       | 1.0   |
| Richmond       | 175.7                                     | 224.2 | 2.0                                       | 6.1   | 173.8   | 222.2 | 2.0                                       | 6.1   |
| Penrith        | 184.9                                     | 234.8 | 1.2                                       | 3.8   | 182.6   | 232.4 | 1.2                                       | 3.8   |
| Horsley Park   | 170.0                                     | 208.6 | 1.3                                       | 3.9   | 167.9   | 206.4 | 1.3                                       | 3.9   |
| Camden         | 162.1                                     | 196.4 | 2.2                                       | 7.1   | 160.2   | 194.4 | 2.2                                       | 7.2   |
| Olympic Park   | 176.3                                     | 231.8 | 1.0                                       | 3.0   | 174.3   | 229.7 | 1.0                                       | 3.0   |
| Campbelltown   | 159.5                                     | 191.6 | 1.9                                       | 6.0   | 157.5   | 189.5 | 1.9                                       | 6.0   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 0.6-1.1 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.4 and 2.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~0.6-1.1 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 1.3                        | 0.7 | 1.4                | 0.6 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 1.3  | 0.7 | 1.4                | 0.6 |
| Terry Hill     | 1.7                        | 1.2 | 2.0                | 1.0 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 1.7  | 1.2 | 2.0                | 1.0 |
| Bankstown      | 1.6                        | 0.9 | 1.6                | 0.7 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 1.6  | 0.9 | 1.5                | 0.7 |
| Canterbury     | 1.5                        | 0.9 | 1.6                | 0.8 | 0.1                         | 0.0   | 1.4  | 0.9 | 1.6                | 0.8 |
| Observatory    | 1.6                        | 0.9 | 1.6                | 0.7 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 1.6  | 0.9 | 1.6                | 0.7 |
| Richmond       | 1.9                        | 1.1 | 2.0                | 0.9 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 1.9  | 1.1 | 2.0                | 0.9 |
| Penrith        | 2.3                        | 1.2 | 2.4                | 1.0 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.3  | 1.2 | 2.4                | 1.0 |
| Horsley Park   | 2.1                        | 1.2 | 2.2                | 1.1 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.1  | 1.2 | 2.2                | 1.0 |
| Camden         | 1.9                        | 1.2 | 2.0                | 1.0 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 1.9  | 1.2 | 1.9                | 0.9 |
| Olympic Park   | 2.0                        | 1.1 | 2.1                | 0.9 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.0  | 1.1 | 2.1                | 0.9 |
| Campbelltown   | 2.0                        | 1.3 | 2.1                | 1.1 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 2.0  | 1.2 | 2.1                | 1.1 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

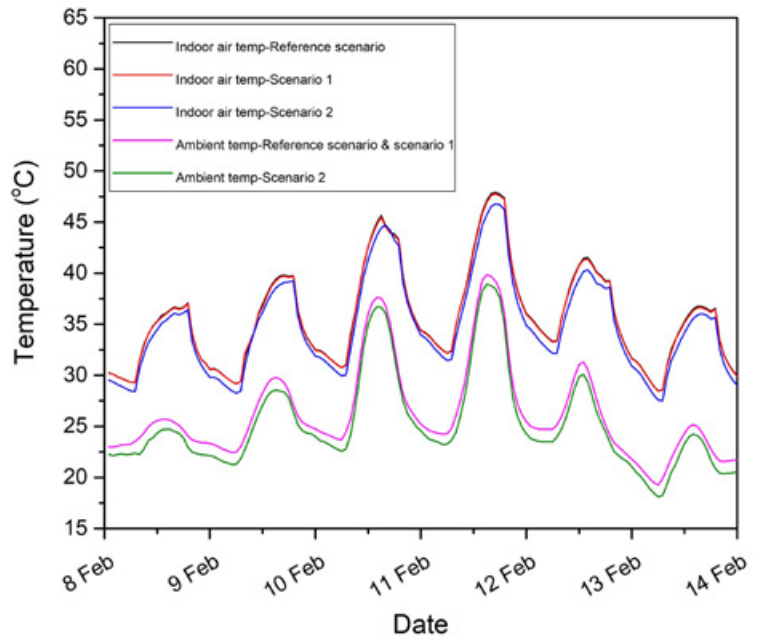


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

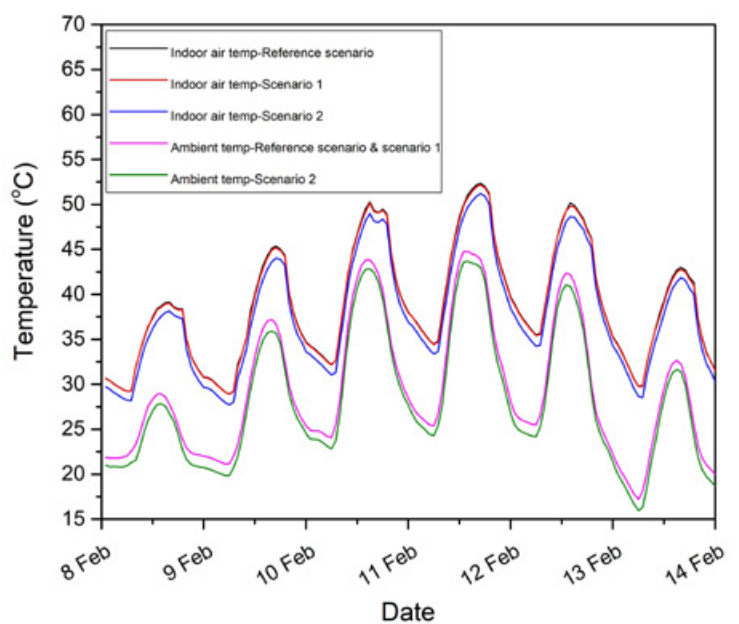


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.4-47.9 °C and 28.7-52.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

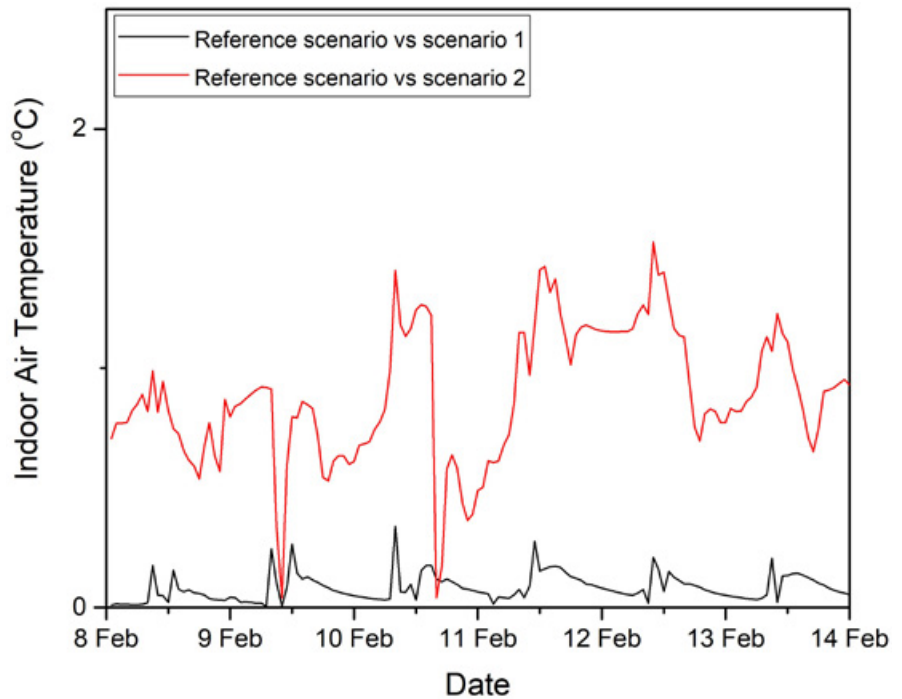


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.3 °C and 0.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 1.5 °C and 1.7 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

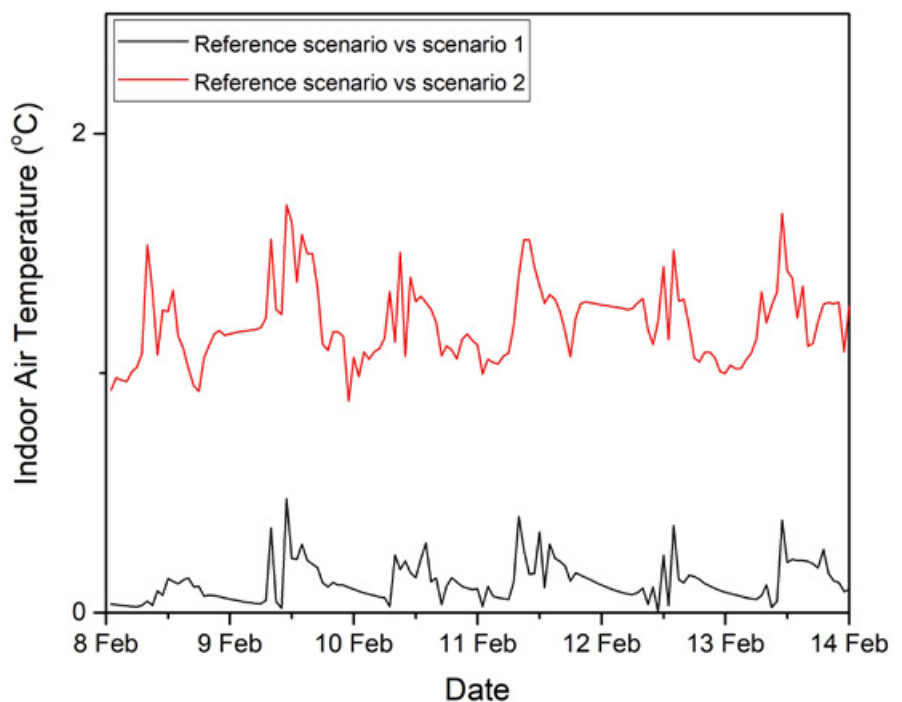


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new highrise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to slightly decrease from a range 15.7-32.1 °C in reference scenario to a range 15.7-32.0 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

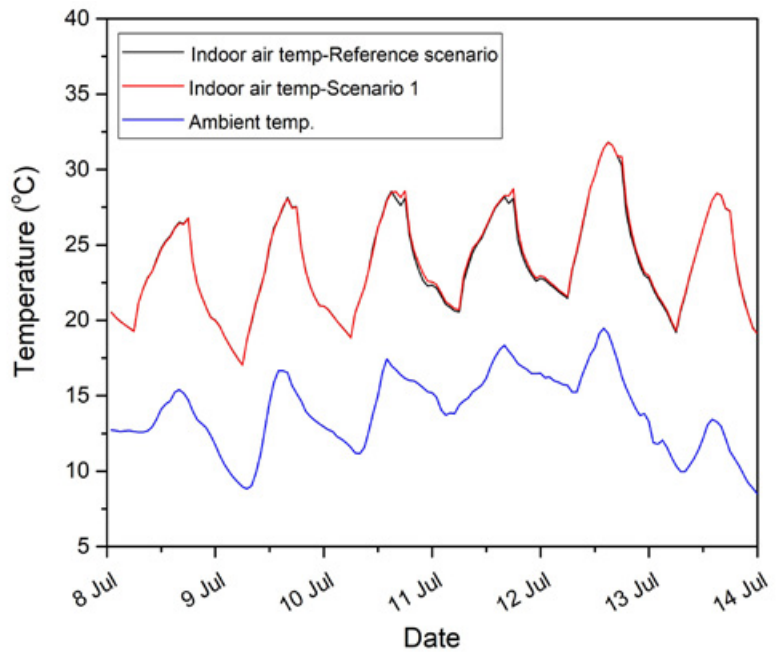


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 11.0-31.2 °C in reference scenario to a range 10.9-31.1 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

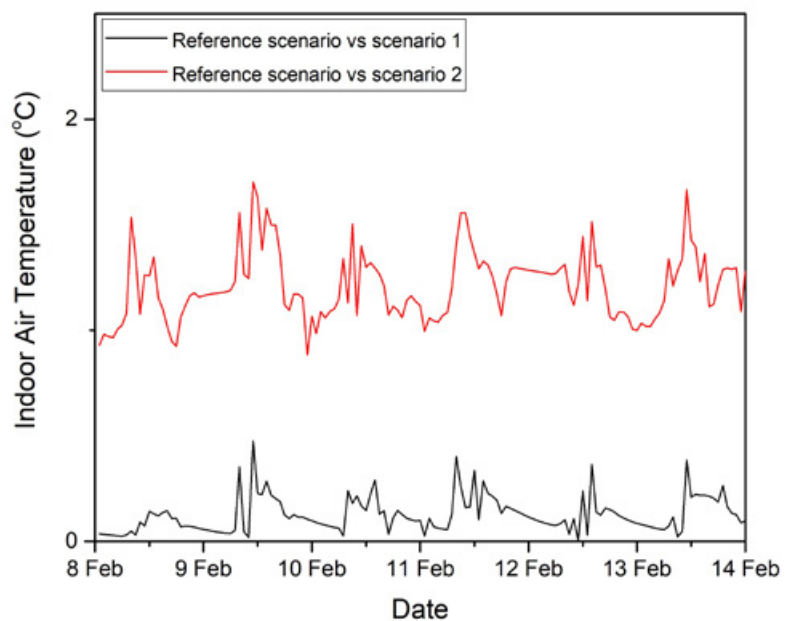


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.2 °C and 0.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

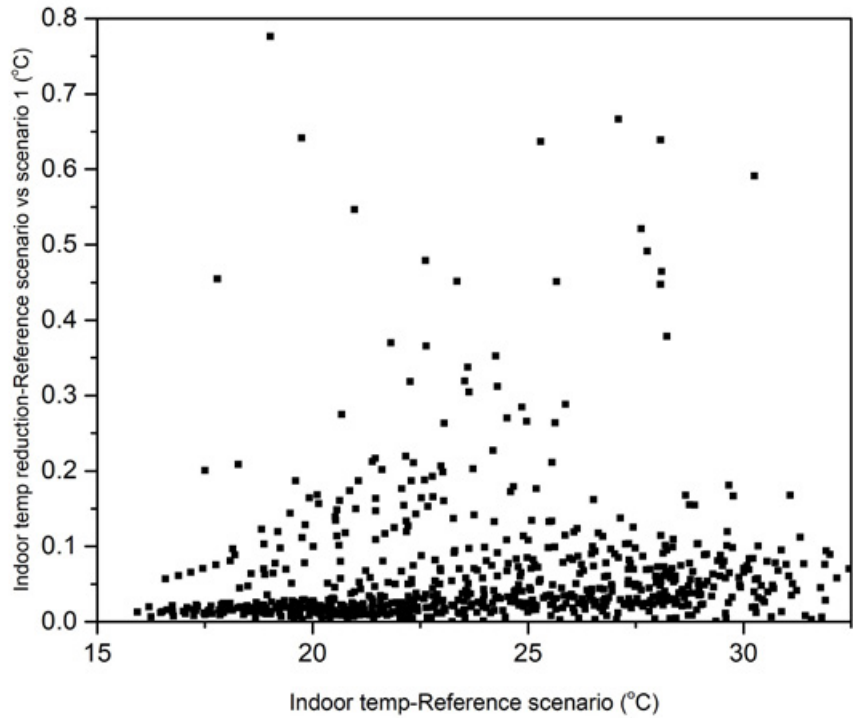


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

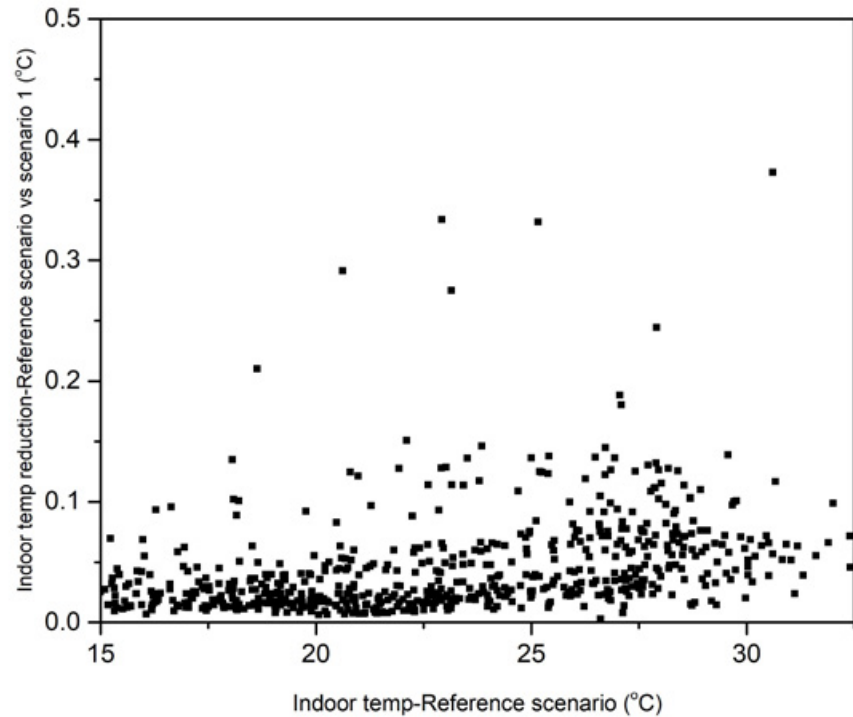


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.



## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to remain the same with 79 and 208 hours for both scenarios in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during remain the same in reference scenario compared to scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|---|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                              | Total |
| Observatory | 13                 | 79    | 13  | 79    |
| Richmond    | 50                 | 208   | 50  | 208   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decreased from 672 hours in reference scenario to 669 hours under scenario 2 in Observatory station; and from 665 hours in reference scenario to 642 hours under scenario 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Observatory | 672                | 672   | 669  |
| Richmond    | 665                | 665   | 642  |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of the new high-rise shopping mall centre during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the new high-rise shopping mall centre from 74.9-81.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 74.3-80.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 0.5-0.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 0.6-1.0 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 9.9-17.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 13.2-21.8 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.4-2.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 0.6-1.1 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.4 and 2.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~0.6-1.1 %) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.4-47.9 °C and 28.7-52.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.3 and 0.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 1.5 and 1.7 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 15.7 and 32.1 °C in reference scenario to a range between 15.7 and 32.0 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 11.0 and 31.2 °C in reference scenario to a range between 10.9 and 31.1 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.2 °C and 0.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to remain the same with 79 hours for both scenarios in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show the same number of hours below 19 °C with 208 for both scenarios. The results show no increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building. The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) also remain the same between reference scenario and cool roof scenario (scenario 1) with 13 hours in Observatory station and 50 hours in Richmond station (See Table 5).

under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 672 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which remains the same for the cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and slightly decreases to 669 hours for the cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2). The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a similar reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 665 hours in reference scenario to 665 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 642 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

- During a typical summer month and

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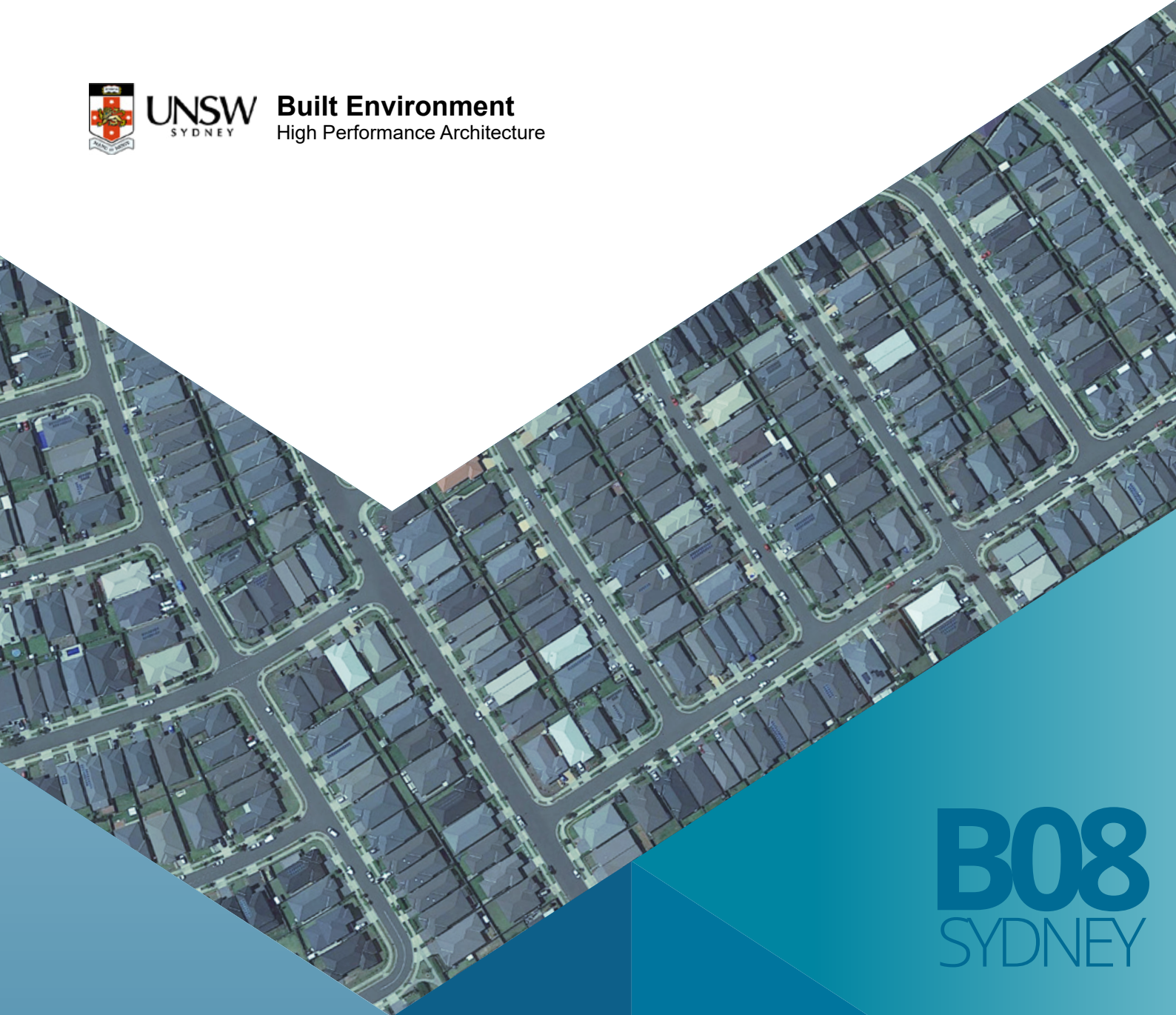
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

New low-rise apartment  
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## BUILDING 08

### NEW LOW-RISE APARTMENT

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Floor area : 624m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 3

Image source: KTG Architecture and Planning  
- Multi Family 3-Story Walk Up - Boulder View  
Apartments.

Note: building characteristics change with climate  
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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a new low-rise apartment building for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 7.9                                    | 15.0                                | 7.0   | 13.6                                | 4.6  | 7.2                                 |
| Terry Hill     | 8.6                                    | 13.9                                | 7.6   | 12.4                                | 6.4  | 9.1                                 |
| Bankstown      | 10.0                                   | 16.4                                | 9.0   | 15.1                                | 6.8  | 9.1                                 |
| Canterbury     | 8.3                                    | 14.9                                | 7.4   | 13.6                                | 5.3  | 8.1                                 |
| Observatory    | 7.6                                    | 14.3                                | 6.7   | 13.0                                | 5.1  | 8.2                                 |
| Richmond       | 13.9                                   | 19.4                                | 12.4  | 17.6                                | 10.7   | 12.9                                |
| Penrith        | 11.6                                   | 16.7                                | 10.4  | 15.1                                | 8.8  | 10.8                                |
| Horsley Park   | 11.0                                   | 16.1                                | 9.8   | 14.6                                | 7.4  | 9.6                                 |
| Camden         | 11.9                                   | 16.3                                | 10.7  | 14.8                                | 8.9  | 10.4                                |
| Olympic Park   | 9.8                                    | 16.4                                | 8.7   | 14.9                                | 7.0  | 10.0                                |
| Campbelltown   | 10.7                                   | 15.7                                | 9.5   | 14.2                                | 7.8  | 9.7                                 |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new low-rise apartment building from 13.9-19.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 12.4-16.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a new low-rise apartment building for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |      |                    |      | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------|------|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |      | Total cooling      |      | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 0.9  | 11.4 | 1.4                | 9.3  | 3.3   | 41.8 | 7.8                | 52.0 |
| Terry Hill     | 1.0  | 11.6 | 1.5                | 10.8 | 2.2   | 25.6 | 4.8                | 34.5 |
| Bankstown      | 1.0  | 10.0 | 1.3                | 7.9  | 3.2   | 32.0 | 7.3                | 44.5 |
| Canterbury     | 0.9  | 10.8 | 1.3                | 8.7  | 3.0   | 36.1 | 6.8                | 45.6 |
| Observatory    | 0.9  | 11.8 | 1.3                | 9.1  | 2.5   | 32.9 | 6.1                | 42.7 |
| Richmond       | 1.5  | 10.8 | 1.8                | 9.3  | 3.2   | 23.0 | 6.5                | 33.5 |
| Penrith        | 1.2  | 10.3 | 1.6                | 9.6  | 2.8   | 24.1 | 5.9                | 35.3 |
| Horsley Park   | 1.2  | 10.9 | 1.5                | 9.3  | 3.6   | 32.7 | 6.5                | 40.4 |
| Camden         | 1.2  | 10.1 | 1.5                | 9.2  | 3.0   | 25.2 | 5.9                | 36.2 |
| Olympic Park   | 1.1  | 11.2 | 1.5                | 9.1  | 2.8   | 28.6 | 6.4                | 39.0 |
| Campbelltown   | 1.2  | 11.2 | 1.5                | 9.6  | 2.9   | 27.1 | 6.0                | 38.2 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 1.3-1.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 1.9-10.8 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 4.8-7.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 33.5-52.0 % total cooling load reduction.*



*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, both building-scale and the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of a new low-rise apartment building with insulation during the summer season.*

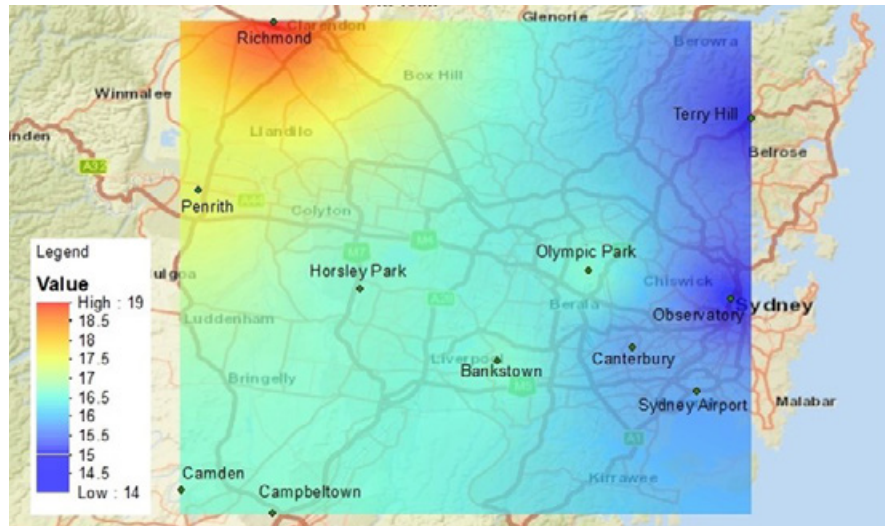


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new low-rise apartment building with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

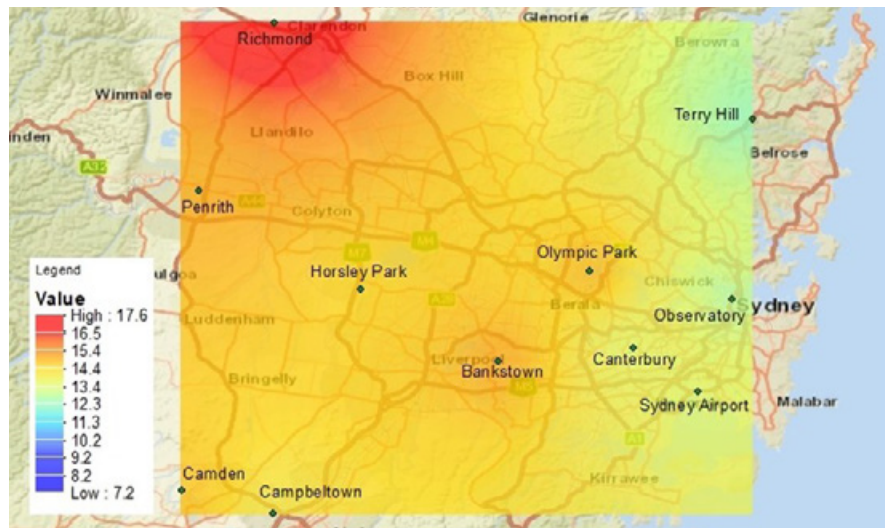


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new low-rise apartment building with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

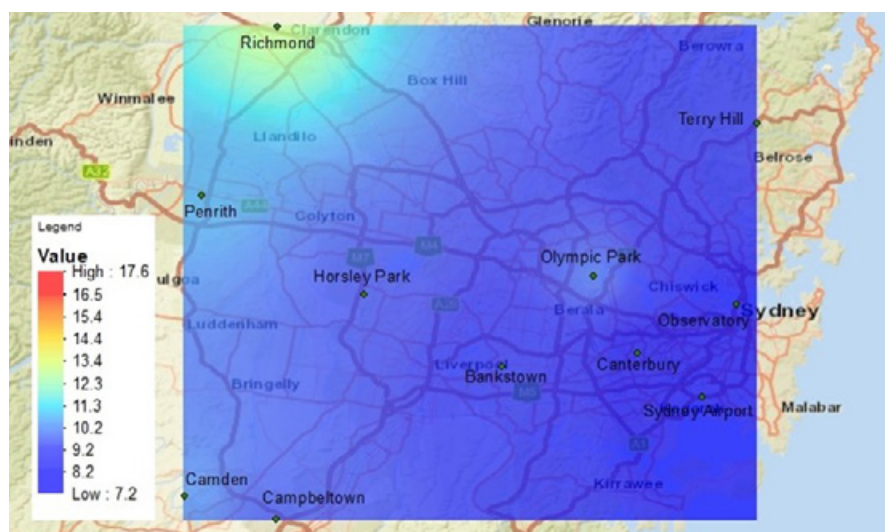


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new low-rise apartment building with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

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**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new low-rise apartment building for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.0-1.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.7-3.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|--|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )    |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                     | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 13.7                                      | 21.8  | 7.4                                       | 11.5  | 12.5   | 20.1  | 7.3                                       | 11.5  |
| Terry Hill     | 9.8                                       | 16.2  | 11.8                                      | 18.4  | 8.5  | 14.2  | 11.8                                      | 18.5  |
| Bankstown      | 15.9                                      | 24.2  | 11.3                                      | 17.9  | 14.3   | 22.0  | 11.8                                      | 18.6  |
| Canterbury     | 12.9                                      | 20.1  | 11.0                                      | 17.6  | 11.5   | 18.2  | 11.5                                      | 18.3  |
| Observatory    | 13.5                                      | 20.4  | 7.0                                       | 11.1  | 12.0   | 18.3  | 7.4                                       | 11.7  |
| Richmond       | 18.4                                      | 27.7  | 14.1                                      | 22.2  | 16.3   | 25.0  | 14.7                                      | 23.0  |
| Penrith        | 20.8                                      | 31.4  | 11.2                                      | 17.9  | 18.2   | 28.1  | 11.9                                      | 18.8  |
| Horsley Park   | 16.0                                      | 22.6  | 12.6                                      | 19.8  | 13.9   | 19.9  | 13.3                                      | 20.7  |
| Camden         | 14.7                                      | 20.3  | 16.1                                      | 25.3  | 12.8   | 17.9  | 16.9                                      | 26.3  |
| Olympic Park   | 16.4                                      | 27.0  | 10.4                                      | 16.6  | 14.3   | 24.1  | 10.9                                      | 17.3  |
| Campbelltown   | 13.6                                      | 18.2  | 16.2                                      | 25.4  | 11.7   | 15.9  | 17.0                                      | 26.4  |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise apartment building using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 7.8-12.6 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.2 and 2.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~3.0-5.5 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |      |                    |      | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |      | Total              |      | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 1.2                        | 8.8  | 1.7                | 7.8  | -0.1                        | 0.0   | 1.3  | 6.2 | 1.7                | 5.1 |
| Terry Hill     | 1.3                        | 13.3 | 2.0                | 12.3 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 1.3  | 6.0 | 1.9                | 5.5 |
| Bankstown      | 1.6                        | 10.1 | 2.2                | 9.1  | 0.5                         | 0.7   | 1.1  | 4.0 | 1.5                | 3.6 |
| Canterbury     | 1.4                        | 10.9 | 1.9                | 9.5  | 0.5                         | 0.7   | 0.9  | 3.8 | 1.2                | 3.2 |
| Observatory    | 1.5                        | 11.1 | 2.1                | 10.3 | 0.4                         | 0.6   | 1.1  | 5.4 | 1.5                | 4.8 |
| Richmond       | 2.1                        | 11.4 | 2.7                | 9.7  | 0.6                         | 0.8   | 1.5  | 4.6 | 1.9                | 3.8 |
| Penrith        | 2.6                        | 12.5 | 3.3                | 10.5 | 0.7                         | 0.9   | 1.9  | 5.9 | 2.4                | 4.9 |
| Horsley Park   | 2.1                        | 13.1 | 2.7                | 11.9 | 0.7                         | 0.9   | 1.4  | 4.9 | 1.8                | 4.2 |
| Camden         | 1.9                        | 12.9 | 2.4                | 11.8 | 0.8                         | 1.0   | 1.1  | 3.6 | 1.4                | 3.1 |
| Olympic Park   | 2.1                        | 12.8 | 2.9                | 10.7 | 0.5                         | 0.7   | 1.6  | 6.0 | 2.2                | 5.0 |
| Campbelltown   | 1.9                        | 14.0 | 2.3                | 12.6 | 0.8                         | 1.0   | 1.1  | 3.7 | 1.3                | 3.0 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

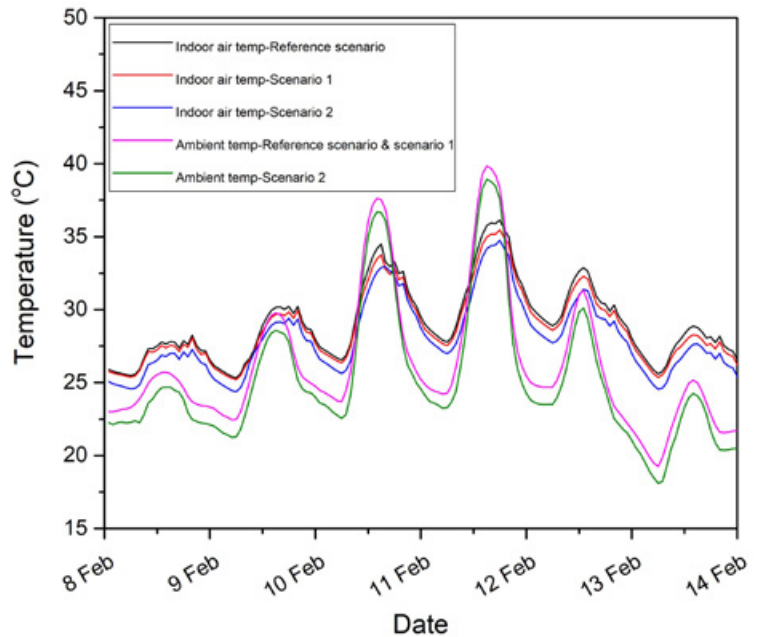


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise apartment building under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

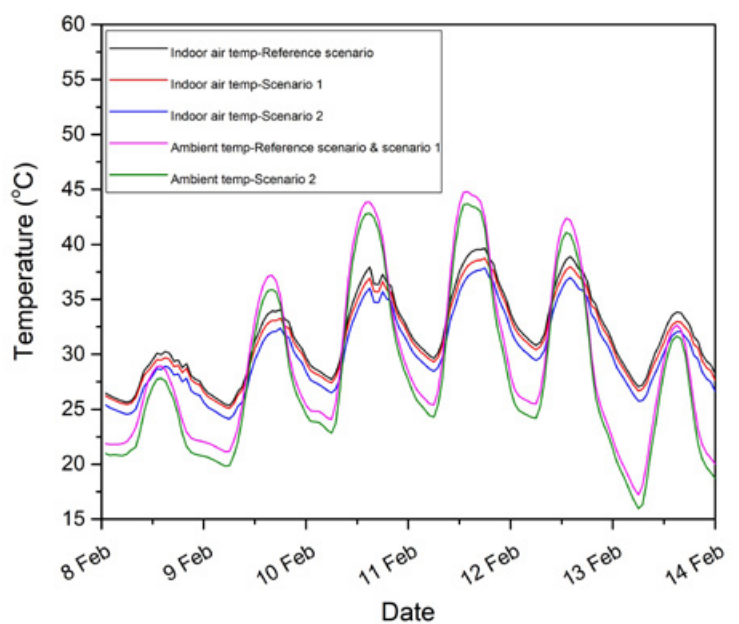


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise apartment building under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 25.2-36.1 °C and 25.4-39.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

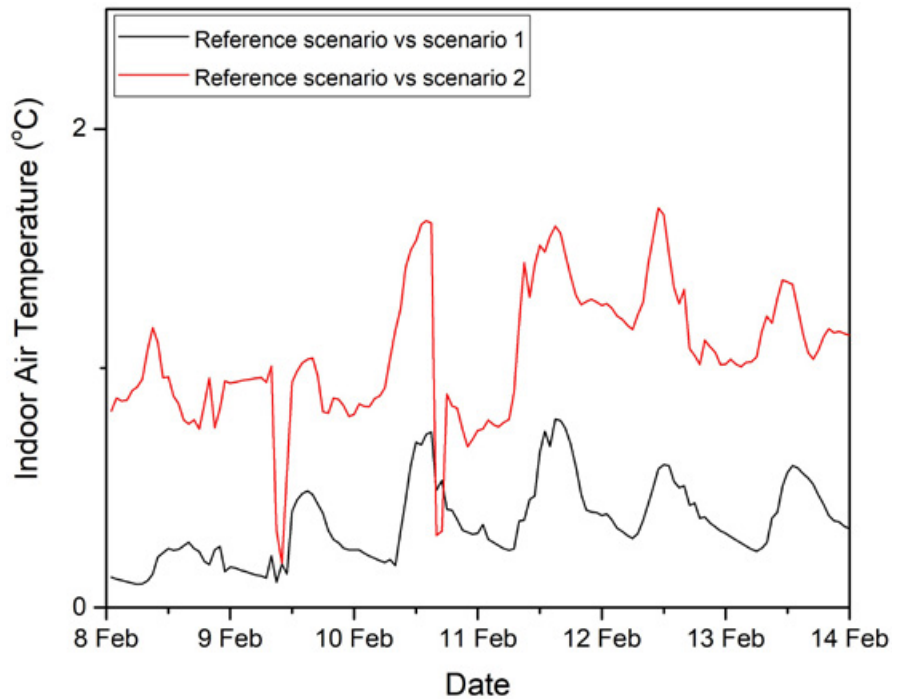


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.8 °C and 1.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 1.7 °C and 2.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

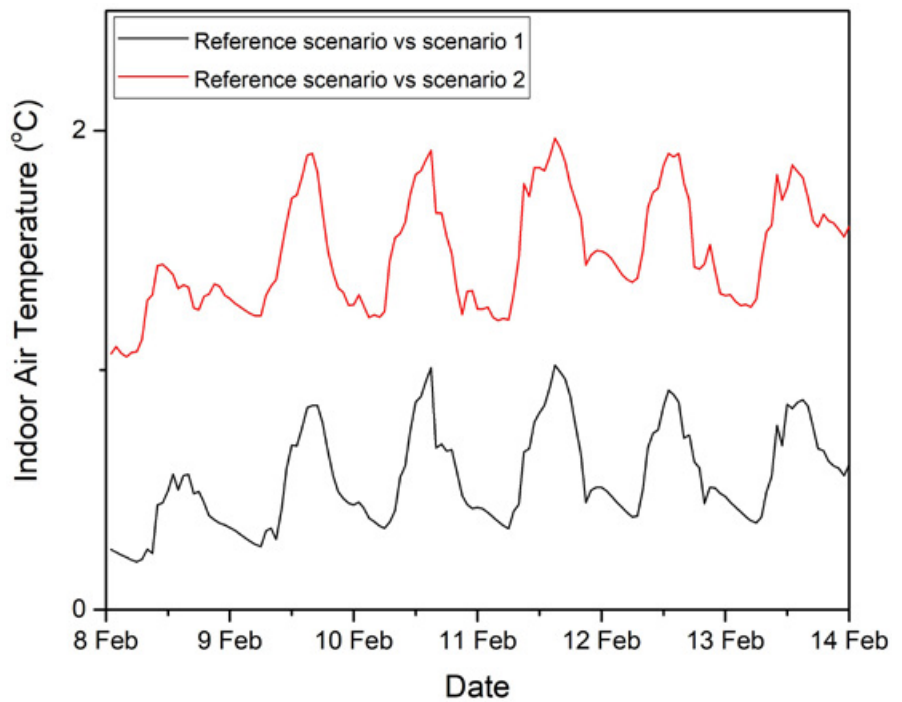


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new low-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range 14.0-22.5 °C in reference scenario to a range 14.0-22.3 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

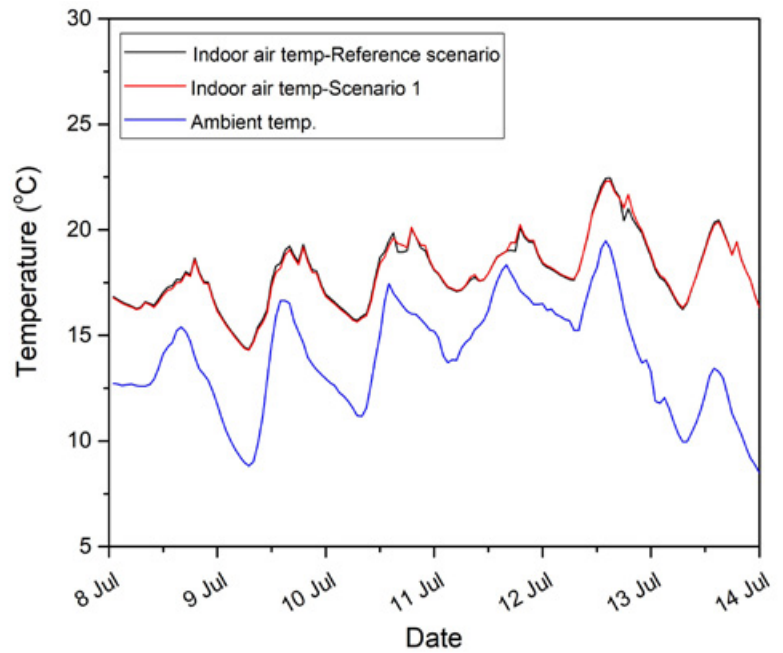


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise apartment building under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 10.2-21.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 10.1-21.6 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

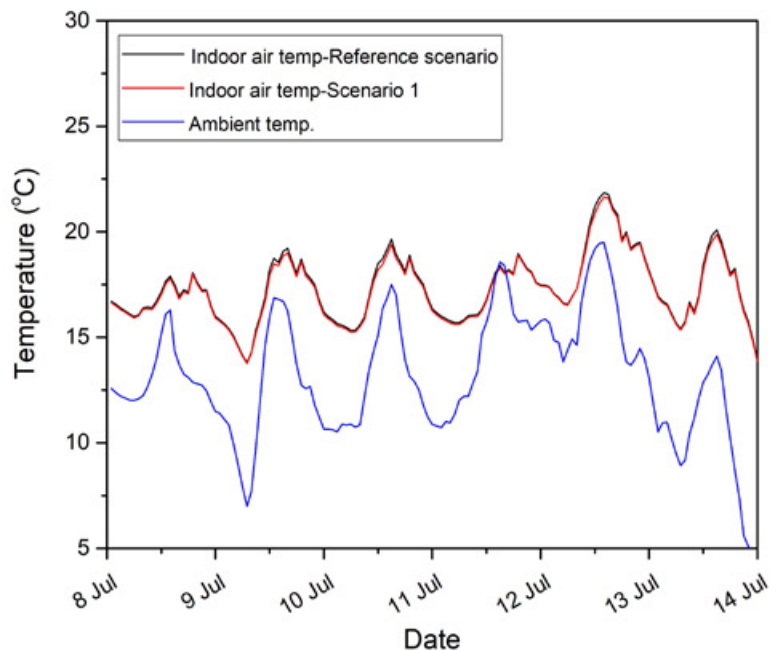


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise apartment building under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.3 °C for both Observatory and Richmond stations.

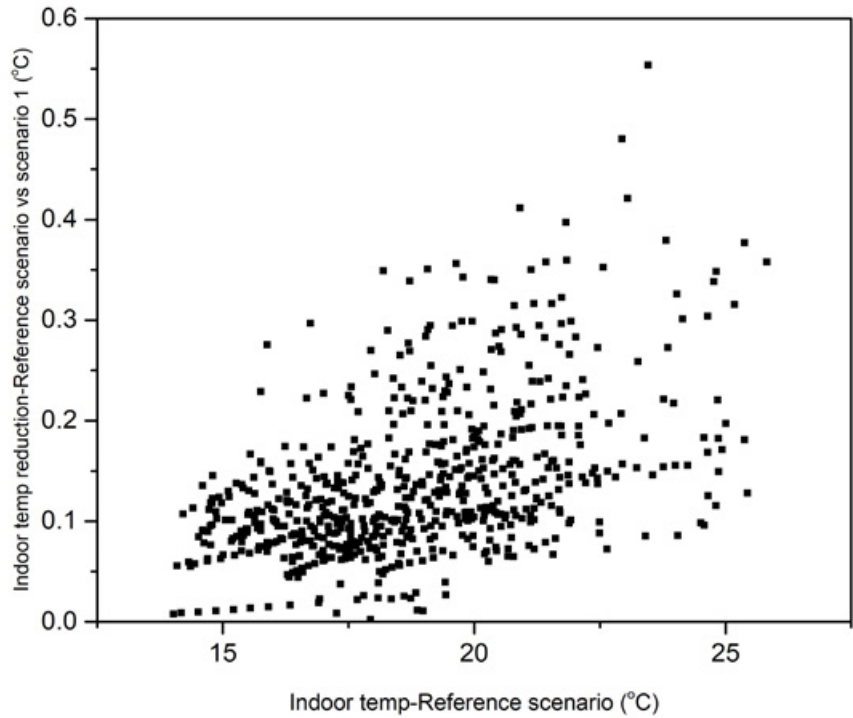


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Observatory station using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

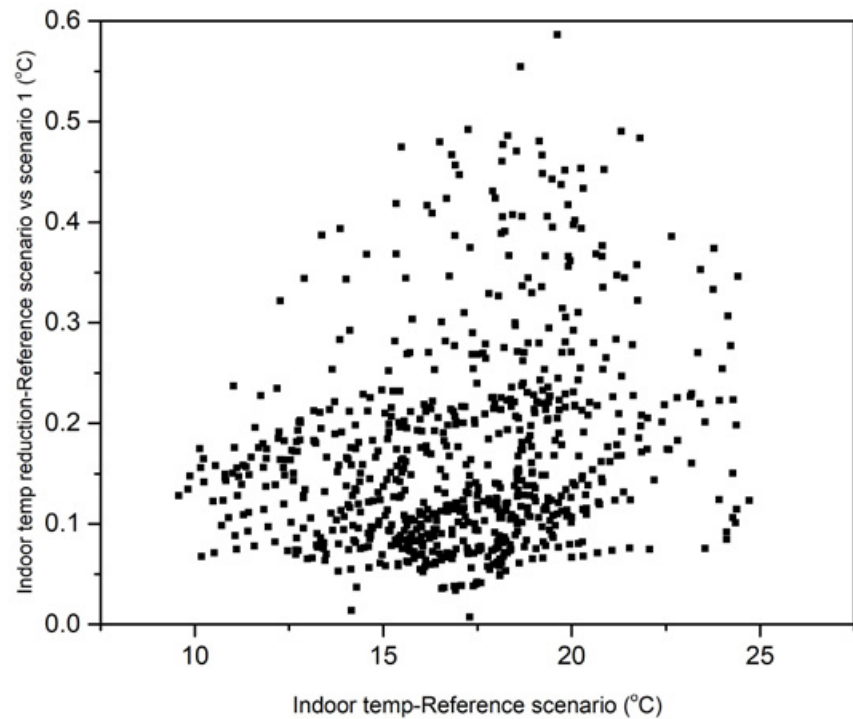


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new low-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Richmond station using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 428 hours in reference scenario to 438 and hours and from 549 to 566 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|
| Observatory | 428                | 438  |
| Richmond    | 549                | 566  |

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decreased from 440 hours in reference scenario to 411 and 341 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 529 hours in reference scenario to 507 and 421 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 440                | 411  | 341   |
| Richmond    | 529                | 507  | 421   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of a new low-rise apartment building during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new low-rise apartment from 13.9-19.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 12.4-16.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 1.3-1.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 8.7-10.8 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 4.8-7.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 33.5-52.0 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.0-1.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.7-3.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 7.8-12.6 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.2 and 2.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~3.0-5.5 %) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 25.2-36.1 °C and 25.4-39.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.8 and 1.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 1.7 and 2.0 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 14.0 and 22.5 °C in reference scenario to a range between 14.0 and 22.3 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).



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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to slightly reduce from a range between 10.2 and 21.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 10.1 and 21.6 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.3 °C for both Observatory and Richmond stations. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 428 hours in reference scenario to 438 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slightly increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 549 hours in reference scenario to 566 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 440 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 411 and 341 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 529 hours in reference scenario to 507 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 421 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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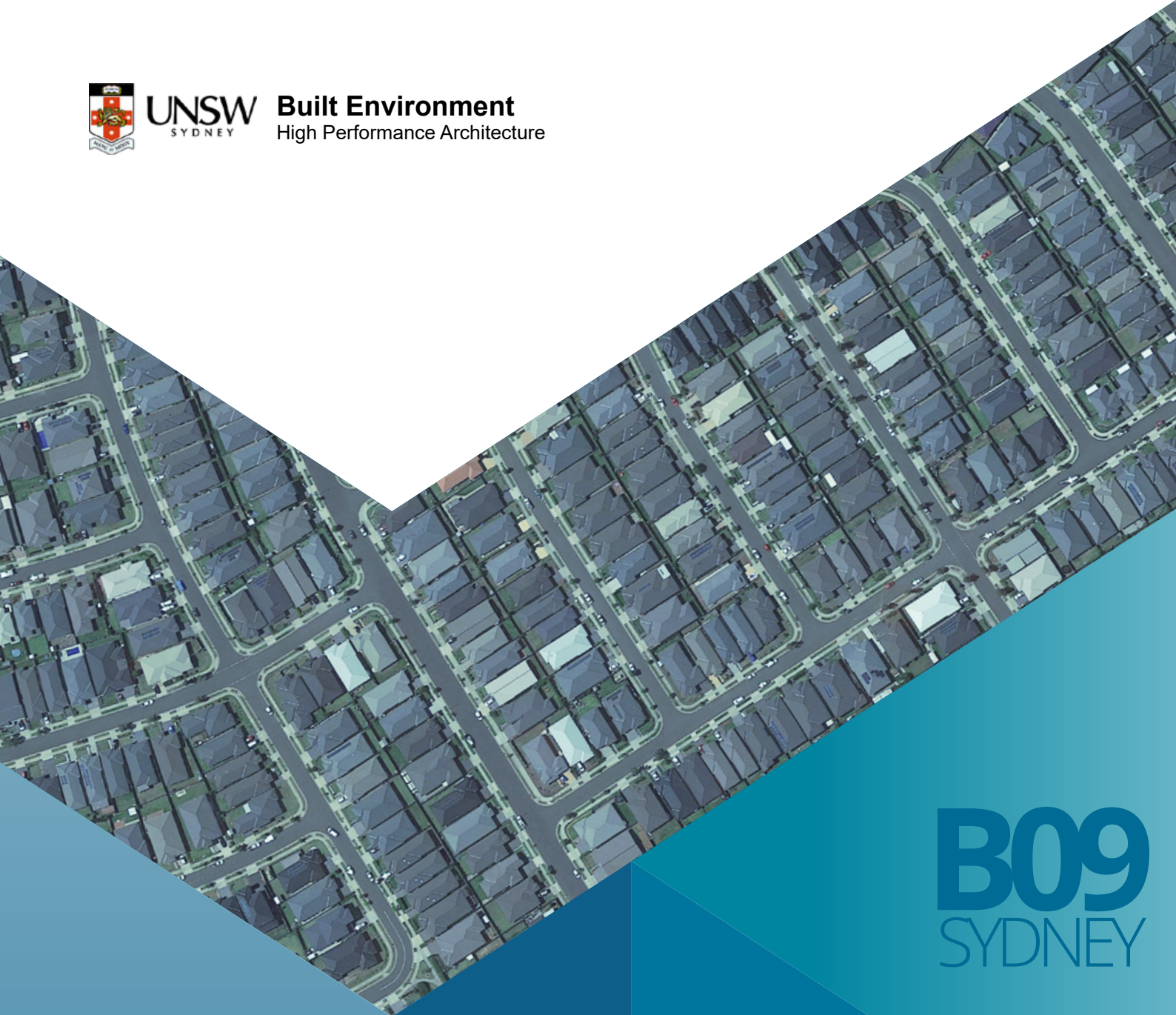
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New mid-rise apartment  
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## NEW MID-RISE APARTMENT

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Floor area : 624m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 5

Image source: 282 Eldert Street, Bushwick.

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a new mid-rise apartment building for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 7.8                                    | 14.8                                | 7.2   | 14.1                                | 4.8  | 7.5                                 |
| Terry Hill     | 8.4                                    | 13.7                                | 7.7   | 12.8                                | 6.5  | 9.4                                 |
| Bankstown      | 9.8                                    | 16.2                                | 9.2   | 15.5                                | 7.0  | 9.4                                 |
| Canterbury     | 8.1                                    | 14.7                                | 7.6   | 14.0                                | 5.5  | 8.4                                 |
| Observatory    | 7.5                                    | 14.2                                | 6.9   | 13.4                                | 5.2  | 8.5                                 |
| Richmond       | 13.6                                   | 19.3                                | 12.7  | 18.2                                | 10.9   | 13.3                                |
| Penrith        | 11.4                                   | 16.4                                | 10.6  | 15.5                                | 9.0  | 11.1                                |
| Horsley Park   | 10.7                                   | 15.9                                | 10.0  | 15.0                                | 7.5  | 9.7                                 |
| Camden         | 11.6                                   | 16.1                                | 10.9  | 15.2                                | 9.0  | 10.6                                |
| Olympic Park   | 9.5                                    | 16.2                                | 8.9   | 15.3                                | 7.2  | 10.3                                |
| Campbelltown   | 10.4                                   | 15.5                                | 9.7   | 14.6                                | 8.0  | 10.0                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new mid-rise apartment building from 13.7-19.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 12.8-18.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a new mid-rise apartment building for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 0.6  | 7.7 | 0.7                | 4.7 | 3.0   | 38.5 | 7.3                | 49.3 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.7  | 8.3 | 0.9                | 6.6 | 1.9   | 22.6 | 4.3                | 31.4 |
| Bankstown      | 0.6  | 6.1 | 0.7                | 4.3 | 2.8   | 28.6 | 6.8                | 42.0 |
| Canterbury     | 0.5  | 6.2 | 0.7                | 4.8 | 2.6   | 32.1 | 6.3                | 42.9 |
| Observatory    | 0.6  | 8.0 | 0.8                | 5.6 | 2.3   | 30.7 | 5.7                | 40.1 |
| Richmond       | 0.9  | 6.6 | 1.1                | 5.7 | 2.7   | 19.9 | 6.0                | 31.1 |
| Penrith        | 0.8  | 7.0 | 0.9                | 5.5 | 2.4   | 21.1 | 5.3                | 32.3 |
| Horsley Park   | 0.7  | 6.5 | 0.9                | 5.7 | 3.2   | 29.9 | 6.2                | 39.0 |
| Camden         | 0.7  | 6.0 | 0.9                | 5.6 | 2.6   | 22.4 | 5.5                | 34.2 |
| Olympic Park   | 0.6  | 6.3 | 0.9                | 5.6 | 2.3   | 24.2 | 5.9                | 36.4 |
| Campbelltown   | 0.7  | 6.7 | 0.9                | 5.8 | 2.4   | 23.1 | 5.5                | 35.5 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 0.7-1.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 4.3-5.8 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 4.3-7.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 33.1-49.3 % total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of a new mid-rise apartment during the summer season.*

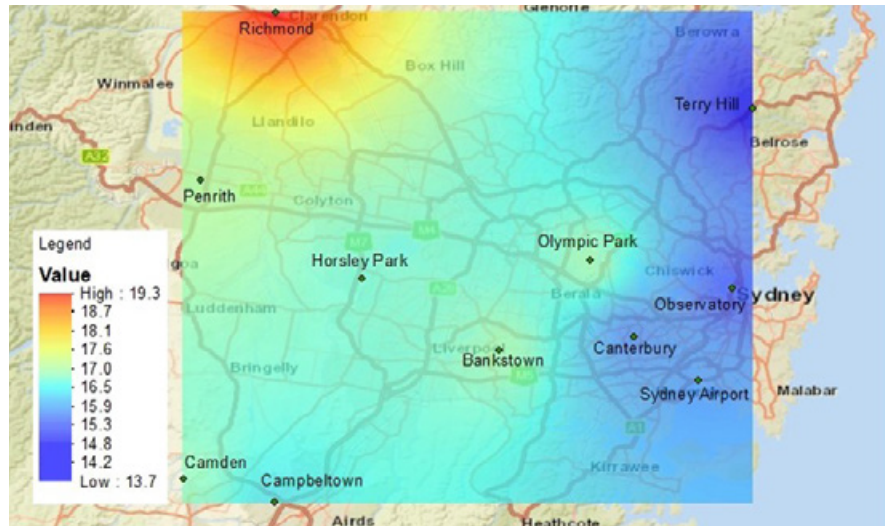


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new mid-rise apartment building with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

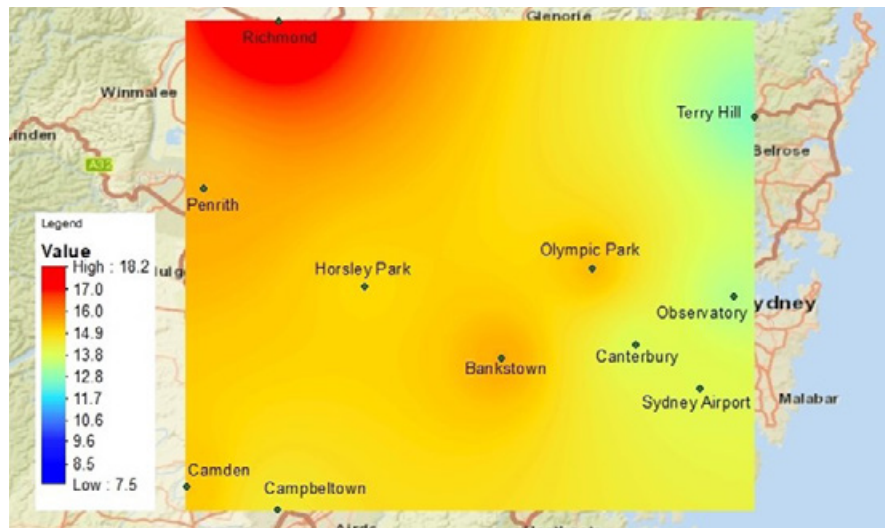


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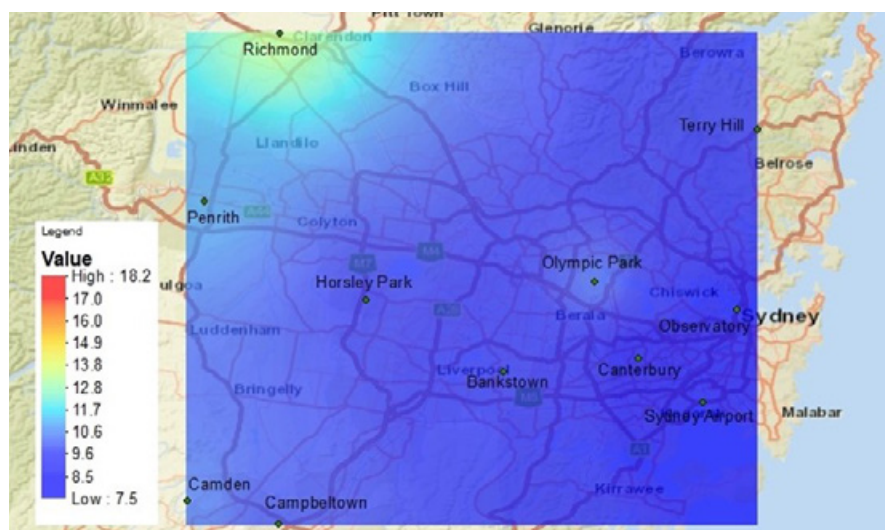


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new mid-rise apartment building with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new mid-rise apartment building for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.2-0.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (0.9-1.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 13.4                                      | 21.5  | 6.8                                       | 10.8  | 12.7  | 20.6  | 6.7                                       | 10.6  |
| Terry Hill     | 9.3                                       | 15.6  | 11.0                                      | 17.4  | 8.5   | 14.4  | 10.9                                      | 17.2  |
| Bankstown      | 15.4                                      | 23.6  | 10.5                                      | 16.9  | 14.4  | 22.4  | 10.7                                      | 17.2  |
| Canterbury     | 12.4                                      | 19.7  | 10.2                                      | 16.6  | 11.6  | 18.6  | 10.5                                      | 17.0  |
| Observatory    | 13.1                                      | 20.0  | 6.4                                       | 10.3  | 12.2  | 18.8  | 6.6                                       | 10.6  |
| Richmond       | 17.6                                      | 26.9  | 13.2                                      | 21.1  | 16.4  | 25.4  | 13.5                                      | 21.5  |
| Penrith        | 19.9                                      | 30.5  | 10.3                                      | 16.8  | 18.4  | 28.6  | 10.7                                      | 17.3  |
| Horsley Park   | 15.3                                      | 21.8  | 11.6                                      | 18.6  | 14.0  | 20.2  | 12.0                                      | 19.1  |
| Camden         | 14.0                                      | 19.6  | 15.1                                      | 24.1  | 12.9  | 18.2  | 15.5                                      | 24.7  |
| Olympic Park   | 15.7                                      | 26.3  | 9.5                                       | 15.5  | 14.5  | 24.6  | 9.8                                       | 15.9  |
| Campbelltown   | 12.9                                      | 17.4  | 15.2                                      | 24.2  | 11.8  | 16.1  | 15.6                                      | 24.8  |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise apartment building using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 4.2-7.7 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 0.7 and 1.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~1.7-3.1 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 0.7                        | 5.2 | 0.9                | 4.2 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 0.6  | 3.0 | 0.7                | 2.2 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.8                        | 8.6 | 1.2                | 7.7 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 0.7  | 3.5 | 1.0                | 3.0 |
| Bankstown      | 1.0                        | 6.5 | 1.2                | 5.1 | 0.2                         | 0.3   | 0.8  | 3.1 | 0.9                | 2.2 |
| Canterbury     | 0.8                        | 6.5 | 1.1                | 5.6 | 0.3                         | 0.4   | 0.5  | 2.2 | 0.7                | 1.9 |
| Observatory    | 0.9                        | 6.9 | 1.2                | 6.0 | 0.2                         | 0.3   | 0.7  | 3.6 | 0.9                | 3.0 |
| Richmond       | 1.2                        | 6.8 | 1.5                | 5.6 | 0.3                         | 0.4   | 0.9  | 2.9 | 1.1                | 2.3 |
| Penrith        | 1.5                        | 7.5 | 1.9                | 6.2 | 0.4                         | 0.5   | 1.1  | 3.6 | 1.4                | 3.0 |
| Horsley Park   | 1.3                        | 8.5 | 1.6                | 7.3 | 0.4                         | 0.5   | 0.9  | 3.3 | 1.1                | 2.7 |
| Camden         | 1.1                        | 7.9 | 1.4                | 7.1 | 0.4                         | 0.6   | 0.7  | 2.4 | 0.8                | 1.8 |
| Olympic Park   | 1.2                        | 7.6 | 1.7                | 6.5 | 0.3                         | 0.4   | 0.9  | 3.6 | 1.3                | 3.1 |
| Campbelltown   | 1.1                        | 8.5 | 1.3                | 7.5 | 0.4                         | 0.6   | 0.7  | 2.5 | 0.7                | 1.7 |



### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

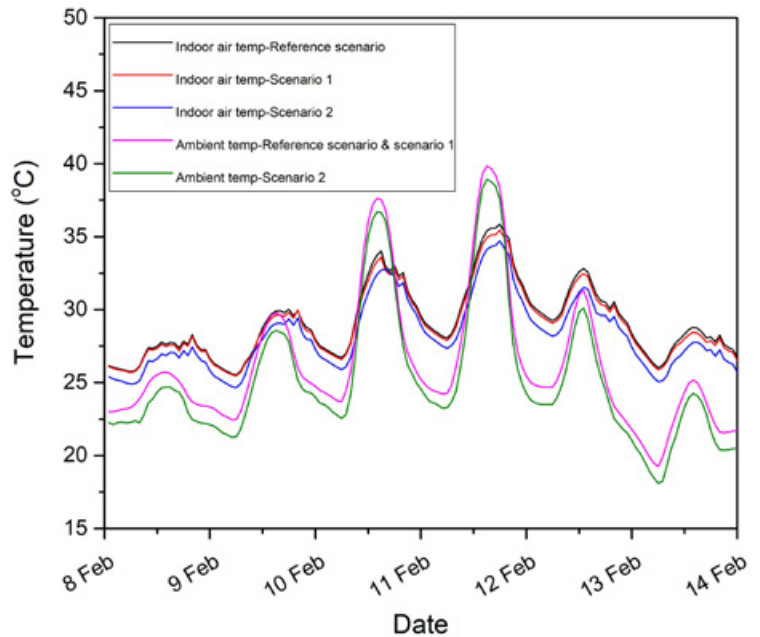


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new mid-rise apartment building under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

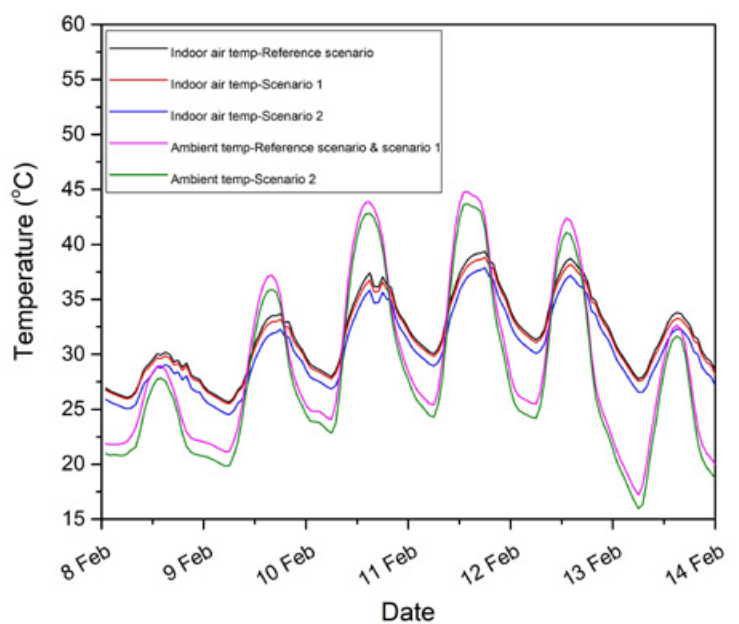


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new mid-rise apartment building under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 25.4-35.9 °C and 25.7-39.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

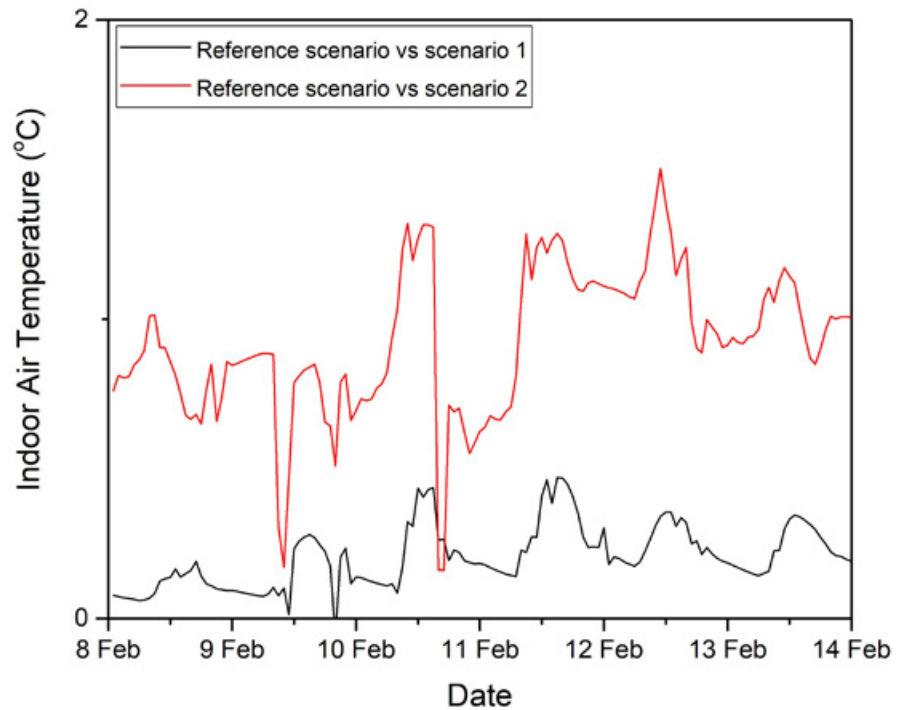


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new mid-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.5 °C and 0.7 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 1.5 °C and 1.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

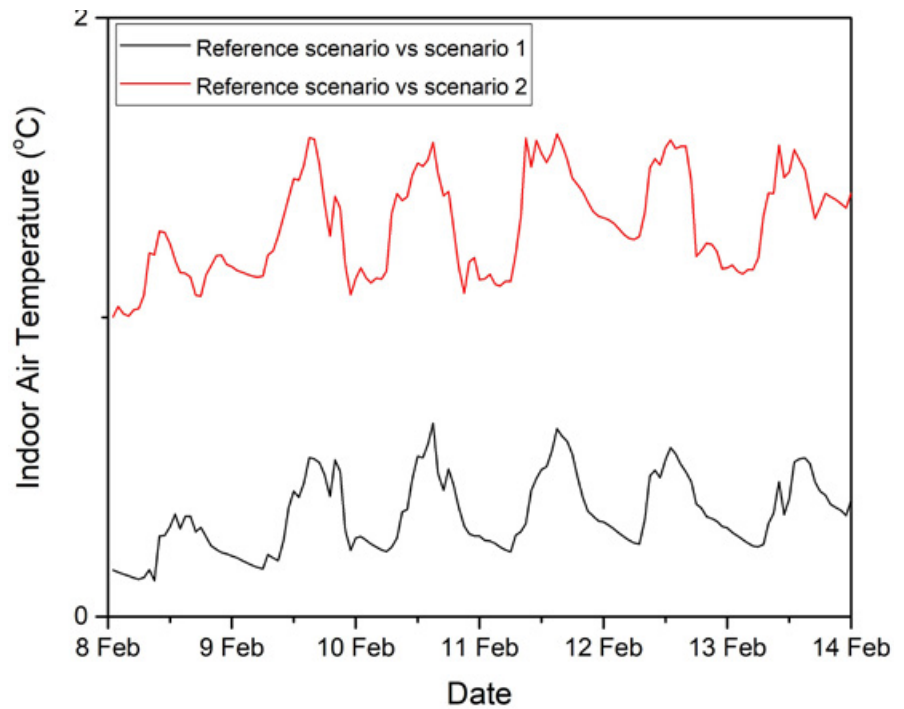


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new mid-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to slightly decrease from a range 14.4-22.2 °C in reference scenario to a range 14.4-22.1 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

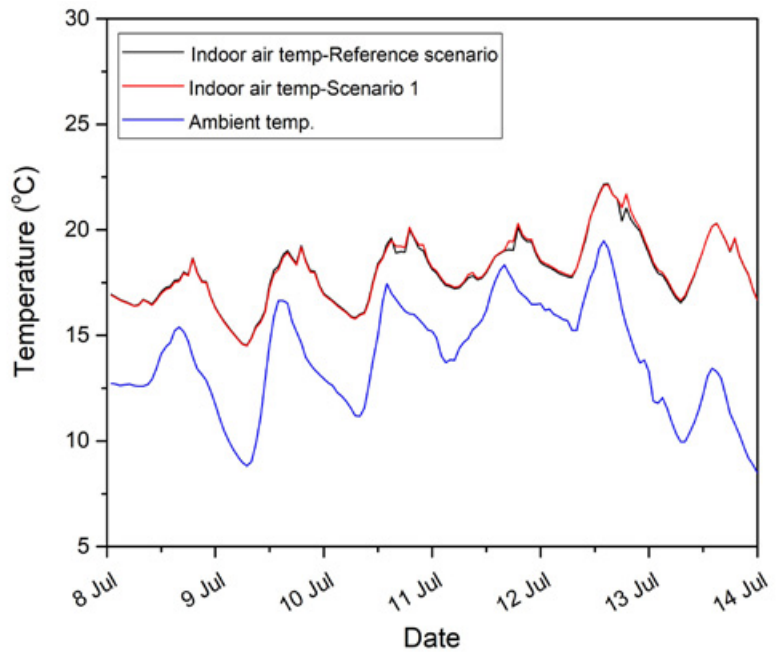


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise apartment building under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 10.7-21.5 °C in reference scenario to a range 10.7-21.4 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

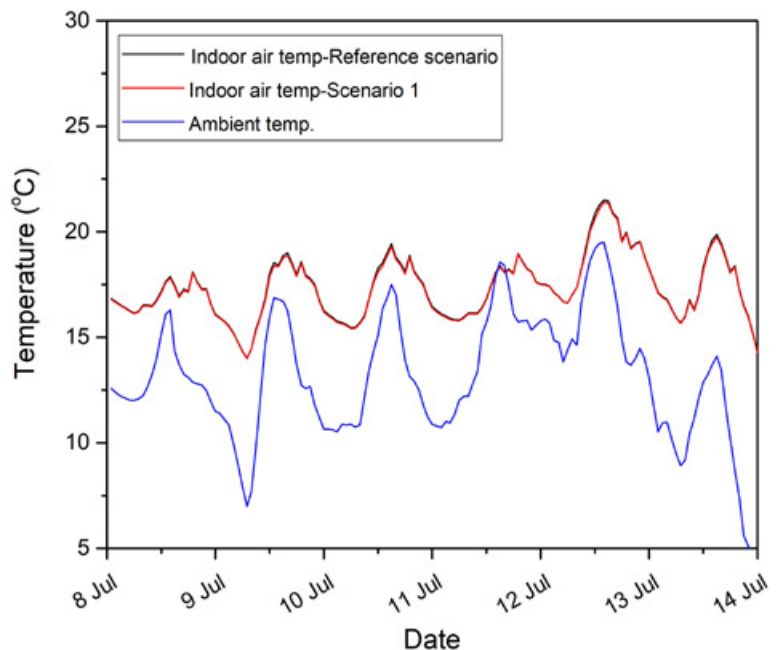


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise apartment building under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.1 °C and 0.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

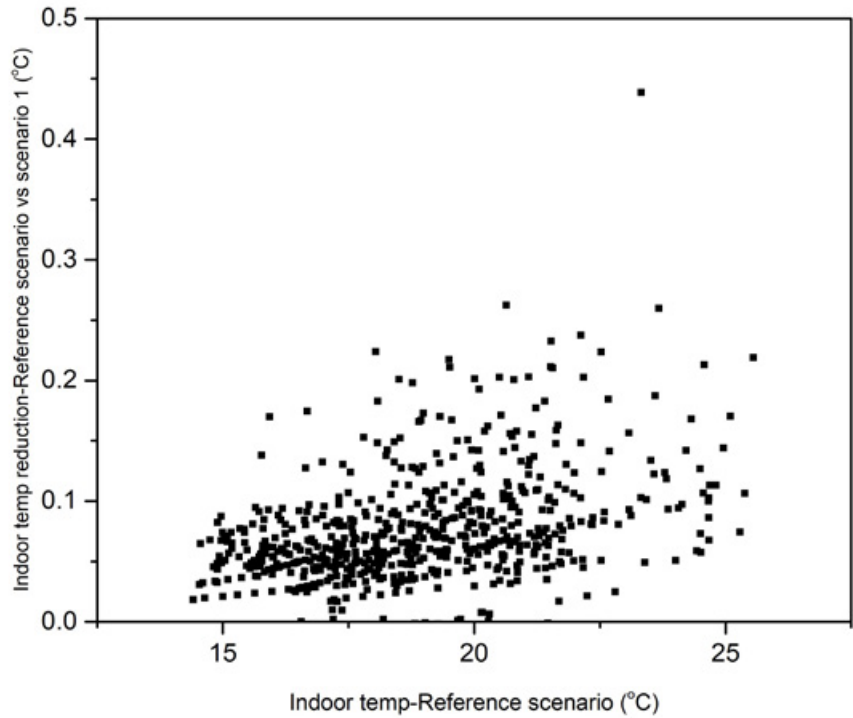


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

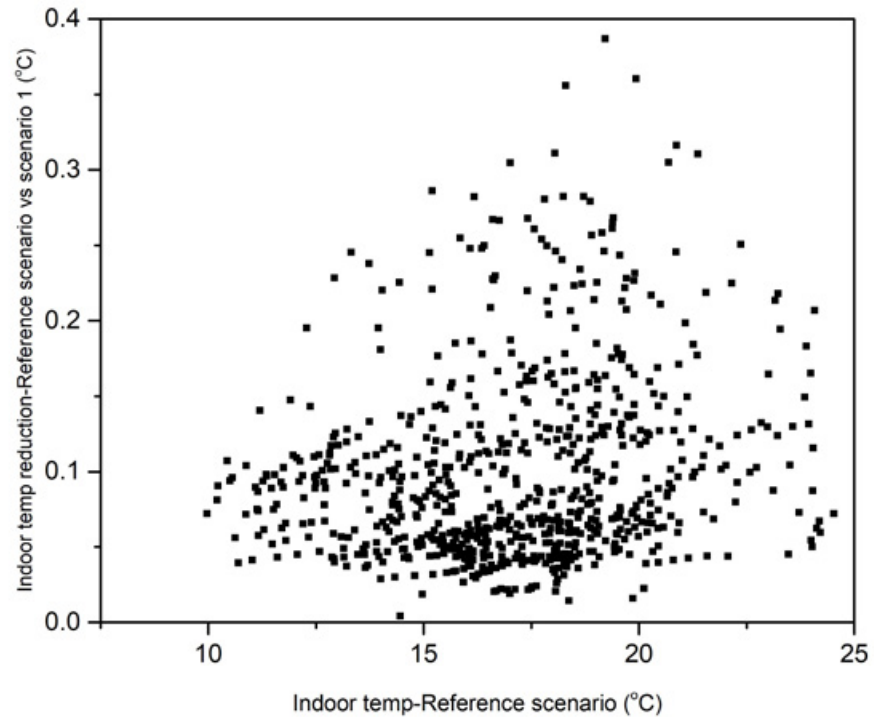


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new mid-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to remain the same for the reference scenario and scenario 1 in Observatory station with 431; and to slightly increase from 558 hours to 572 hours in Richmond station.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|
| Observatory | 431                | 431  |
| Richmond    | 558                | 572  |

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decreased from 450 hours in reference scenario to 433 and 371 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 556 hours in reference scenario to 540 and 444 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 450                | 433  | 371   |
| Richmond    | 556                | 540  | 444   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of a new mid-rise apartment building during the summer season .
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new mid-rise apartment from 13.7-19.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 12.8-18.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 0.7-1.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 4.3-5.8 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 4.3-7.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> . This is equivalent to 33.1-49.3 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.2-0.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is lower than the annual cooling load reduction (0.9-1.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 4.2-7.7 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 0.7 and 1.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~1.7-3.1 %) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 25.4-35.9 °C and 25.7-39.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.5 and 0.7 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 1.5 and 1.6 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to slightly decrease from a range between 14.4 and 22.2 °C in reference scenario to a range between 14.4 and 22.1 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to slightly reduce from a range between 10.7 and 21.5 °C in reference scenario to a range between 10.7 and 21.4 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.1 and 0.2 °C for Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted remain the same for both the reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) with 431 in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slightly increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 558 hours in reference scenario to 572 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 450 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 433 and 371 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 556 hours in reference scenario to 540 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 444 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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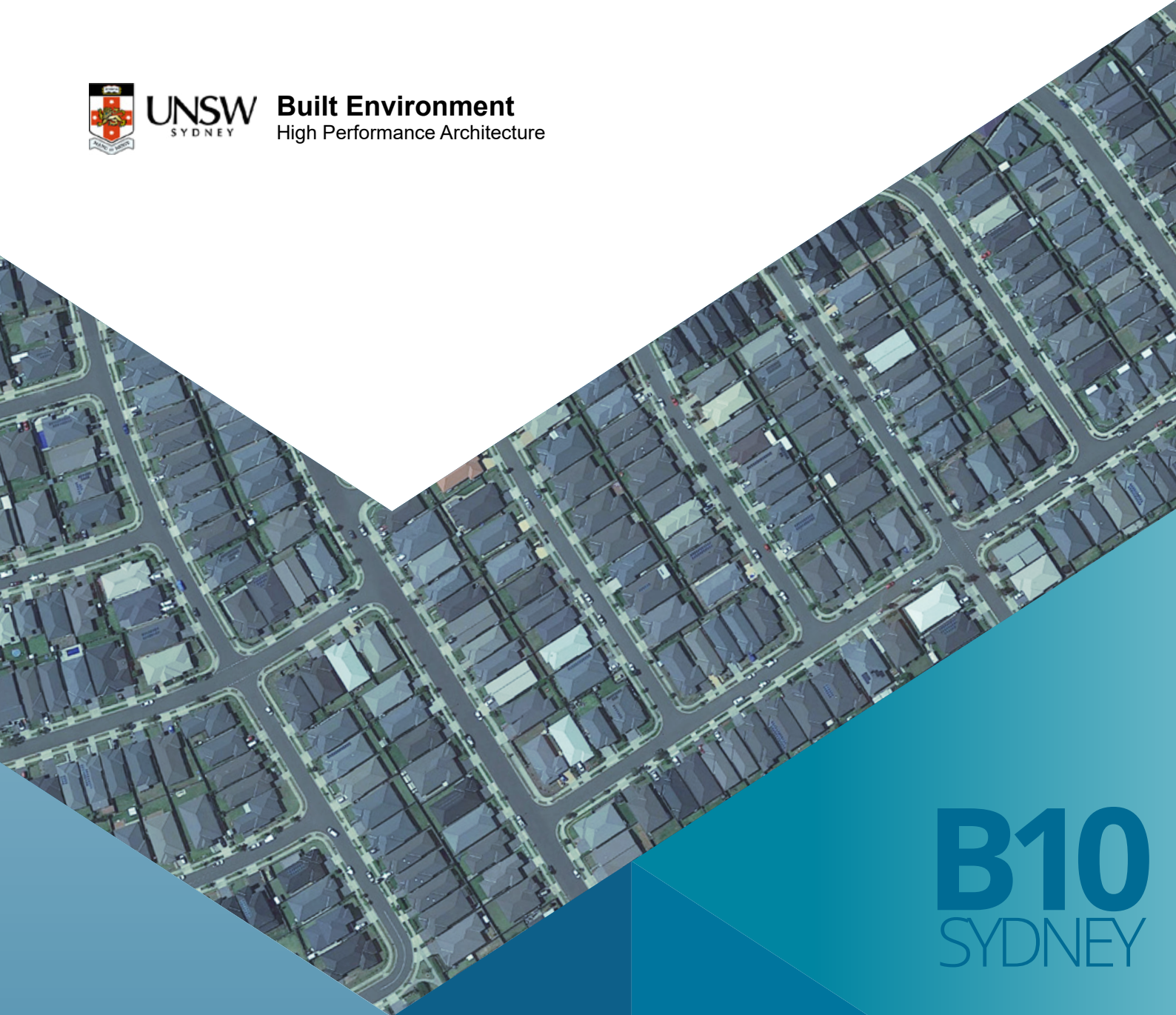
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

New high-rise apartment  
2021

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# BUILDING 10

## NEW HIGH-RISE APARTMENT

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Floor area : 624m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 8

Image source: Sunshine Gardens, City of Fredericton.

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a new high-rise apartment building for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 7.6                                    | 14.7                                | 7.3   | 14.2                                | 4.8  | 7.6                                 |
| Terry Hill     | 8.2                                    | 13.5                                | 7.8   | 12.9                                | 6.6  | 9.5                                 |
| Bankstown      | 9.6                                    | 16.1                                | 9.3   | 15.6                                | 7.0  | 9.5                                 |
| Canterbury     | 8.0                                    | 14.6                                | 7.7   | 14.1                                | 5.5  | 8.5                                 |
| Observatory    | 7.3                                    | 14.0                                | 7.0   | 13.5                                | 5.2  | 8.6                                 |
| Richmond       | 13.4                                   | 19.1                                | 12.9  | 18.4                                | 11.0   | 13.5                                |
| Penrith        | 11.2                                   | 16.3                                | 10.7  | 15.7                                | 9.1  | 11.2                                |
| Horsley Park   | 10.5                                   | 15.7                                | 10.1  | 15.2                                | 7.5  | 9.7                                 |
| Camden         | 11.4                                   | 15.9                                | 10.9  | 15.4                                | 9.1  | 10.7                                |
| Olympic Park   | 9.4                                    | 16.0                                | 9.0   | 15.5                                | 7.2  | 10.5                                |
| Campbelltown   | 10.2                                   | 15.3                                | 9.8   | 14.8                                | 8.1  | 10.1                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new high-rise apartment building from 13.5-19.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 12.9-18.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a new high-rise apartment building for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 0.3  | 3.9 | 0.5                | 3.4 | 2.8   | 36.8 | 7.1                | 48.3 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.4  | 4.9 | 0.6                | 4.4 | 1.6   | 19.5 | 4.0                | 29.6 |
| Bankstown      | 0.3  | 3.1 | 0.5                | 3.1 | 2.6   | 27.1 | 6.6                | 41.0 |
| Canterbury     | 0.3  | 3.8 | 0.5                | 3.4 | 2.5   | 31.3 | 6.1                | 41.8 |
| Observatory    | 0.3  | 4.1 | 0.5                | 3.6 | 2.1   | 28.8 | 5.4                | 38.6 |
| Richmond       | 0.5  | 3.7 | 0.7                | 3.7 | 2.4   | 17.9 | 5.6                | 29.3 |
| Penrith        | 0.5  | 4.5 | 0.6                | 3.7 | 2.1   | 18.8 | 5.1                | 31.3 |
| Horsley Park   | 0.4  | 3.8 | 0.5                | 3.2 | 3.0   | 28.6 | 6.0                | 38.2 |
| Camden         | 0.5  | 4.4 | 0.5                | 3.1 | 2.3   | 20.2 | 5.2                | 32.7 |
| Olympic Park   | 0.4  | 4.3 | 0.5                | 3.1 | 2.2   | 23.4 | 5.5                | 34.4 |
| Campbelltown   | 0.4  | 3.9 | 0.5                | 3.3 | 2.1   | 20.6 | 5.2                | 34.0 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 0.5-0.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 3.1-4.4 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 5.1-7.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 31.3-48.3 % total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, both building-scale and the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the new high-rise apartment building during the summer season.*

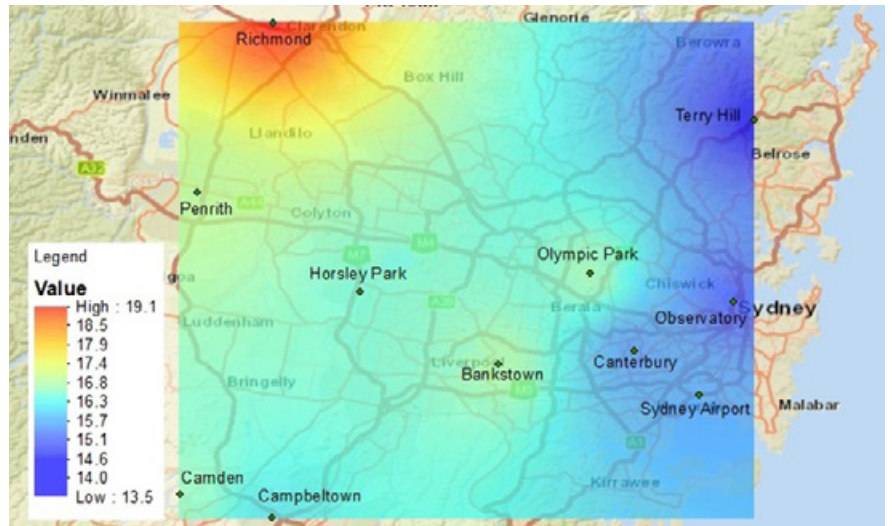


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new high-rise apartment building with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.*

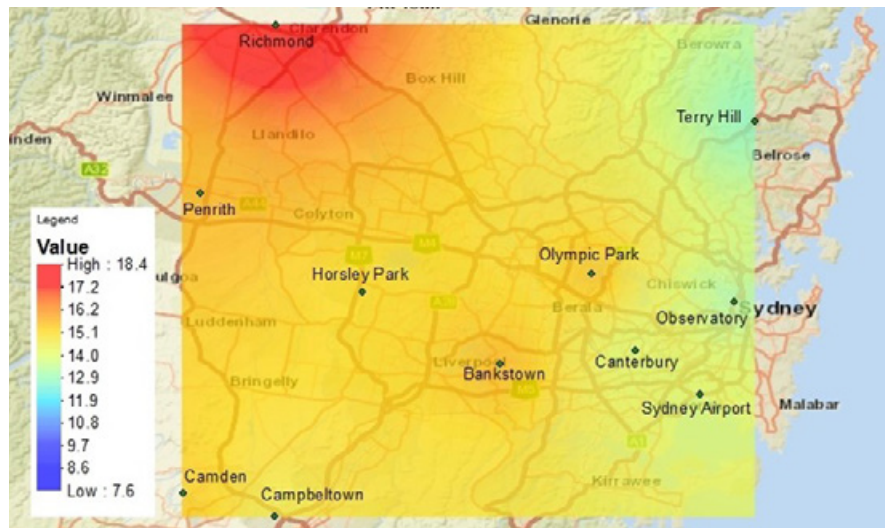


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new high-rise apartment building with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

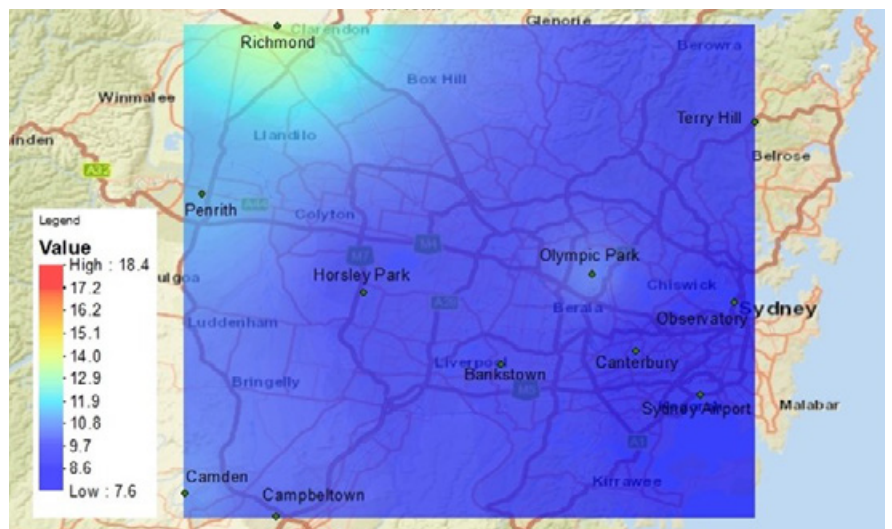


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new high-rise apartment building with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new high-rise apartment building for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.2-0.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (0.5-1.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|--|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )    |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                     | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 13.1                                      | 21.2  | 6.3                                       | 10.1  | 12.7   | 20.7  | 6.4                                       | 10.3  |
| Terry Hill     | 8.9                                       | 15.1  | 10.3                                      | 16.4  | 8.5  | 14.4  | 10.5                                      | 16.7  |
| Bankstown      | 15.0                                      | 23.2  | 10.1                                      | 16.4  | 14.4   | 22.5  | 10.3                                      | 16.7  |
| Canterbury     | 12.6                                      | 20.0  | 9.8                                       | 16.2  | 11.6   | 18.6  | 10.0                                      | 16.4  |
| Observatory    | 12.8                                      | 19.6  | 6.1                                       | 10.0  | 12.3   | 18.9  | 6.2                                       | 10.2  |
| Richmond       | 17.1                                      | 26.4  | 12.8                                      | 20.6  | 16.4   | 25.5  | 13.0                                      | 20.9  |
| Penrith        | 19.3                                      | 29.9  | 9.7                                       | 16.0  | 18.4   | 28.7  | 9.9                                       | 16.3  |
| Horsley Park   | 14.8                                      | 21.2  | 10.9                                      | 17.6  | 14.0   | 20.3  | 11.2                                      | 18.0  |
| Camden         | 13.6                                      | 19.1  | 14.7                                      | 23.6  | 12.9   | 18.2  | 14.9                                      | 24.0  |
| Olympic Park   | 15.3                                      | 25.7  | 8.9                                       | 14.7  | 14.5   | 24.7  | 9.2                                       | 15.0  |
| Campbelltown   | 12.4                                      | 16.9  | 14.3                                      | 23.1  | 11.7   | 16.1  | 14.7                                      | 23.6  |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise apartment building using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 2.4-7.0 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 0.3 and 1.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~0.7-3.3 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 0.4                        | 3.1 | 0.5                | 2.4 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 0.3  | 1.5 | 0.3                | 1.0 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.4                        | 4.5 | 0.7                | 4.6 | 0.2                         | 0.3   | 0.2  | 1.0 | 0.4                | 1.3 |
| Bankstown      | 0.6                        | 4.0 | 0.7                | 3.0 | 0.2                         | 0.3   | 0.4  | 1.6 | 0.4                | 1.0 |
| Canterbury     | 1.0                        | 7.9 | 1.4                | 7.0 | 0.2                         | 0.2   | 0.8  | 3.6 | 1.2                | 3.3 |
| Observatory    | 0.5                        | 3.9 | 0.7                | 3.6 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 0.4  | 2.1 | 0.5                | 1.7 |
| Richmond       | 0.7                        | 4.1 | 0.9                | 3.4 | 0.2                         | 0.3   | 0.5  | 1.7 | 0.6                | 1.3 |
| Penrith        | 0.9                        | 4.7 | 1.2                | 4.0 | 0.2                         | 0.3   | 0.7  | 2.4 | 0.9                | 2.0 |
| Horsley Park   | 0.8                        | 5.4 | 0.9                | 4.2 | 0.3                         | 0.4   | 0.5  | 1.9 | 0.5                | 1.3 |
| Camden         | 0.7                        | 5.1 | 0.9                | 4.7 | 0.2                         | 0.4   | 0.5  | 1.8 | 0.5                | 1.2 |
| Olympic Park   | 0.8                        | 5.2 | 1.0                | 3.9 | 0.3                         | 0.3   | 0.5  | 2.1 | 0.7                | 1.7 |
| Campbelltown   | 0.7                        | 5.6 | 0.8                | 4.7 | 0.4                         | 0.5   | 0.3  | 1.1 | 0.3                | 0.7 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

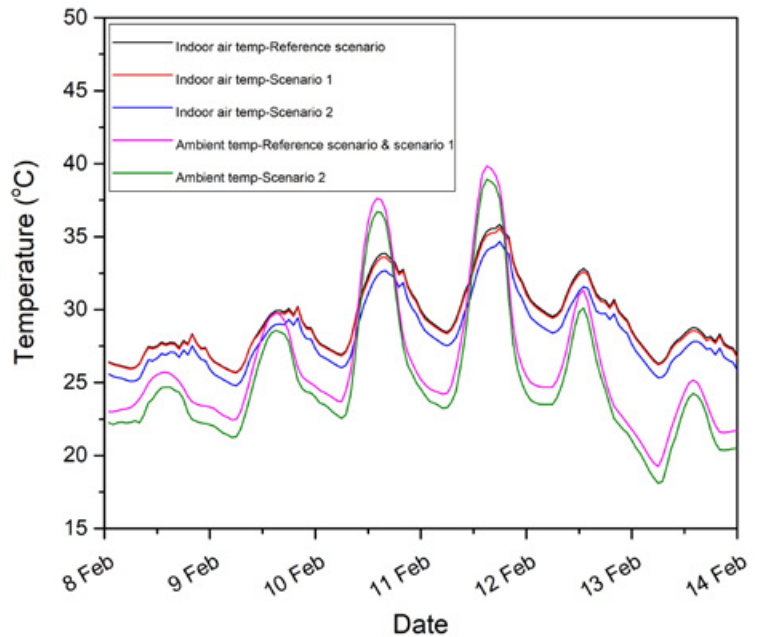


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise apartment building under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

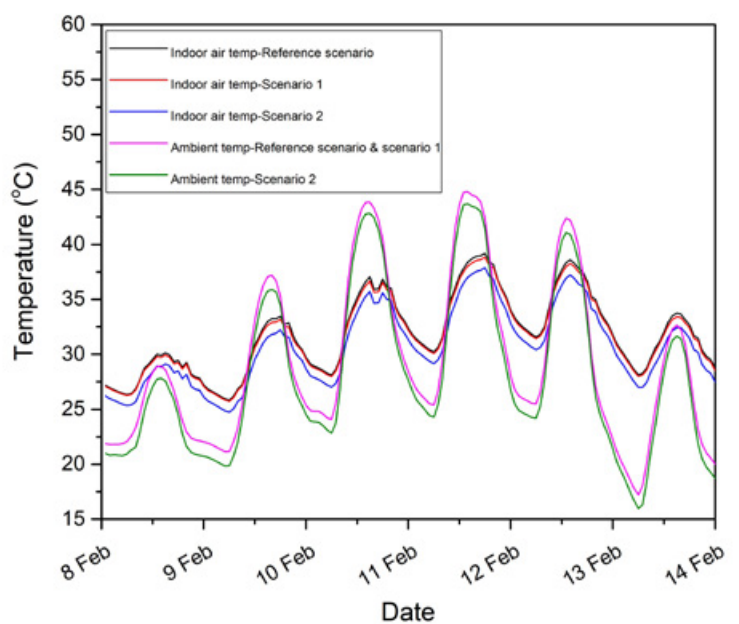


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise apartment building under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 25.6-35.9 °C and 25.8- 39.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

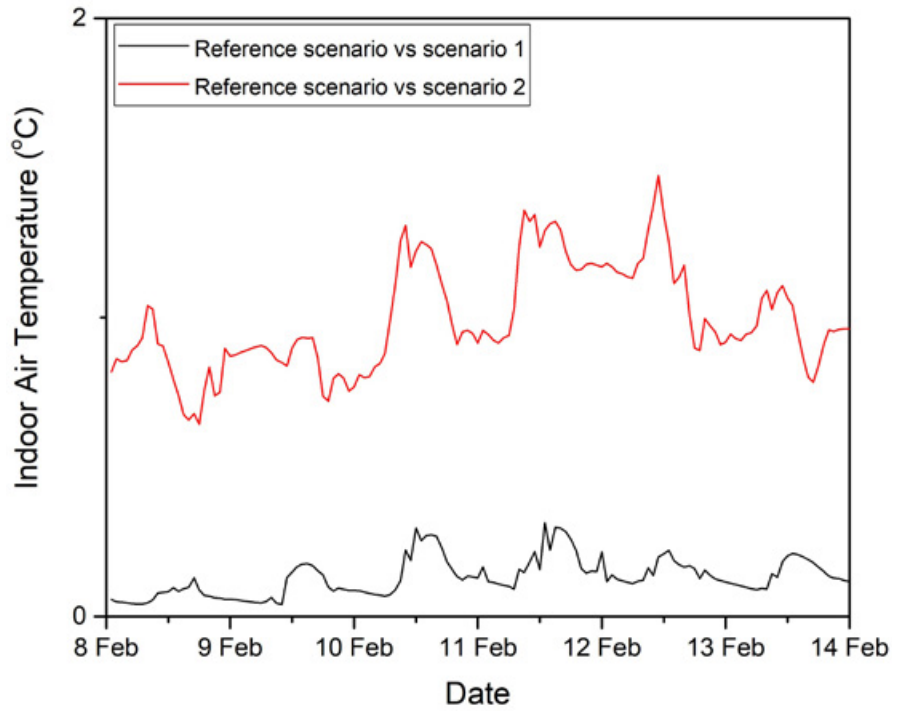


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.3 °C and 0.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 1.5 °C and 1.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

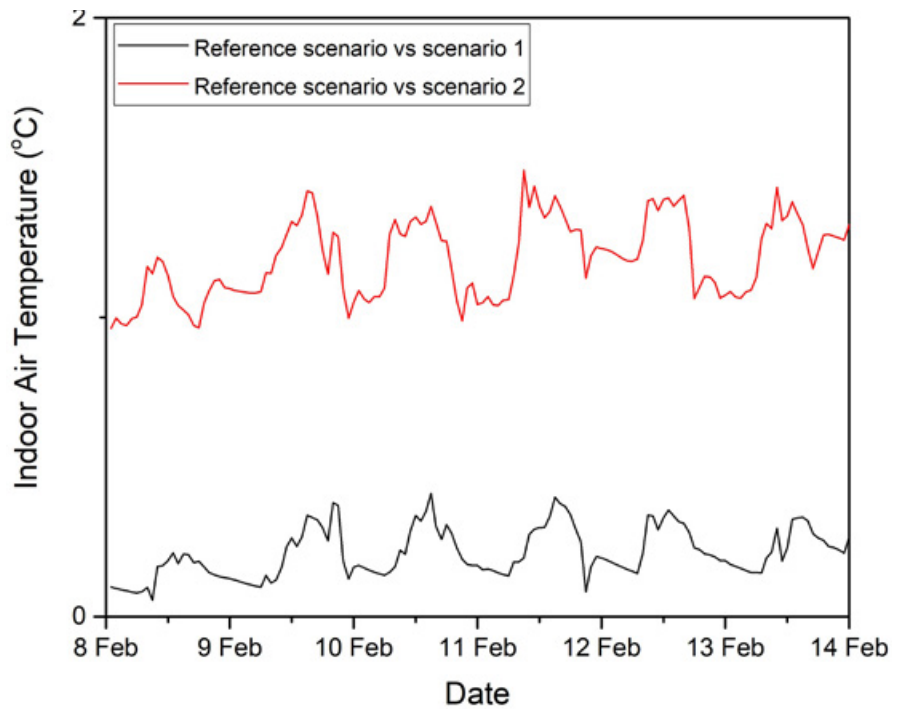


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new high-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.



## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range 14.6-22.1 °C in reference scenario to a range 14.6-22.0 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

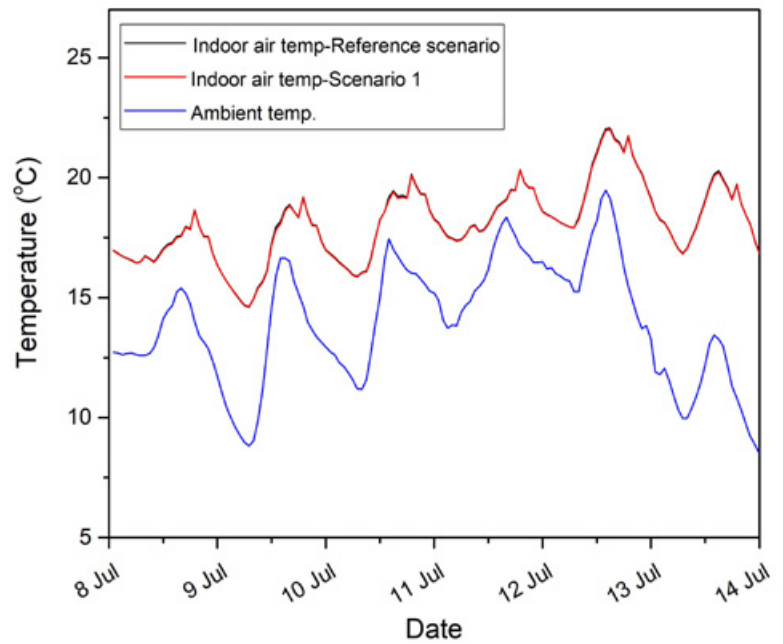


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise apartment building under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 10.9-21.3 °C in reference scenario to a range 10.9-21.2 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

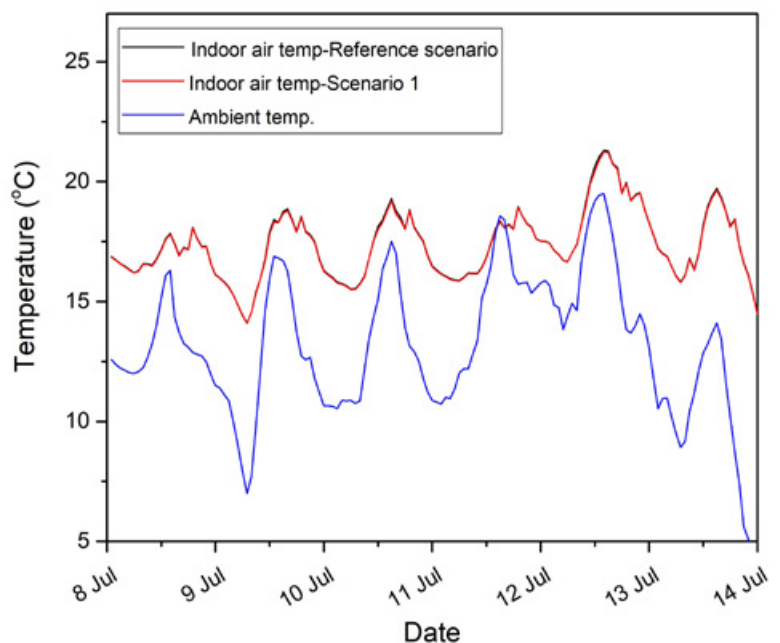


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise apartment building under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.1 °C and 0.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

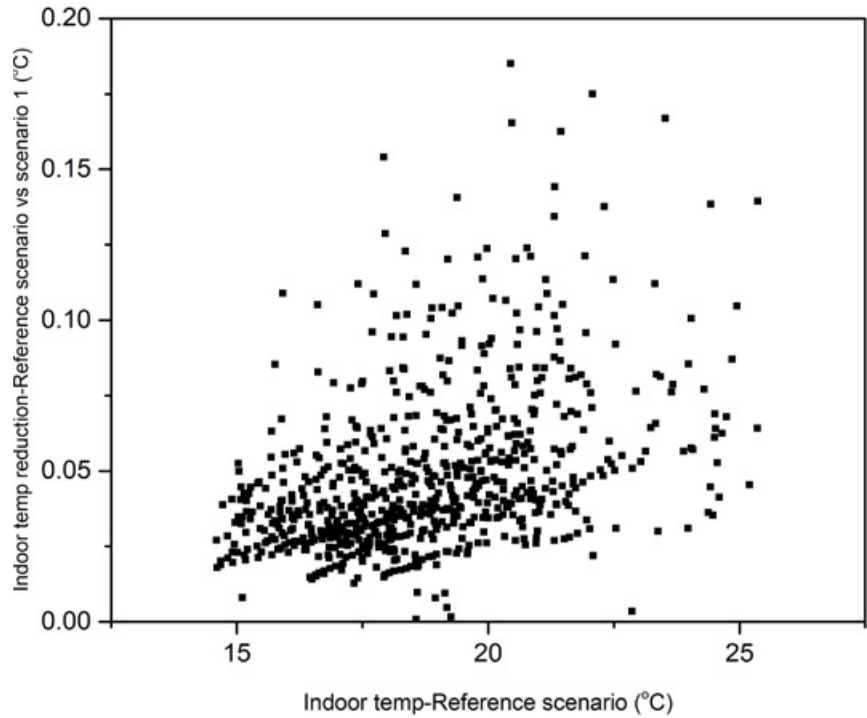


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

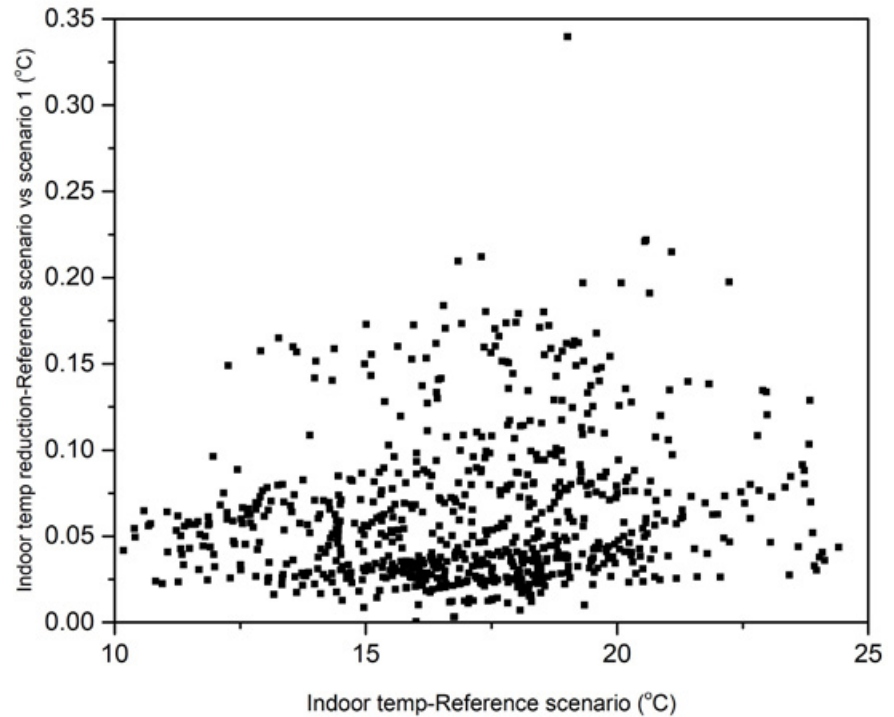


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise apartment building under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 429 hours in reference scenario to 436 hours, and from 566 to 576 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| Observatory | 429                | 436   |
| Richmond    | 566                | 576   |

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to significantly decreased from 480 hours in reference scenario to 464 and 377 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 568 hours in reference scenario to 556 and 464 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Observatory | 480                | 464   | 377  |
| Richmond    | 568                | 556   | 464  |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of a new high-rise apartment building during the summer season. Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new high-rise apartment from 13.5-19.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 12.9-18.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 0.5-0.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 3.1-4.4 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 5.2-7.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 31.3-48.3 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.2-0.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is lower than the annual cooling load reduction (0.5-1.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 2.4-7.0 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 0.3 and 1.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~0.7-3.3 %) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 25.6-35.9 °C and 25.8-39.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.3 and 0.4 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 1.5 and 1.5 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to slightly decrease from a range between 14.6 and 22.1 °C in reference scenario to a range between 14.6 and 22.0 °C in reference

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with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8). Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to slightly reduce from a range between 10.9 and 21.3 °C in reference scenario to a range between 10.9 and 21.2 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.1 and 0.1 °C for Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 429 hours in reference scenario to 436 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station.. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slightly increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 566 hours in reference scenario to 576 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 480 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which significantly decreases to 464 and 377 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 568 hours in reference scenario to 556 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 464 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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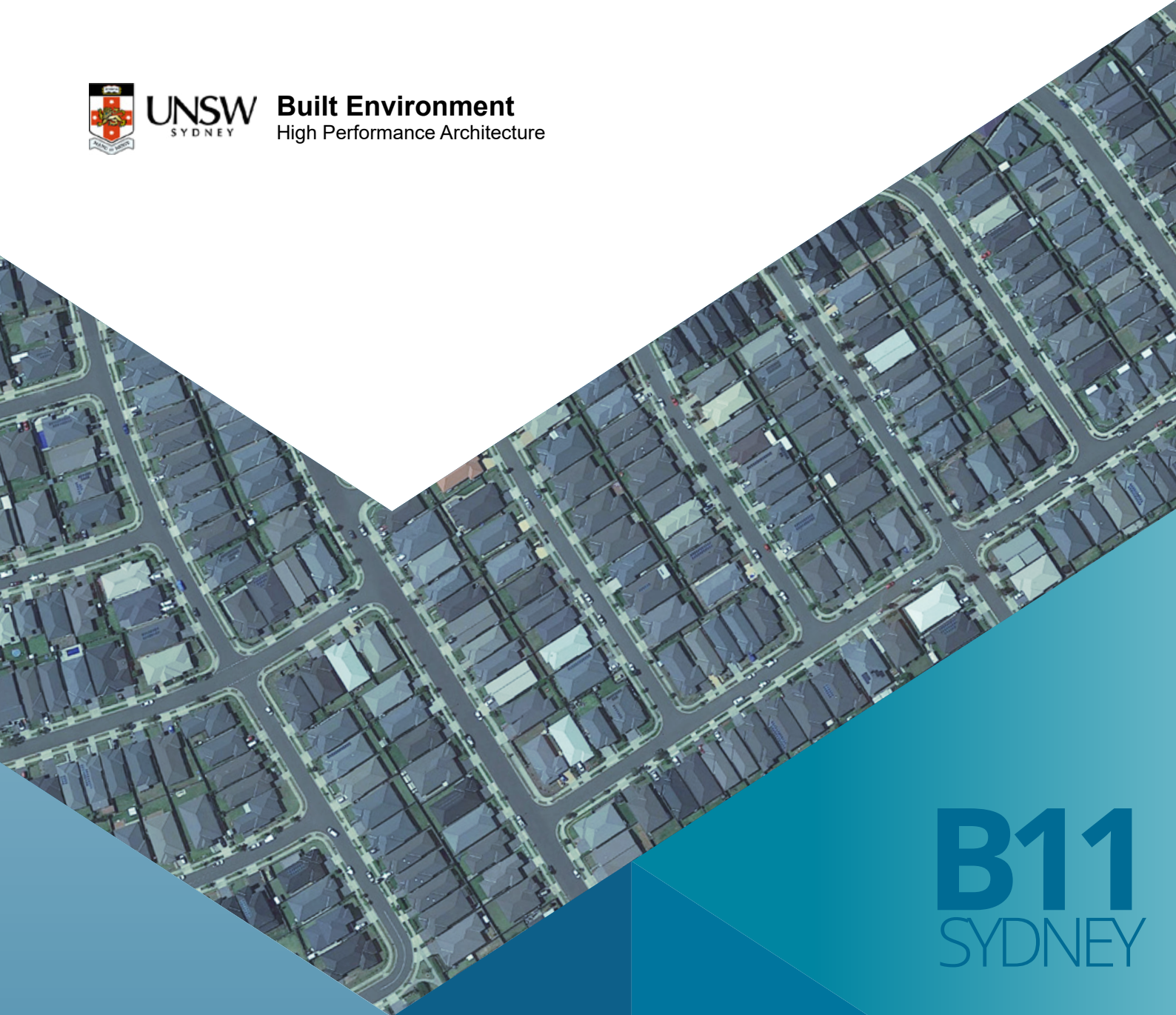
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# BUILDING 11

## EXISTING STANDALONE HOUSE

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Floor area : 242m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 1

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Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for an existing stand-alone house for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 9.4                                    | 15.3                                | 4.5   | 8.6                                 | 3.1  | 4.6                                 |
| Terry Hill     | 10.7                                   | 15.3                                | 5.2   | 8.3                                 | 4.5  | 6.1                                 |
| Bankstown      | 11.5                                   | 16.6                                | 6.2   | 10.1                                | 4.9  | 6.2                                 |
| Canterbury     | 9.8                                    | 15.4                                | 4.9   | 8.8                                 | 3.7  | 5.4                                 |
| Observatory    | 9.2                                    | 14.9                                | 4.4   | 8.2                                 | 3.4  | 5.3                                 |
| Richmond       | 15.1                                   | 19.3                                | 8.6   | 11.7                                | 7.6  | 8.9                                 |
| Penrith        | 13.1                                   | 17.0                                | 7.4   | 10.4                                | 6.5  | 7.7                                 |
| Horsley Park   | 12.6                                   | 16.7                                | 7.0   | 10.0                                | 6.0  | 7.5                                 |
| Camden         | 13.3                                   | 16.8                                | 7.7   | 10.3                                | 6.6  | 7.5                                 |
| Olympic Park   | 11.1                                   | 16.5                                | 6.0   | 9.9                                 | 4.9  | 6.8                                 |
| Campbelltown   | 12.2                                   | 16.3                                | 6.7   | 9.7                                 | 5.7  | 6.8                                 |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of an existing standalone house from 15.3-19.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 8.2-11.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for an existing stand-alone house for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |      |                    |      | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------|------|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |      | Total cooling      |      | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 4.9  | 52.1 | 6.7                | 43.8 | 6.3   | 67.0 | 10.7               | 69.9 |
| Terry Hill     | 5.5  | 51.4 | 7.0                | 45.8 | 6.2   | 57.9 | 9.2                | 60.1 |
| Bankstown      | 5.3  | 46.1 | 6.5                | 39.2 | 6.6   | 57.4 | 10.4               | 62.7 |
| Canterbury     | 4.9  | 50.0 | 6.6                | 42.9 | 6.1   | 62.2 | 10.0               | 64.9 |
| Observatory    | 4.8  | 52.2 | 6.7                | 45.0 | 5.8   | 63.0 | 9.6                | 64.4 |
| Richmond       | 6.5  | 43.0 | 7.6                | 39.4 | 7.5   | 49.7 | 10.4               | 53.9 |
| Penrith        | 5.7  | 43.5 | 6.6                | 38.8 | 6.6   | 50.4 | 9.3                | 54.7 |
| Horsley Park   | 5.6  | 44.4 | 6.7                | 40.1 | 6.6   | 52.4 | 9.2                | 55.1 |
| Camden         | 5.6  | 42.1 | 6.5                | 38.7 | 6.7   | 50.4 | 9.3                | 55.4 |
| Olympic Park   | 5.1  | 45.9 | 6.6                | 40.0 | 6.2   | 55.9 | 9.7                | 58.8 |
| Campbelltown   | 5.5  | 45.1 | 6.6                | 40.5 | 6.5   | 53.3 | 9.5                | 58.3 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 6.5-7.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 38.7-45.8 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 9.2-10.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 53.9-69.9 % total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, both building-scale and the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the existing standalone house during the summer season.*

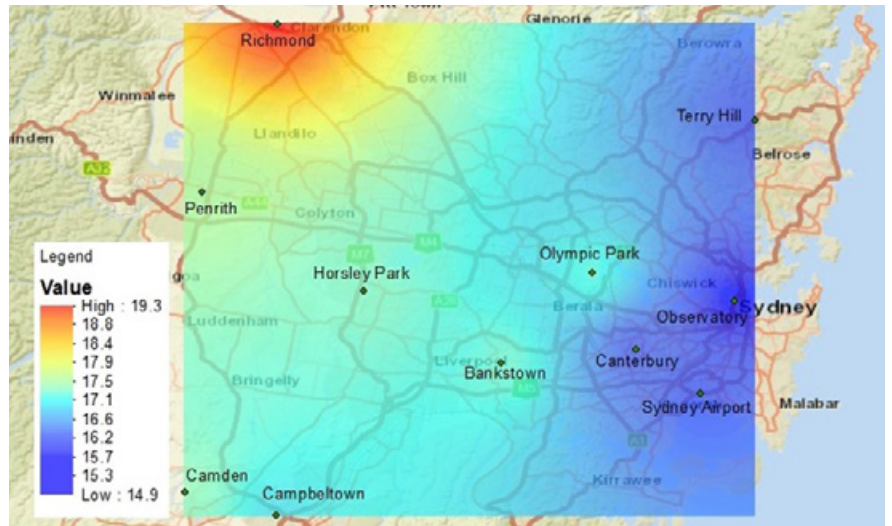


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a typical existing stand-alone house with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.*

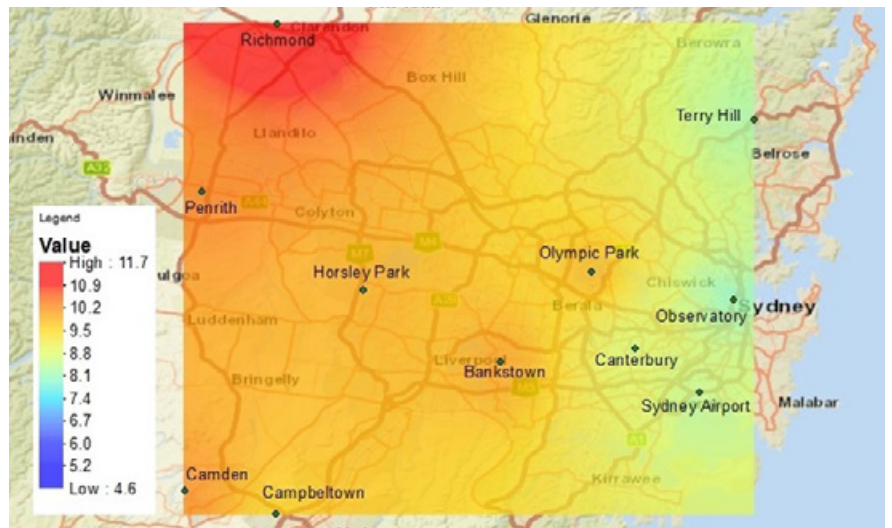


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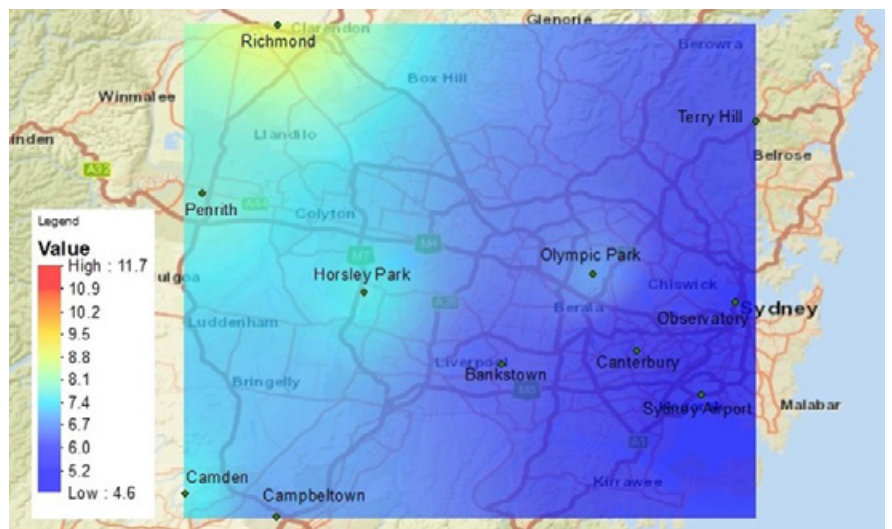


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a typical existing stand-alone house with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for an existing stand-alone house for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 16.6                                      | 23.6  | 13.8  | 16.4  | 8.6                                       | 13.4  | 16.4                                      | 19.2  |
| Terry Hill     | 15.6                                      | 22.4  | 19.5  | 23.2  | 6.2                                       | 9.9   | 24.0                                      | 28.1  |
| Bankstown      | 20.6                                      | 27.8  | 19.2  | 22.9  | 10.4                                      | 15.5  | 23.1                                      | 27.0  |
| Canterbury     | 18.1                                      | 24.9  | 18.6  | 22.2  | 8.1                                       | 12.4  | 22.7                                      | 26.7  |
| Observatory    | 17.7                                      | 23.8  | 15.3  | 17.9  | 7.9                                       | 11.9  | 18.6                                      | 21.6  |
| Richmond       | 23.4                                      | 31.6  | 20.8  | 25.0  | 12.3                                      | 18.2  | 25.0                                      | 29.4  |
| Penrith        | 27.1                                      | 36.1  | 18.9  | 22.7  | 13.5                                      | 20.0  | 22.6                                      | 26.7  |
| Horsley Park   | 22.0                                      | 28.1  | 20.9  | 24.8  | 10.3                                      | 14.3  | 25.0                                      | 29.2  |
| Camden         | 20.2                                      | 25.3  | 23.2  | 27.8  | 9.9                                       | 13.2  | 28.1                                      | 33.0  |
| Olympic Park   | 22.1                                      | 31.4  | 18.0  | 21.6  | 10.2                                      | 16.6  | 21.4                                      | 25.2  |
| Campbelltown   | 19.8                                      | 24.3  | 23.5  | 28.1  | 9.1                                       | 11.9  | 28.0                                      | 33.0  |

The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (2.8-4.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (10.2-16.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing stand-alone house using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |      |                    |      | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |      |                    |      |
|----------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|--|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible                   |      | Total              |      | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |      | Total              |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 8.0                        | 48.2 | 10.2               | 43.2 | 2.6                         | 2.8   | 5.4  | 17.8 | 7.4                | 18.5 |
| Terry Hill     | 9.4                        | 60.3 | 12.5               | 55.8 | 4.5                         | 4.9   | 4.9  | 14.0 | 7.6                | 16.7 |
| Bankstown      | 10.2                       | 49.5 | 12.3               | 44.2 | 3.9                         | 4.1   | 6.3  | 15.8 | 8.2                | 16.2 |
| Canterbury     | 10.0                       | 55.2 | 12.5               | 50.2 | 4.1                         | 4.5   | 5.9  | 16.1 | 8.0                | 17.0 |
| Observatory    | 9.8                        | 55.4 | 11.9               | 50.0 | 3.3                         | 3.7   | 6.5  | 19.7 | 8.2                | 19.7 |
| Richmond       | 11.1                       | 47.4 | 13.4               | 42.4 | 4.2                         | 4.4   | 6.9  | 15.6 | 9.0                | 15.9 |
| Penrith        | 13.6                       | 50.2 | 16.1               | 44.6 | 3.7                         | 4.0   | 9.9  | 21.5 | 12.1               | 20.6 |
| Horsley Park   | 11.7                       | 53.2 | 13.8               | 49.1 | 4.1                         | 4.4   | 7.6  | 17.7 | 9.4                | 17.8 |
| Camden         | 10.3                       | 51.0 | 12.1               | 47.8 | 4.9                         | 5.2   | 5.4  | 12.4 | 6.9                | 13.0 |
| Olympic Park   | 11.9                       | 53.8 | 14.8               | 47.1 | 3.4                         | 3.6   | 8.5  | 21.2 | 11.2               | 21.1 |
| Campbelltown   | 10.7                       | 54.0 | 12.4               | 51.0 | 4.5                         | 4.9   | 6.2  | 14.3 | 7.5                | 14.3 |

The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 42.4-55.8 %.

The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 6.9 and 12.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~13.0-21.1 %).

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

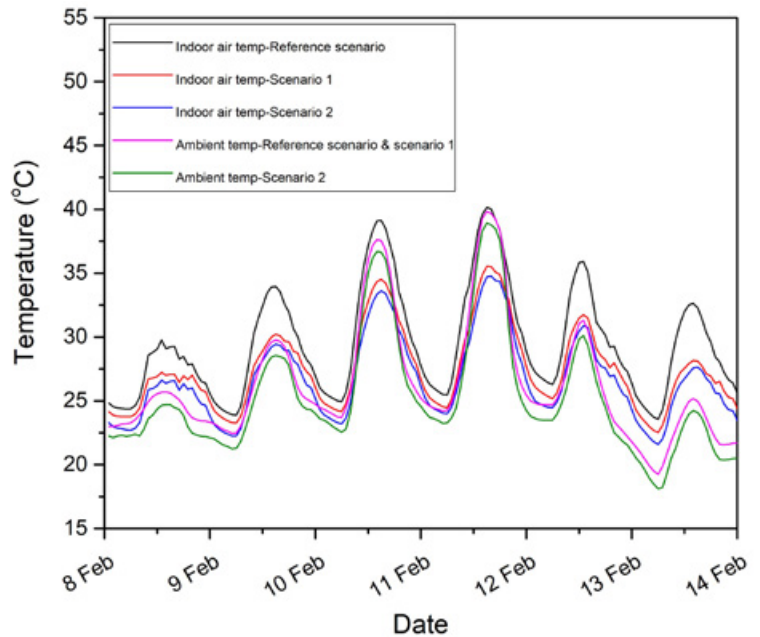


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing stand-alone house under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

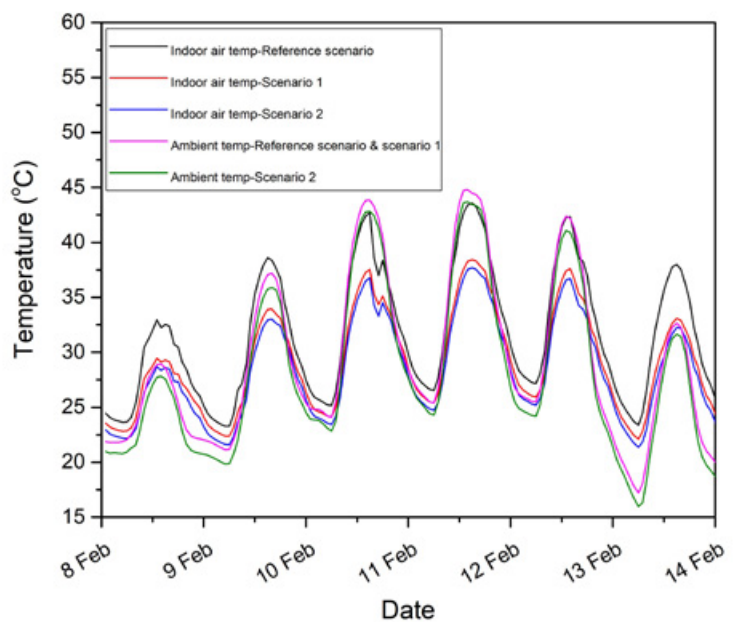


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing stand-alone house under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 23.6-40.2 °C and 23.3- 43.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

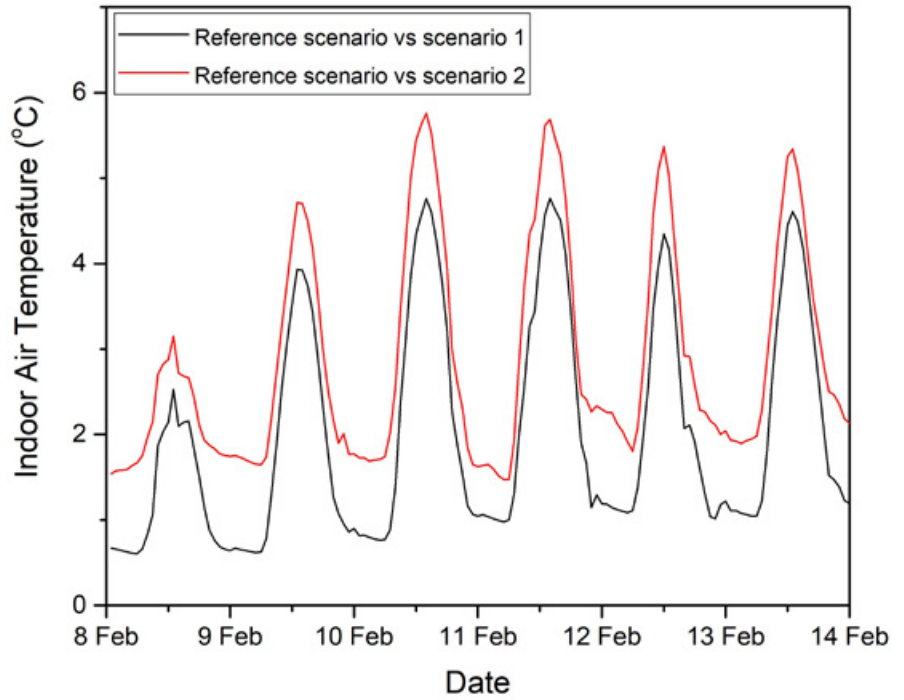


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a existing stand-alone house under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 4.8 °C and 5.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 5.8 °C and 6.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

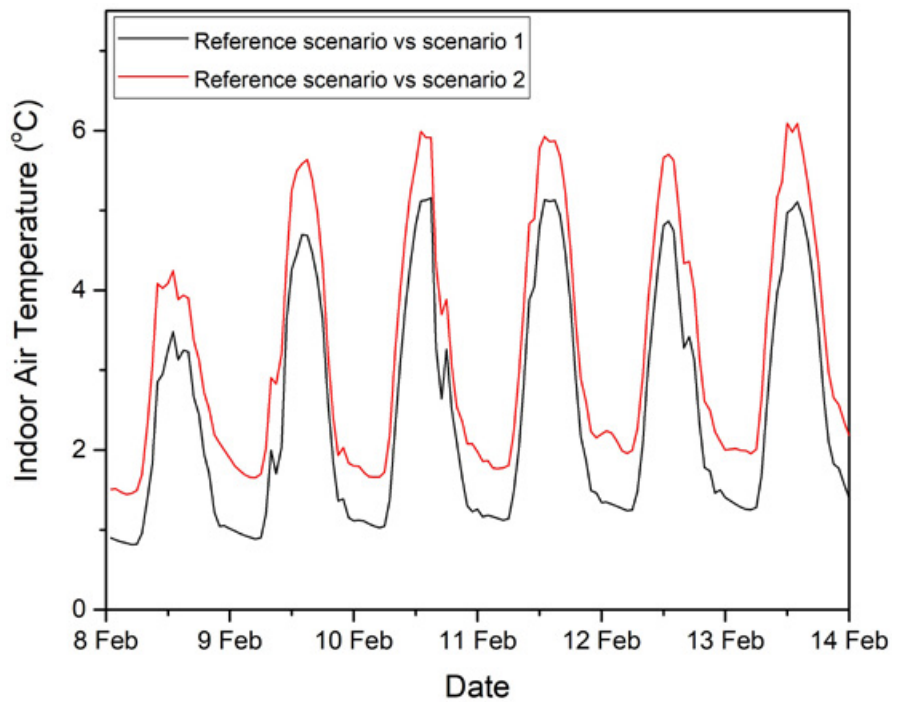


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a existing stand-alone house under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease from a range 11.3-23.7 °C in reference scenario to a range 11.1-22.1 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

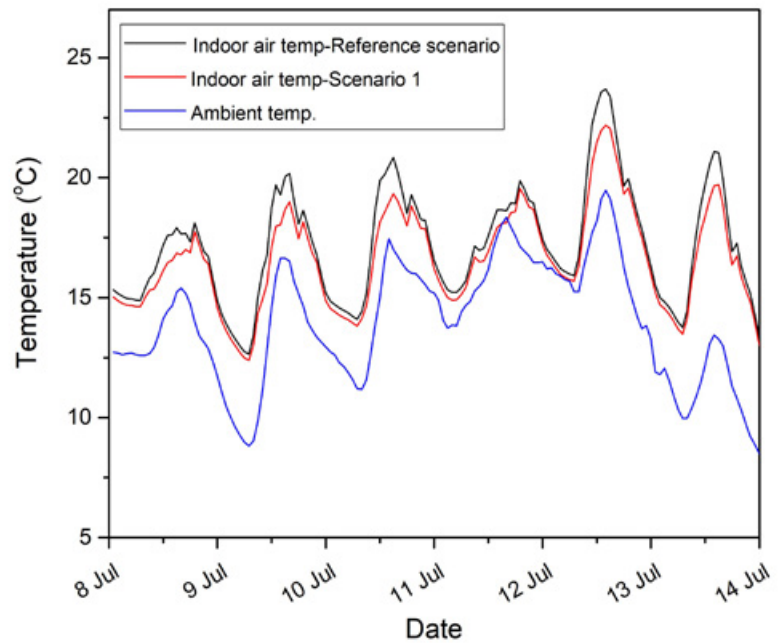


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a typical existing stand-alone house under free-floating condition during a winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 7.4-23.2 °C in reference scenario to a range 7.1-21.9 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

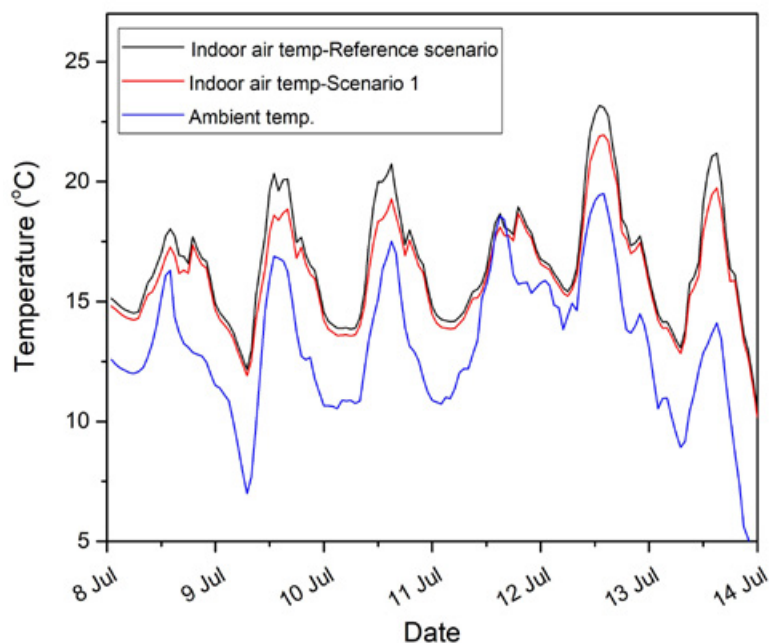


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a typical existing stand-alone house under free-floating condition during a winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 1.9 °C and 1.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

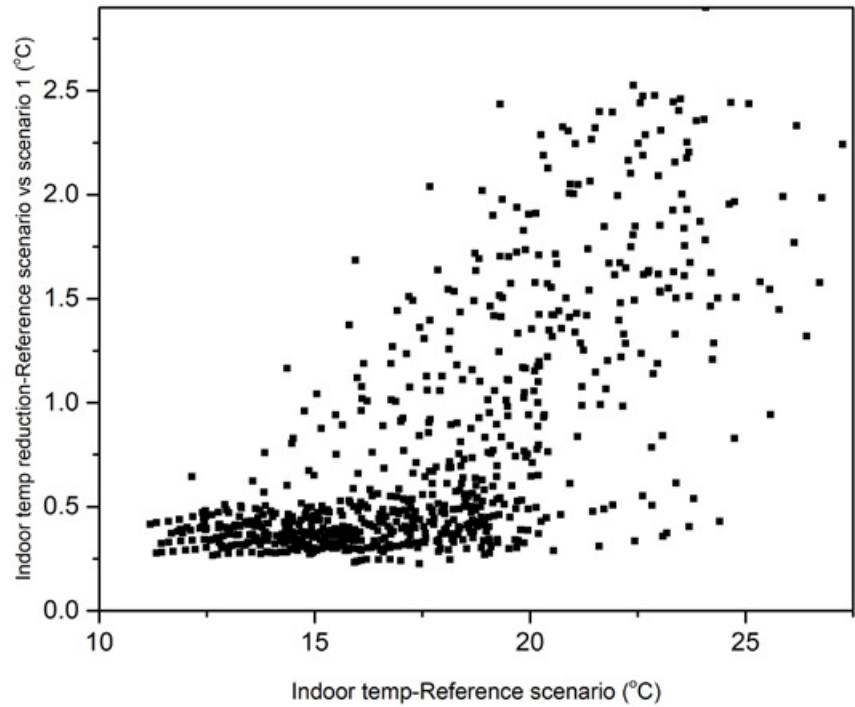


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a existing stand-alone house under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Observatory station using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

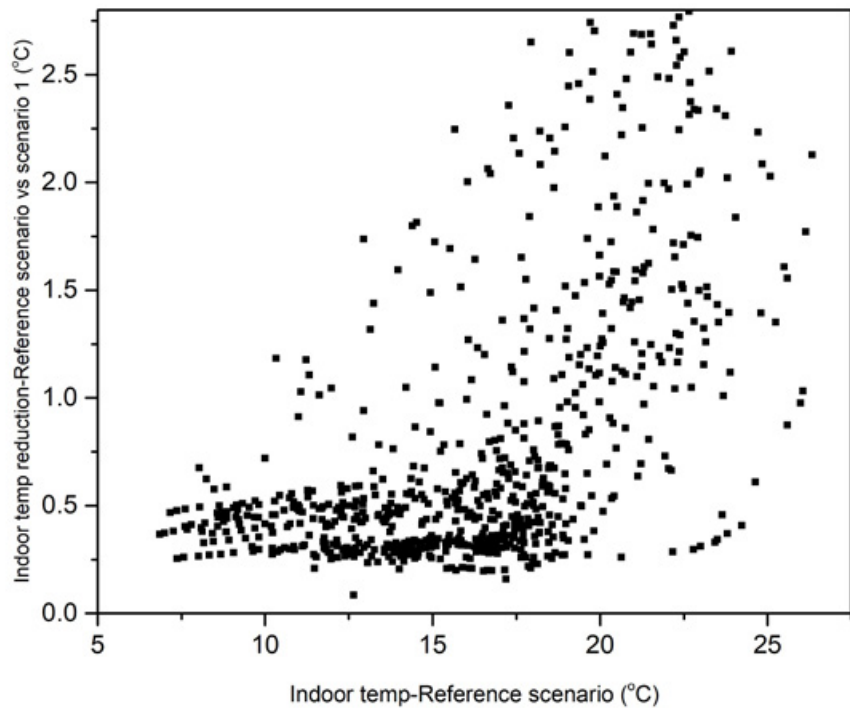


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a existing stand-alone house under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Richmond station using annual measured weather data.



## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to considerably increase from 504 hours in reference scenario to 578 hours; and from 563 to 621 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| Observatory | 504                | 578   |
| Richmond    | 563                | 621   |

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to significantly decrease from 397 hours in reference scenario to 273 and 213 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 431 hours in reference scenario to 342 and 287 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Observatory | 397                | 273   | 213  |
| Richmond    | 431                | 342   | 287  |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of an existing standalone house during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new high-rise apartment from 15.3-19.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 8.2-11.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 6.5-7.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 38.7-45.8 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 9.2-10.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 53.9-69.9 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (2.8-4.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is lower than the annual cooling load reduction (10.2-16.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 42.4-55.8 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 6.9 and 12.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~13.0-21.1%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 23.6-40.2 °C and 23.3-43.6 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 4.8 and 5.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 5.8 and 6.1 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease from a range between 11.3 and 23.7 °C in reference scenario to a range between 11.1 and 22.1 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to slightly reduce from a range between 7.4 and 23.2 °C in reference scenario to a range between 7.1 and 21.9 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 1.9 and 1.9 °C for Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to considerably increase from 504 hours in reference scenario to 578 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slightly increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 563 hours in reference scenario to 621 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 397 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which significantly decreases to 276 and 213 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 431 hours in reference scenario to 342 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 287 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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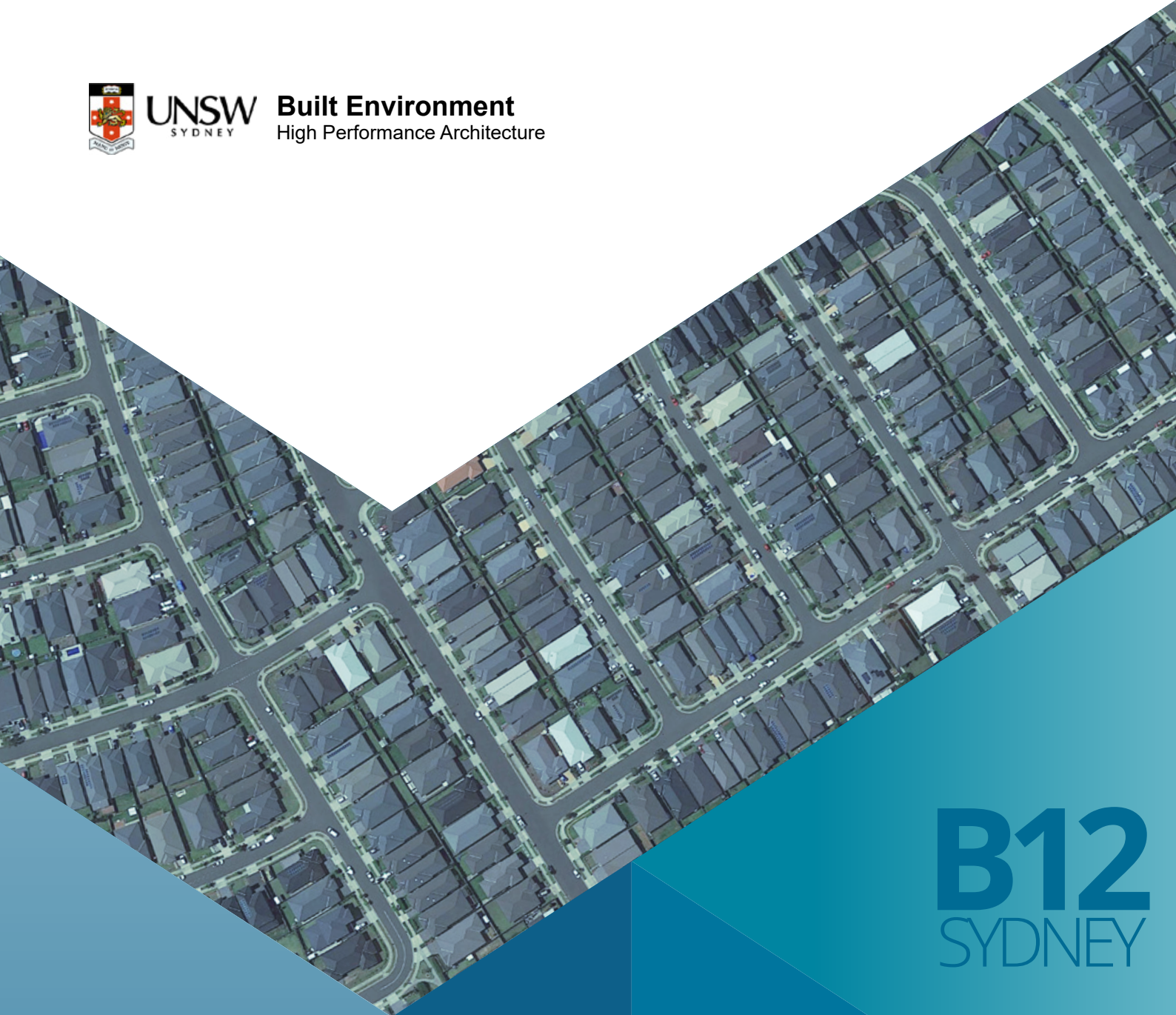
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Existing school  
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## BUILDING 12

### EXISTING SCHOOL

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Floor area : 1100m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 3

Image source: Pavia National High School,  
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Note: building characteristics change with climate  
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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for an existing school for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of an existing school from 26.8-33.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 25.5-32.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 14.7                                   | 28.1                                | 14.2  | 26.8                                | 13.0   | 15.9                                |
| Terry Hill     | 17.9                                   | 26.8                                | 17.2  | 25.5                                | 17.0   | 20.1                                |
| Bankstown      | 19.4                                   | 29.9                                | 18.8  | 28.7                                | 18.2   | 20.1                                |
| Canterbury     | 16.0                                   | 28.0                                | 15.5  | 26.8                                | 14.7   | 17.9                                |
| Observatory    | 14.5                                   | 27.4                                | 14.0  | 26.1                                | 13.7   | 17.8                                |
| Richmond       | 26.4                                   | 33.5                                | 25.4  | 32.1                                | 24.9   | 26.9                                |
| Penrith        | 24.0                                   | 31.0                                | 23.2  | 29.7                                | 22.7   | 24.5                                |
| Horsley Park   | 22.6                                   | 30.1                                | 21.8  | 28.8                                | 21.0   | 23.0                                |
| Camden         | 25.1                                   | 31.0                                | 24.3  | 29.8                                | 23.2   | 24.3                                |
| Olympic Park   | 18.6                                   | 29.7                                | 17.9  | 28.4                                | 17.9   | 21.3                                |
| Campbelltown   | 22.1                                   | 29.6                                | 21.3  | 28.4                                | 20.6   | 22.2                                |

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for an existing school for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 1.2-1.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 3.9-4.9 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 6.5-12.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 19.7-43.4 % total cooling load reduction.*

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 0.5  | 3.4 | 1.3                | 4.6 | 1.7   | 11.6 | 12.2               | 43.4 |
| Terry Hill     | 0.7  | 3.9 | 1.3                | 4.9 | 0.9   | 5.0  | 6.7                | 25.0 |
| Bankstown      | 0.6  | 3.1 | 1.2                | 4.0 | 1.2   | 6.2  | 9.8                | 32.8 |
| Canterbury     | 0.5  | 3.1 | 1.2                | 4.3 | 1.3   | 8.1  | 10.1               | 36.1 |
| Observatory    | 0.5  | 3.4 | 1.3                | 4.7 | 0.8   | 5.5  | 9.6                | 35.0 |
| Richmond       | 1.0  | 3.8 | 1.4                | 4.2 | 1.5   | 5.7  | 6.6                | 19.7 |
| Penrith        | 0.8  | 3.3 | 1.3                | 4.2 | 1.3   | 5.4  | 6.5                | 21.0 |
| Horsley Park   | 0.8  | 3.5 | 1.3                | 4.3 | 1.6   | 7.1  | 7.1                | 23.6 |
| Camden         | 0.8  | 3.2 | 1.2                | 3.9 | 1.9   | 7.6  | 6.7                | 21.6 |
| Olympic Park   | 0.7  | 3.8 | 1.3                | 4.4 | 0.7   | 3.8  | 8.4                | 28.3 |
| Campbelltown   | 0.8  | 3.6 | 1.2                | 4.1 | 1.5   | 6.8  | 7.4                | 25.0 |



*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, both building-scale and the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of an existing school during the summer season.*

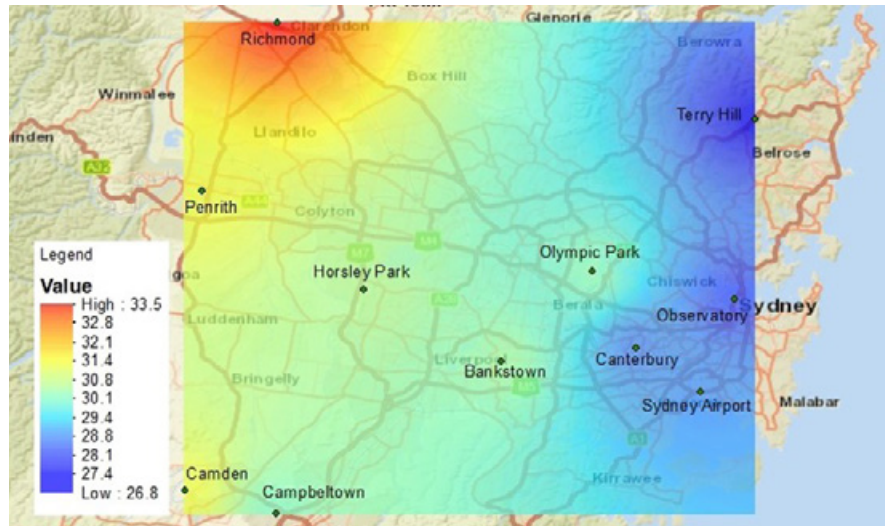


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing school with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.*

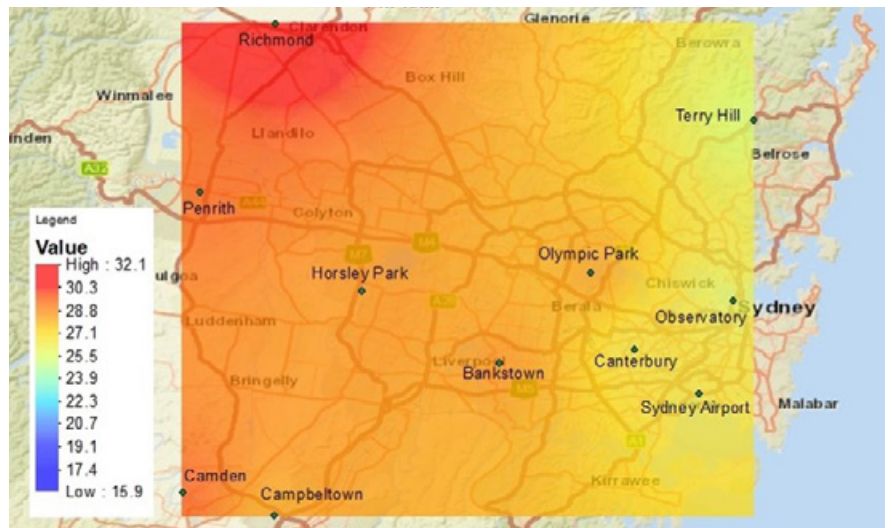


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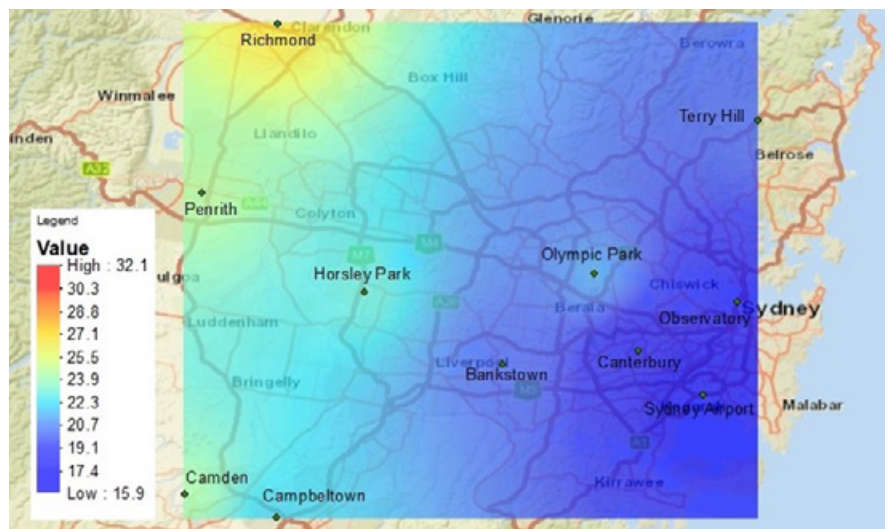


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing school with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for an existing school for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.1-0.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.9-3.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|--|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )    |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                     | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 37.7                                      | 53.2  | 1.6                                       | 9.0   | 36.5   | 51.3  | 1.7                                       | 9.1   |
| Terry Hill     | 27.0                                      | 44.1  | 2.6                                       | 15.2  | 25.7   | 41.6  | 2.7                                       | 15.5  |
| Bankstown      | 42.9                                      | 57.5  | 3.0                                       | 15.7  | 41.4   | 55.2  | 3.1                                       | 16.0  |
| Canterbury     | 35.0                                      | 48.4  | 2.9                                       | 18.1  | 33.3   | 45.6  | 2.9                                       | 18.4  |
| Observatory    | 38.0                                      | 49.0  | 1.7                                       | 10.1  | 36.6   | 46.7  | 1.8                                       | 10.3  |
| Richmond       | 46.5                                      | 64.8  | 3.8                                       | 20.2  | 44.8   | 62.0  | 3.9                                       | 20.5  |
| Penrith        | 48.2                                      | 67.9  | 3.0                                       | 16.6  | 46.2   | 64.6  | 3.0                                       | 17.0  |
| Horsley Park   | 42.7                                      | 54.6  | 3.2                                       | 16.8  | 40.9   | 51.7  | 3.3                                       | 17.2  |
| Camden         | 42.2                                      | 51.5  | 4.3                                       | 23.0  | 40.4   | 49.1  | 4.4                                       | 23.4  |
| Olympic Park   | 40.2                                      | 61.2  | 2.8                                       | 14.2  | 38.4   | 58.1  | 2.8                                       | 14.5  |
| Campbelltown   | 41.4                                      | 49.2  | 4.1                                       | 20.9  | 39.6   | 46.7  | 4.2                                       | 21.4  |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing school using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 3.6-5.8 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.8 and 2.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~2.7-3.8 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 1.2                        | 3.2 | 1.9                | 3.6 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 1.1  | 2.8 | 1.8                | 2.9 |
| Terry Hill     | 1.3                        | 4.8 | 2.5                | 5.7 | 0.1                         | 0.3   | 1.2  | 4.1 | 2.2                | 3.7 |
| Bankstown      | 1.5                        | 3.5 | 2.3                | 4.0 | 0.1                         | 0.3   | 1.4  | 3.1 | 2.0                | 2.7 |
| Canterbury     | 1.7                        | 4.9 | 2.8                | 5.8 | 0.0                         | 0.3   | 1.7  | 4.5 | 2.5                | 3.8 |
| Observatory    | 1.4                        | 3.7 | 2.3                | 4.7 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 1.3  | 3.3 | 2.1                | 3.6 |
| Richmond       | 1.7                        | 3.7 | 2.8                | 4.3 | 0.1                         | 0.3   | 1.6  | 3.2 | 2.5                | 2.9 |
| Penrith        | 2.0                        | 4.1 | 3.3                | 4.9 | 0.0                         | 0.4   | 2.0  | 3.9 | 2.9                | 3.4 |
| Horsley Park   | 1.8                        | 4.2 | 2.9                | 5.3 | 0.1                         | 0.4   | 1.7  | 3.7 | 2.5                | 3.5 |
| Camden         | 1.8                        | 4.3 | 2.4                | 4.7 | 0.1                         | 0.4   | 1.7  | 3.7 | 2.0                | 2.7 |
| Olympic Park   | 1.8                        | 4.5 | 3.1                | 5.1 | 0.0                         | 0.3   | 1.8  | 4.2 | 2.8                | 3.7 |
| Campbelltown   | 1.8                        | 4.3 | 2.5                | 5.1 | 0.1                         | 0.5   | 1.7  | 3.7 | 2.0                | 2.9 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

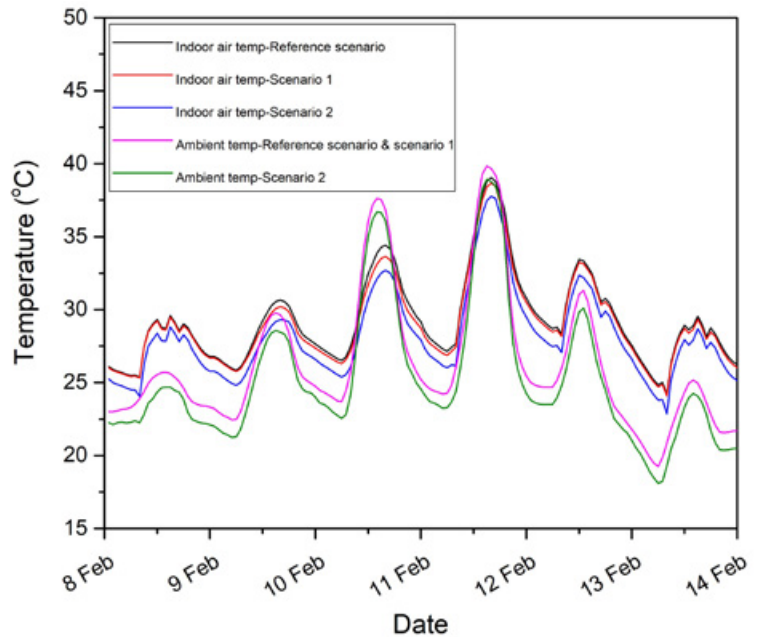


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing school under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

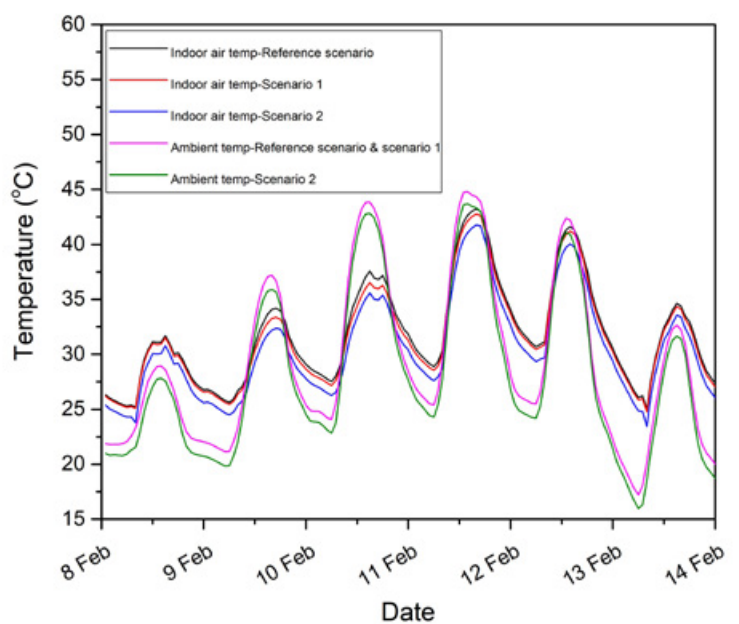


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing school under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 24.2-39.1 °C and 24.6-43.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

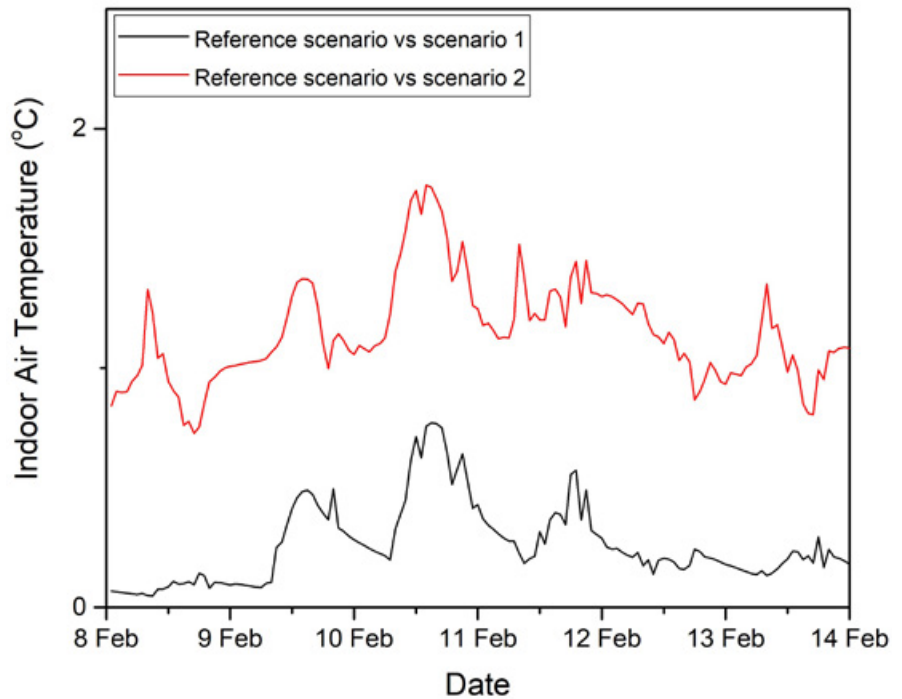


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing school under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.8 °C and 1.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 1.8 °C and 2.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

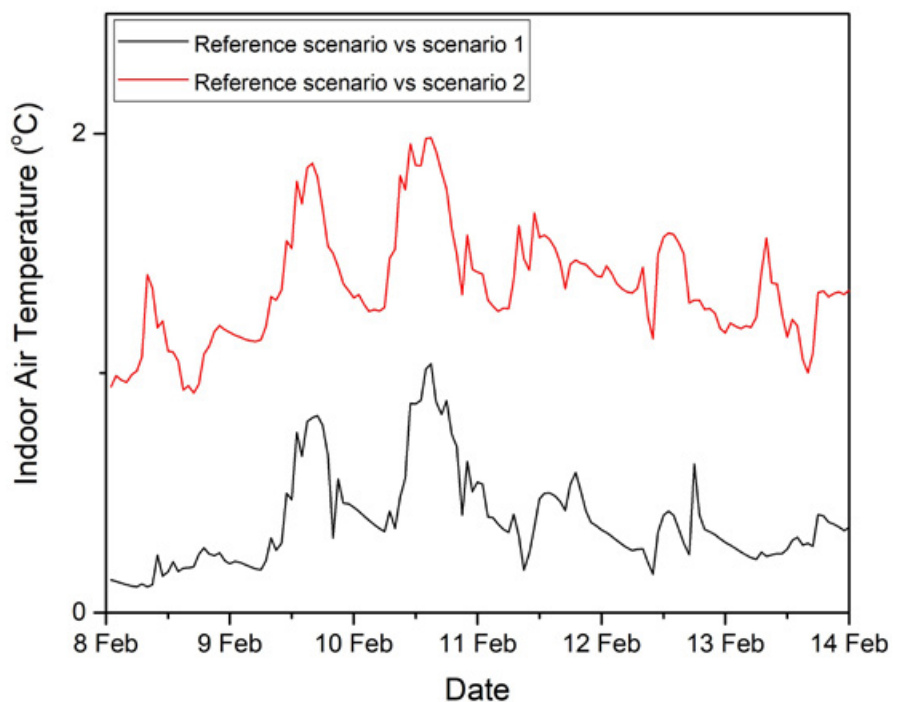


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing school under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease from a range 12.5-24.9 °C in reference scenario to a range 12.5-24.8 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

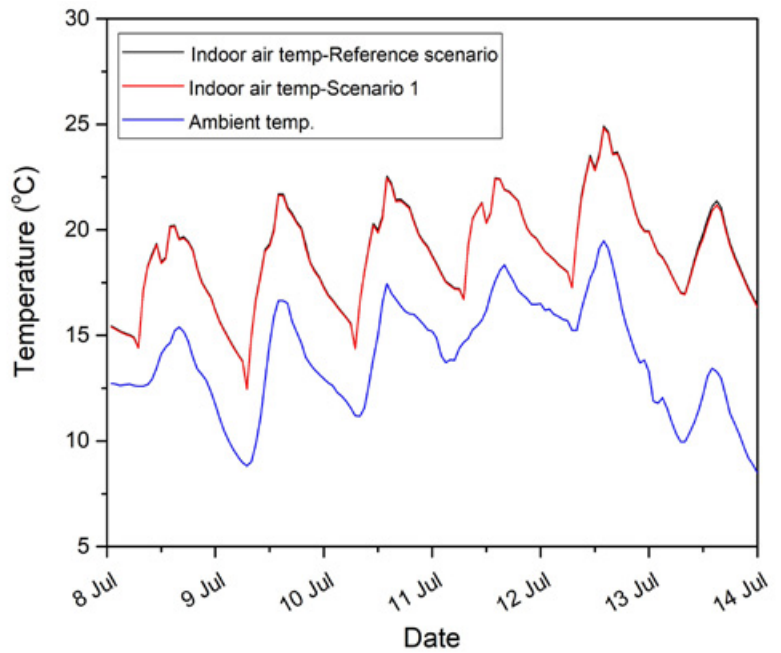


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing school under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 10.0-24.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 9.9-24.7 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

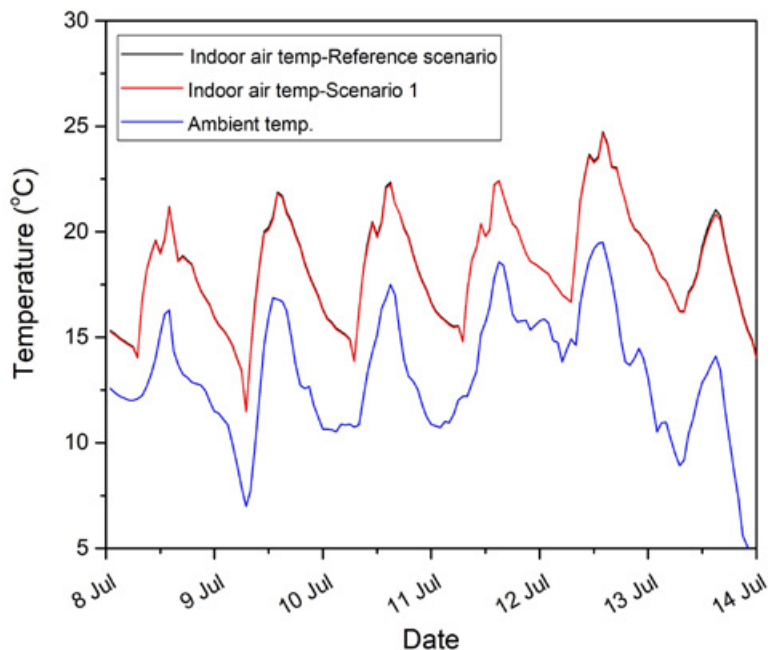


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing school under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.2 °C and 0.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

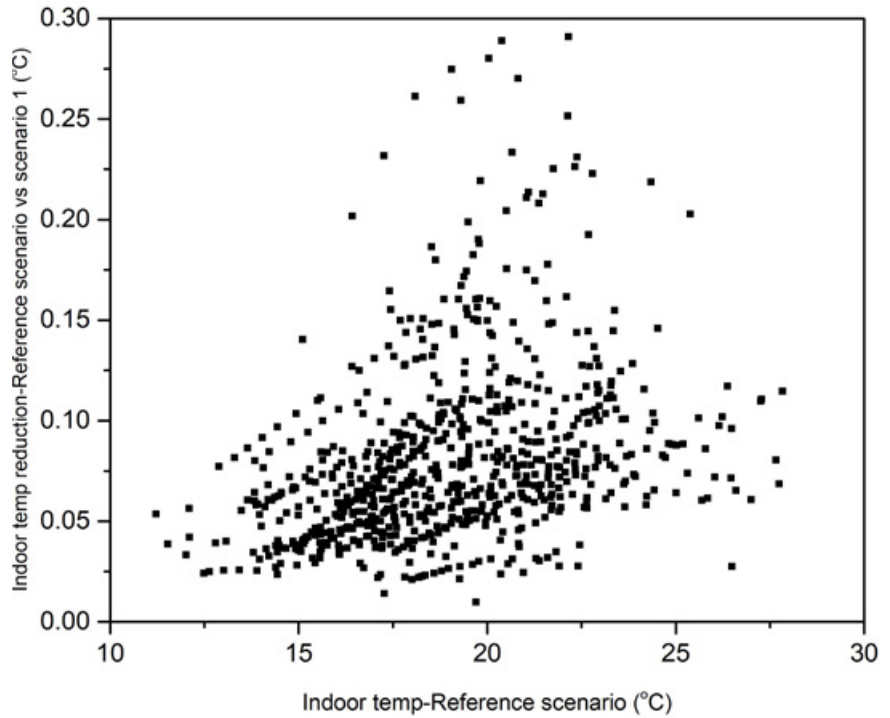


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing school under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Observatory station using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

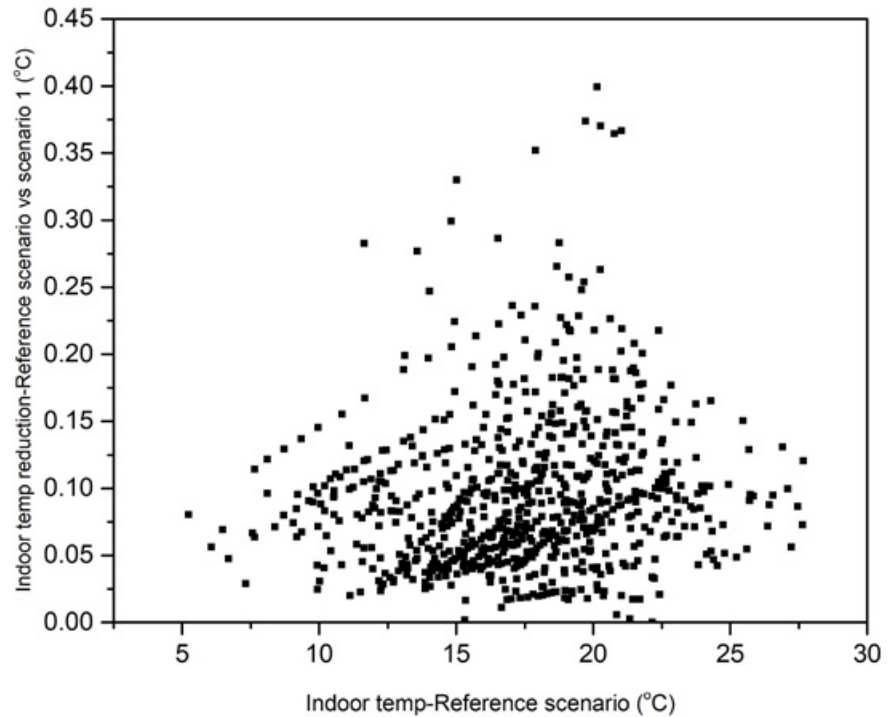


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing school under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Richmond station using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 383 hours in reference scenario to 389 hours; and from 481 to 495 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during is expected to slightly increase from 84 hours in reference scenario to 86 hours; and from 106 to 111 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|---|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                              | Total |
| Observatory | 84                 | 383   | 86  | 389   |
| Richmond    | 106                | 481   | 111   | 495   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decrease from 486 hours in reference scenario to 471 and 368 hours under scenario 1 and 2, in Observatory station; and from 533 hours in reference scenario to 508 and 446 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Observatory | 486                | 471   | 368  |
| Richmond    | 533                | 508   | 446  |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of the typical existing school during the summer season. Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the existing school from 26.8-33.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 25.5-32.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 1.2-1.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 3.9-4.9 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 6.5-12.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 19.7-43.4 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.1-0.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.9-3.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 3.6-5.8 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.8 and 2.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~2.7-3.8 %) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 24.2-39.1 °C and 24.6-43.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 0.8 and 1.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 1.8 and 2.0 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 12.5 and 24.9 °C in reference scenario to a range between 12.5 and 24.8 °C in reference



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with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8). Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 10.0 and 24.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 9.9 and 24.7 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.2 °C and 0.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 383 hours in reference scenario to 389 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 481 hours in reference scenario to 495 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building.

operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 84 hours in reference scenario to 86 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 106 hours to 111 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 486 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 471 and 368 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 533 hours in reference scenario to 508 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 446 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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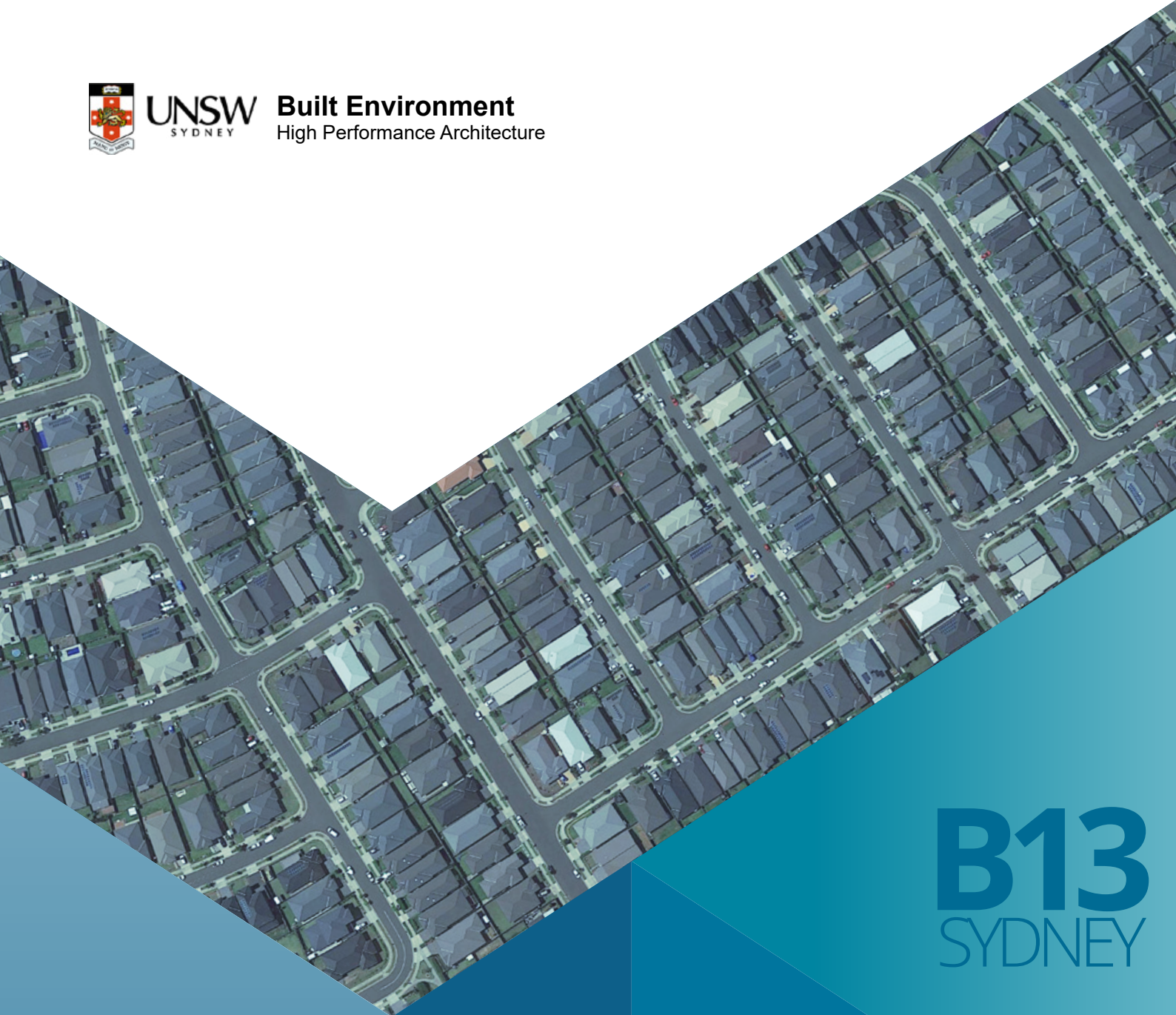
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## **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Existing low-rise office building with roof insulation  
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## BUILDING 13

### EXISTING LOW-RISE OFFICE BUILDING WITH ROOF INSULATION

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Floor area : 1200m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 2

Image source: Ecipark Office Building. <https://jhmrad.com/21-delightful-two-story-building/ecipark-office-building-two-story/>

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the existing low-rise office building with roof insulation from 21.6-28.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 16.5-21.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 15.5                                   | 22.2                                | 10.7  | 16.9                                | 7.6  | 10.1                                |
| Terry Hill     | 17.6                                   | 22.9                                | 12.2  | 16.9                                | 10.6   | 13.5                                |
| Bankstown      | 19.4                                   | 25.4                                | 14.2  | 19.7                                | 11.4   | 13.7                                |
| Canterbury     | 16.6                                   | 23.0                                | 11.6  | 17.6                                | 9.1  | 12.1                                |
| Observatory    | 15.2                                   | 21.6                                | 10.5  | 16.5                                | 8.3  | 11.5                                |
| Richmond       | 24.4                                   | 28.6                                | 17.6  | 21.5                                | 15.9   | 17.8                                |
| Penrith        | 21.8                                   | 26.2                                | 16.1  | 20.0                                | 14.4   | 16.2                                |
| Horsley Park   | 20.9                                   | 25.7                                | 15.3  | 19.6                                | 13.8   | 15.9                                |
| Camden         | 22.1                                   | 25.9                                | 16.4  | 19.8                                | 14.5   | 15.8                                |
| Olympic Park   | 18.8                                   | 25.1                                | 13.7  | 19.4                                | 11.5   | 14.5                                |
| Campbelltown   | 20.6                                   | 25.2                                | 15.0  | 19.2                                | 12.9   | 14.7                                |

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 5.1-7.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 22.4-26.2 % total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 9.4-12.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 37.8-54.5% of total cooling load reduction.*

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |      |                    |      | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------|------|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |      | Total cooling      |      | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 4.8  | 31.0 | 5.3                | 23.9 | 7.9   | 51.0 | 12.1               | 54.5 |
| Terry Hill     | 5.4  | 30.7 | 6.0                | 26.2 | 7.0   | 39.8 | 9.4                | 41.0 |
| Bankstown      | 5.2  | 26.8 | 5.7                | 22.4 | 8.0   | 41.2 | 11.7               | 46.1 |
| Canterbury     | 5.0  | 30.1 | 5.4                | 23.5 | 7.5   | 45.2 | 10.9               | 47.4 |
| Observatory    | 4.7  | 30.9 | 5.1                | 23.6 | 6.9   | 45.4 | 10.1               | 46.8 |
| Richmond       | 6.8  | 27.9 | 7.1                | 24.8 | 8.5   | 34.8 | 10.8               | 37.8 |
| Penrith        | 5.7  | 26.1 | 6.2                | 23.7 | 7.4   | 33.9 | 10.0               | 38.2 |
| Horsley Park   | 5.6  | 26.8 | 6.1                | 23.7 | 7.1   | 34.0 | 9.8                | 38.1 |
| Camden         | 5.7  | 25.8 | 6.1                | 23.6 | 7.6   | 34.4 | 10.1               | 39.0 |
| Olympic Park   | 5.1  | 27.1 | 5.7                | 22.7 | 7.3   | 38.8 | 10.6               | 42.2 |
| Campbelltown   | 5.6  | 27.2 | 6.0                | 23.8 | 7.7   | 37.4 | 10.5               | 41.7 |

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of the existing low-rise office building with roof insulation during the summer season.*

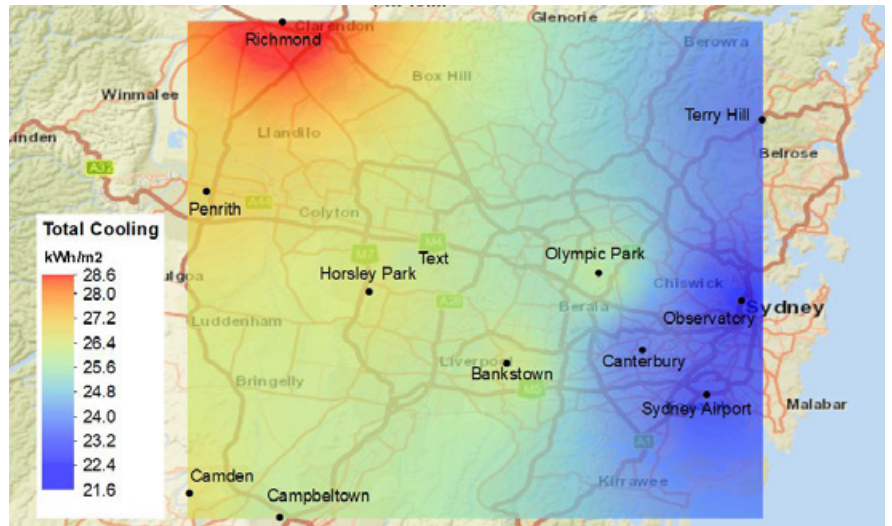


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

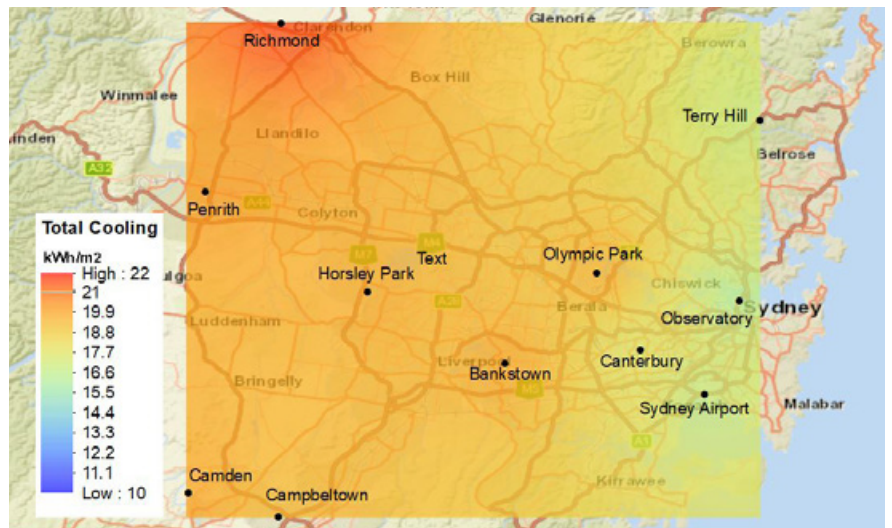


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Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.4-1.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (8.2-14.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|--|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )    |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                     | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 30.8                                      | 39.8  | 1.0                                       | 2.2   | 23.5   | 31.6  | 1.3                                       | 2.6   |
| Terry Hill     | 23.2                                      | 30.9  | 1.6                                       | 3.6   | 15.7   | 22.1  | 2.1                                       | 4.4   |
| Bankstown      | 36.8                                      | 46.7  | 1.8                                       | 4.0   | 27.2   | 35.9  | 2.2                                       | 4.7   |
| Canterbury     | 29.9                                      | 38.7  | 1.8                                       | 4.2   | 21.7   | 29.4  | 2.3                                       | 5.1   |
| Observatory    | 32.0                                      | 40.6  | 1.2                                       | 2.5   | 23.1   | 30.8  | 1.5                                       | 3.0   |
| Richmond       | 41.7                                      | 52.5  | 2.1                                       | 4.8   | 31.2   | 40.4  | 2.6                                       | 5.7   |
| Penrith        | 44.6                                      | 55.5  | 1.7                                       | 3.9   | 32.3   | 41.5  | 2.1                                       | 4.7   |
| Horsley Park   | 37.2                                      | 45.1  | 1.9                                       | 4.2   | 26.4   | 33.2  | 2.4                                       | 5.1   |
| Camden         | 36.0                                      | 43.1  | 2.5                                       | 5.7   | 26.0   | 32.3  | 3.1                                       | 6.8   |
| Olympic Park   | 37.3                                      | 48.9  | 1.6                                       | 3.5   | 26.7   | 36.7  | 1.9                                       | 4.1   |
| Campbelltown   | 35.3                                      | 41.7  | 2.4                                       | 5.3   | 25.0   | 30.7  | 2.9                                       | 6.3   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 20.6-28.5 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 7.8 and 13.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~18.6-23.2 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |      |                    |      | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |      |                    |      |
|----------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|--|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible                   |      | Total              |      | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |      | Total              |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 7.3                        | 23.7 | 8.2                | 20.6 | 0.3                         | 0.4   | 7.0  | 22.0 | 7.8                | 18.6 |
| Terry Hill     | 7.5                        | 32.3 | 8.8                | 28.5 | 0.5                         | 0.8   | 7.0  | 28.2 | 8.0                | 23.2 |
| Bankstown      | 9.6                        | 26.1 | 10.8               | 23.1 | 0.4                         | 0.7   | 9.2  | 23.8 | 10.1               | 19.9 |
| Canterbury     | 8.2                        | 27.4 | 9.3                | 24.0 | 0.5                         | 0.9   | 7.7  | 24.3 | 8.4                | 19.6 |
| Observatory    | 8.9                        | 27.8 | 9.8                | 24.1 | 0.3                         | 0.5   | 8.6  | 25.9 | 9.3                | 21.6 |
| Richmond       | 10.5                       | 25.2 | 12.1               | 23.0 | 0.5                         | 0.9   | 10.0                                       | 22.8 | 11.2               | 19.5 |
| Penrith        | 12.3                       | 27.6 | 14.0               | 25.2 | 0.4                         | 0.8   | 11.9                                       | 25.7 | 13.2               | 22.2 |
| Horsley Park   | 10.8                       | 29.0 | 11.9               | 26.4 | 0.5                         | 0.9   | 10.3                                       | 26.3 | 11.0               | 22.3 |
| Camden         | 10.0                       | 27.8 | 10.8               | 25.1 | 0.6                         | 1.1   | 9.4  | 24.4 | 9.7                | 19.9 |
| Olympic Park   | 10.6                       | 28.4 | 12.2               | 24.9 | 0.3                         | 0.6   | 10.3                                       | 26.5 | 11.6               | 22.1 |
| Campbelltown   | 10.3                       | 29.2 | 11.0               | 26.4 | 0.5                         | 1.0   | 9.8  | 26.0 | 10.0               | 21.3 |



### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 °C in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

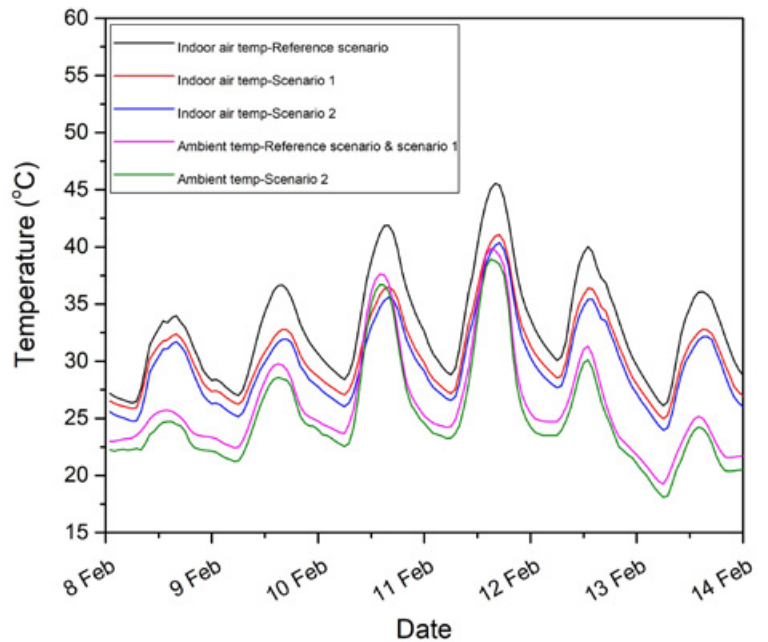


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

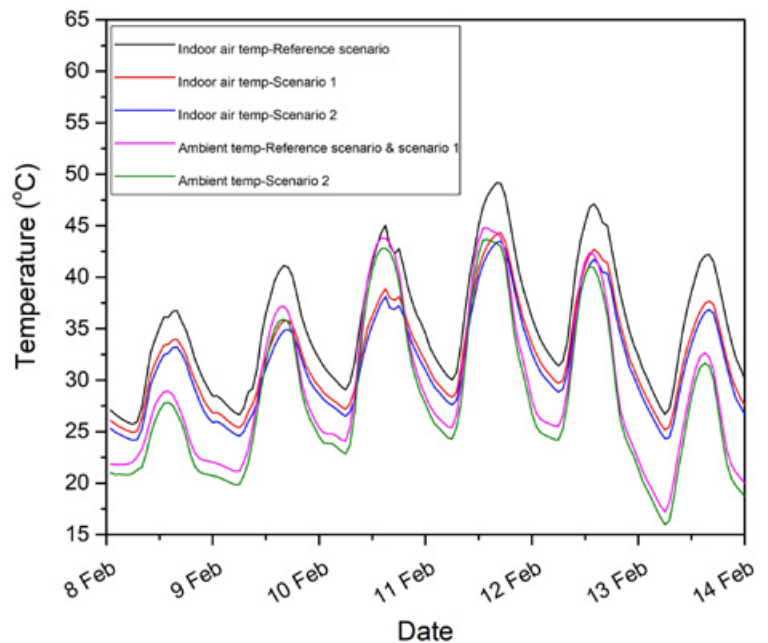


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 26.1-45.5 °C and 25.7-49.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

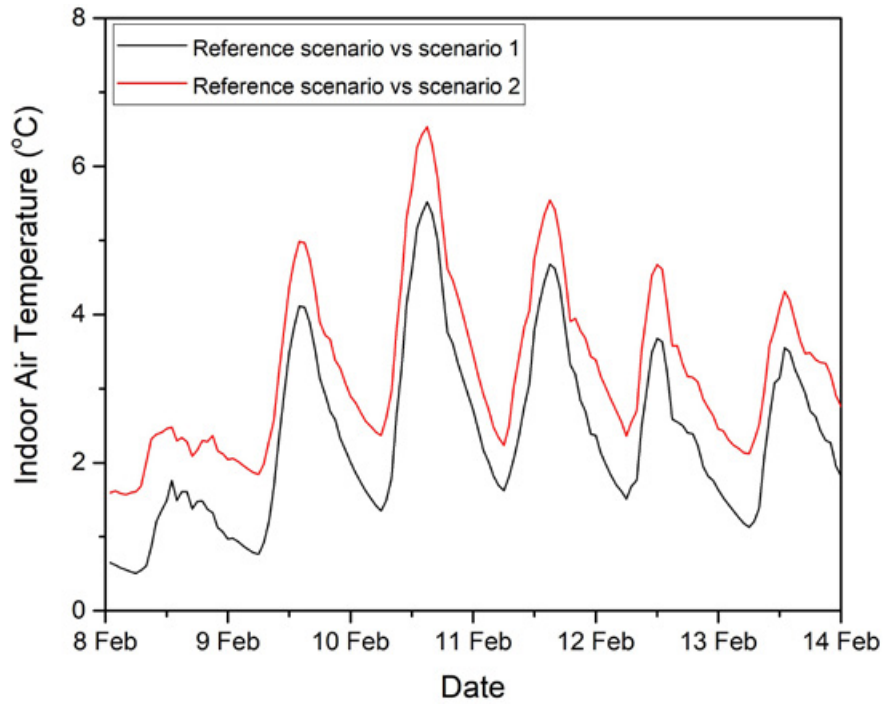


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 5.5 °C and 6.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 6.5 and 6.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

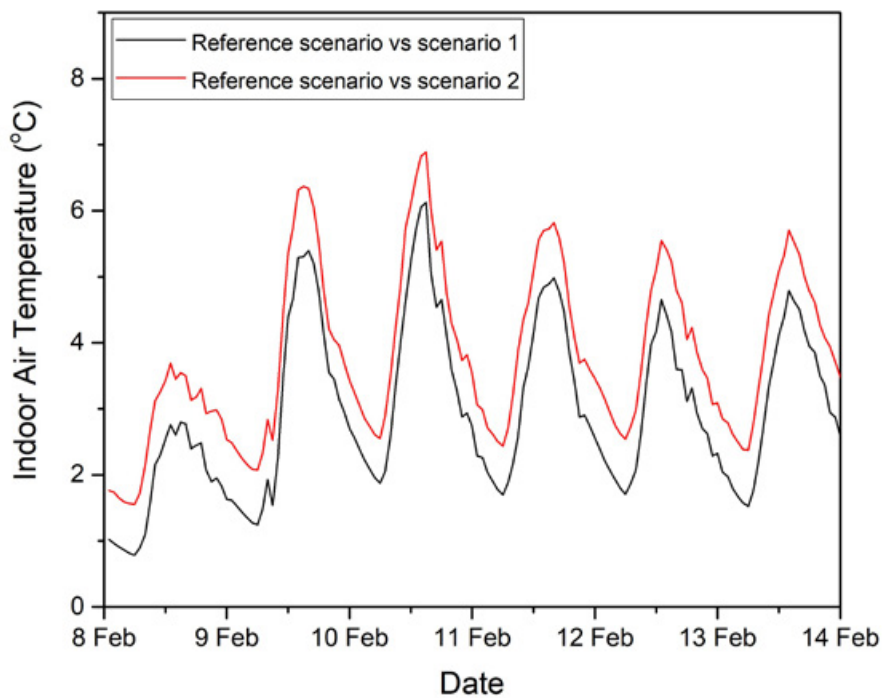


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 13.8 and 28.5 °C in reference scenario to a range between 13.5 and 27.5 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

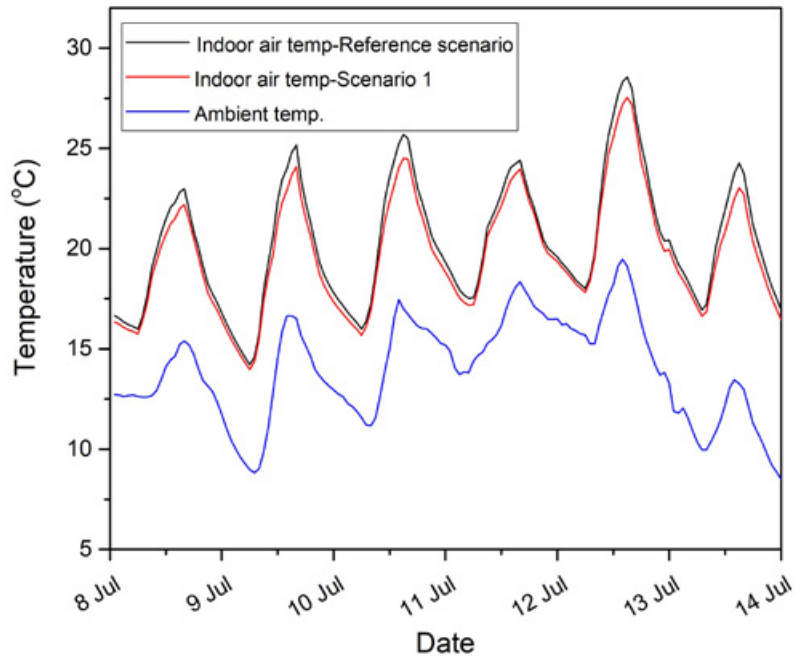


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 10.1 and 28.0 °C in reference scenario to a range between 9.8 and 27.2 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

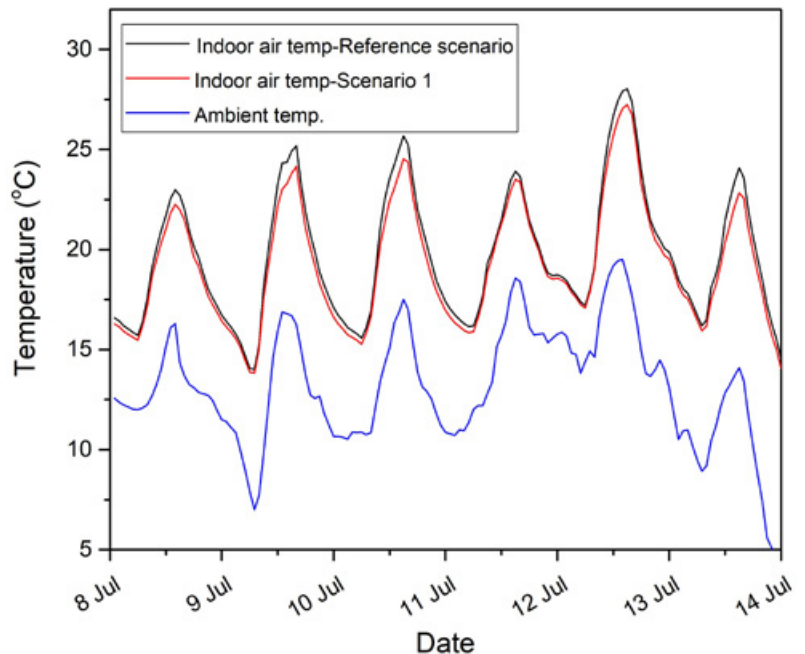


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 1.4 °C and 1.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

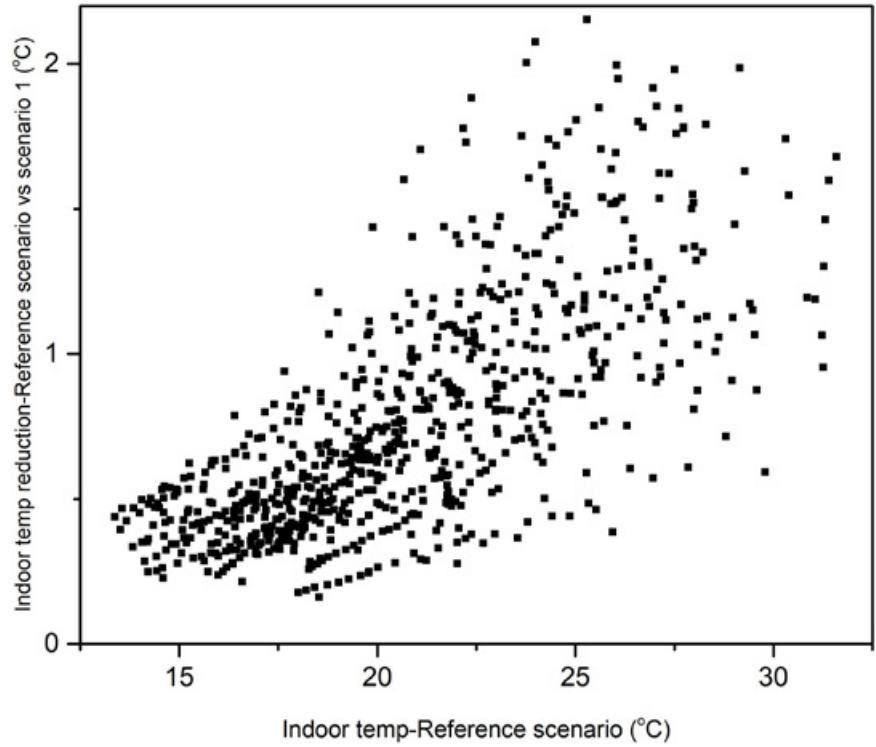


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Observatory station using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

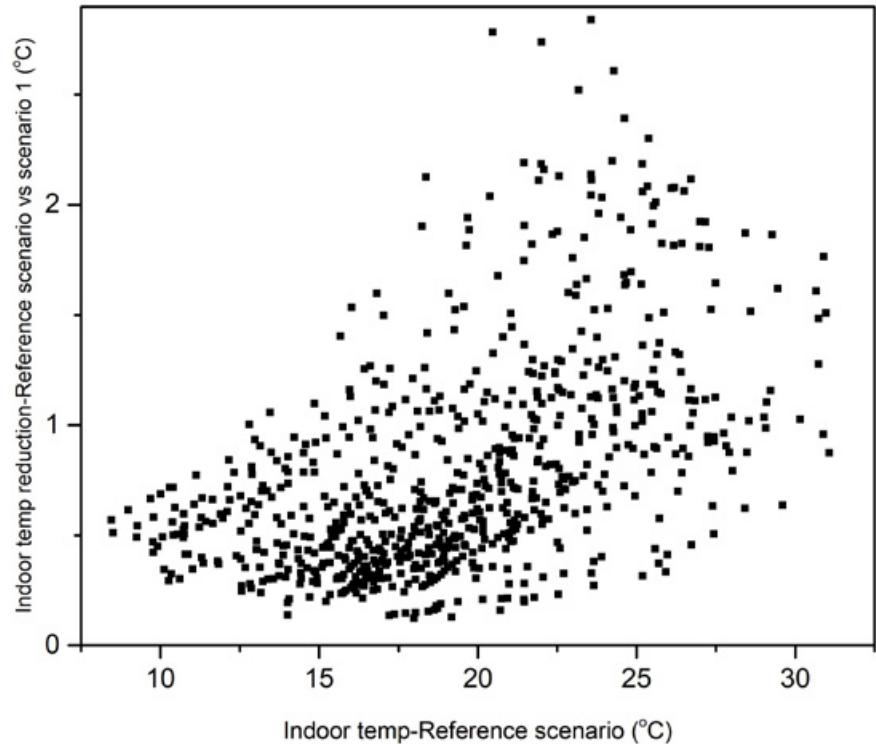


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise office building with roof insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Richmond station using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to increase from 284 hours in reference scenario to 329 and hours and from 363 to 407 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during is expected to slightly increase from 74 hours in reference scenario to 89 hours; and from 95 to 114 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|--|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                           | Total |
| Observatory | 74                 | 284   | 89   | 329   |
| Richmond    | 95                 | 363   | 114  | 407   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decrease from 606 hours in reference scenario to 544 and 473 hours under scenario 1 and 2, in Observatory station; and from 604 hours in reference scenario to 519 and 472 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 606                | 544  | 473   |
| Richmond    | 604                | 519  | 472   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of the existing low-rise office building with roof insulation during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the existing low-rise office building with roof insulation from 21.6-28.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 16.5-21.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 5.1-7.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 22.4-26.2 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 9.4-12.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 37.8-54.5 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.4-1.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (8.2-14.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 20.6-28.5 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 7.8 and 13.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~18.6-23.2%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 26.1-45.5 °C and 25.7-49.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 5.5 and 6.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 6.5 and 6.9 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 13.8 and 28.5 °C in reference scenario to a range between 13.5 and 27.5 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in

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Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8). Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 10.1 and 28.0 °C in reference scenario to a range between 9.8 and 27.2 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 1.4 °C and 1.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when in-door temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase from 284 hours in reference scenario to 329 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 363 hours in reference scenario to 407 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building.

The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 74 hours in reference scenario to 89 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 95 hours to 114 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 606 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 544 and 473 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 604 hours in reference scenario to 519 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 472 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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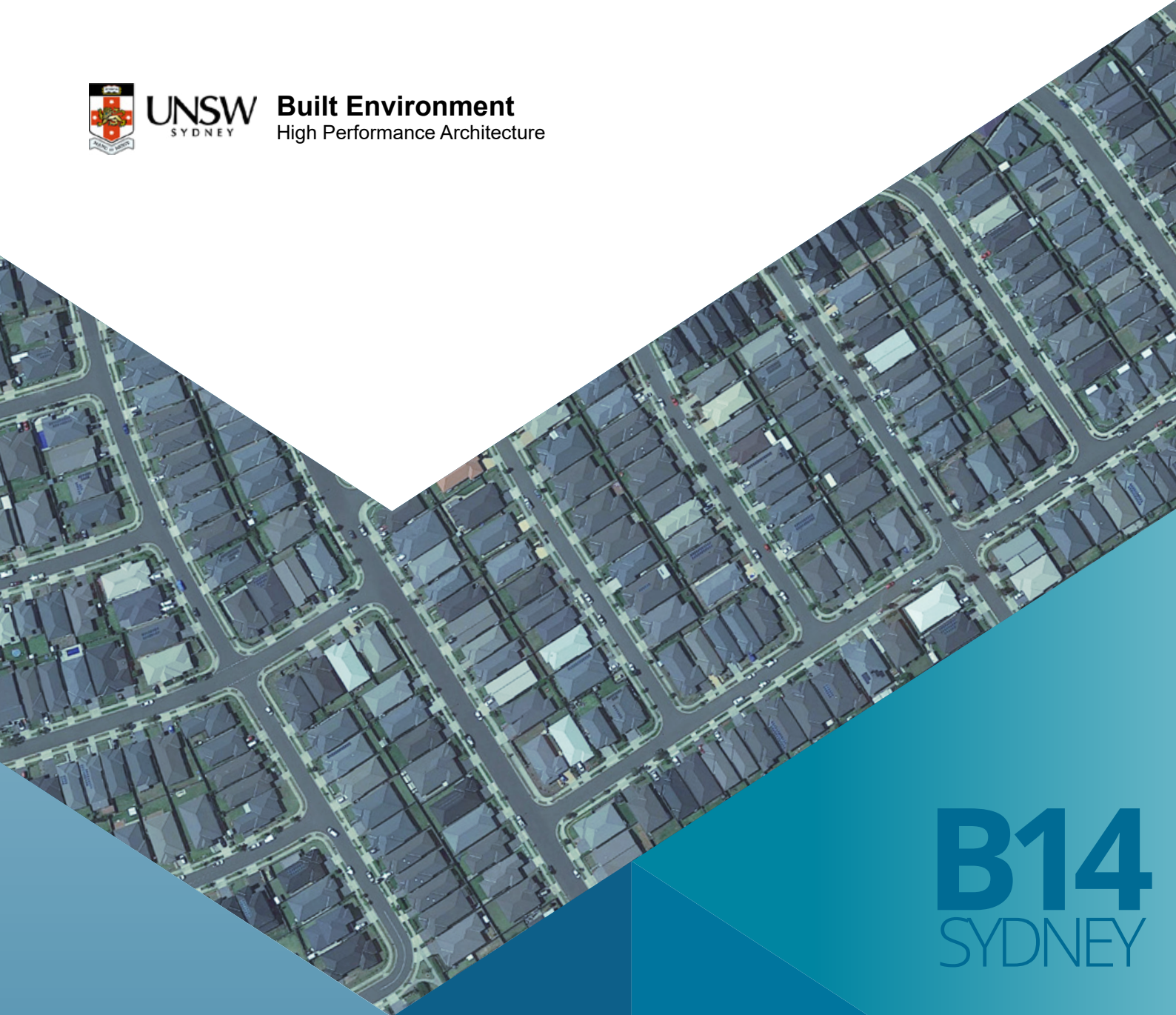
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Existing high-rise office building with roof insulation  
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## BUILDING 14

### EXISTING HIGH-RISE OFFICE BUILDING WITH ROOF INSULATION

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Floor area : 1200m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 10

Image source: Ecipark Office Building. <https://jerseydigs.com/bayonne-city-council-approves-10-story-building-975-broadway/>

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the existing high-rise office building with roof insulation from 18.6-24.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 17.6-23.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for an existing high-rise office building with roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 12.9                                   | 19.2                                | 12.0  | 18.1                                | 8.4  | 11.1                                |
| Terry Hill     | 14.3                                   | 19.2                                | 13.2  | 18.1                                | 11.6   | 14.6                                |
| Bankstown      | 16.4                                   | 22.0                                | 15.5  | 20.9                                | 12.5   | 15.0                                |
| Canterbury     | 13.8                                   | 19.8                                | 12.8  | 18.8                                | 10.1   | 13.1                                |
| Observatory    | 12.5                                   | 18.6                                | 11.7  | 17.6                                | 9.1  | 12.4                                |
| Richmond       | 20.6                                   | 24.4                                | 19.3  | 23.0                                | 17.2   | 19.2                                |
| Penrith        | 18.5                                   | 22.5                                | 17.4  | 21.3                                | 15.5   | 17.4                                |
| Horsley Park   | 17.7                                   | 22.0                                | 16.6  | 20.8                                | 14.6   | 16.8                                |
| Camden         | 18.8                                   | 22.2                                | 17.7  | 21.0                                | 15.6   | 17.0                                |
| Olympic Park   | 15.9                                   | 21.7                                | 14.9  | 20.6                                | 12.6   | 15.8                                |
| Campbelltown   | 17.3                                   | 21.6                                | 16.2  | 20.4                                | 14.1   | 16.0                                |

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for an existing high-rise office building with roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 1.0-1.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 5.1-5.7 % total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 4.6-8.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 121.3-42.2 % of total cooling load reduction.*

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 0.9  | 7.0 | 1.1                | 5.7 | 4.5   | 34.9 | 8.1                | 42.2 |
| Terry Hill     | 1.1  | 7.7 | 1.1                | 5.7 | 2.7   | 18.9 | 4.6                | 24.0 |
| Bankstown      | 0.9  | 5.5 | 1.1                | 5.0 | 3.9   | 23.8 | 7.0                | 31.8 |
| Canterbury     | 1.0  | 7.2 | 1.0                | 5.1 | 3.7   | 26.8 | 6.7                | 33.8 |
| Observatory    | 0.8  | 6.4 | 1.0                | 5.4 | 3.4   | 27.2 | 6.2                | 33.3 |
| Richmond       | 1.3  | 6.3 | 1.4                | 5.7 | 3.4   | 16.5 | 5.2                | 21.3 |
| Penrith        | 1.1  | 5.9 | 1.2                | 5.3 | 3.0   | 16.2 | 5.1                | 22.7 |
| Horsley Park   | 1.1  | 6.2 | 1.2                | 5.5 | 3.1   | 17.5 | 5.2                | 23.6 |
| Camden         | 1.1  | 5.9 | 1.2                | 5.4 | 3.2   | 17.0 | 5.2                | 23.4 |
| Olympic Park   | 1.0  | 6.3 | 1.1                | 5.1 | 3.3   | 20.8 | 5.9                | 27.2 |
| Campbelltown   | 1.1  | 6.4 | 1.2                | 5.6 | 3.2   | 18.5 | 5.6                | 25.9 |

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the existing high-rise office building with roof insulation during the summer season.*

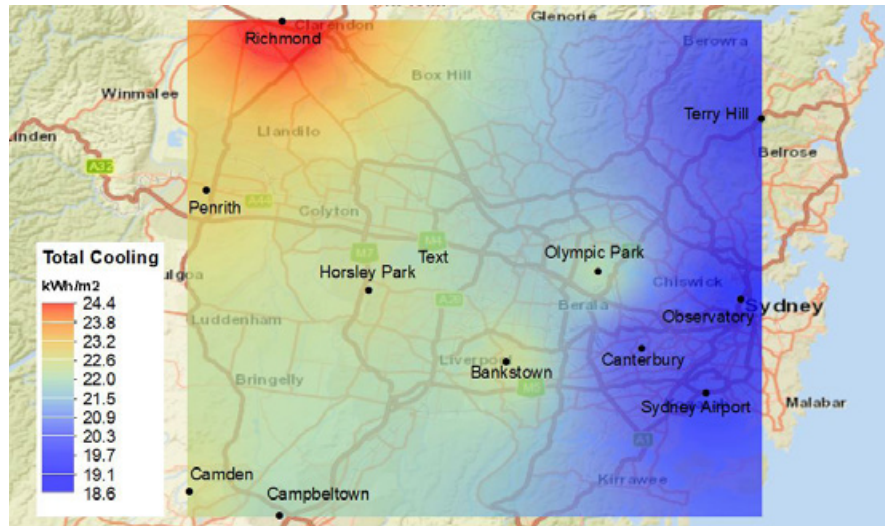


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing high-rise office building with insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban scale.*

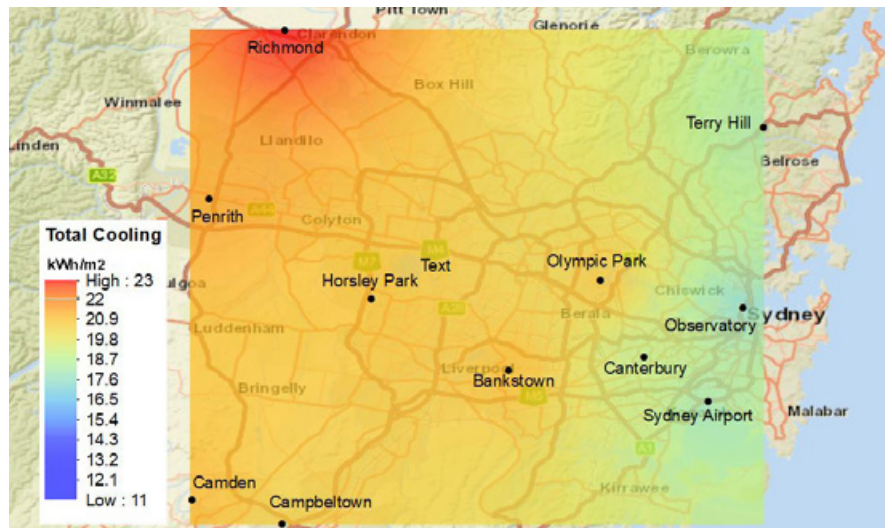


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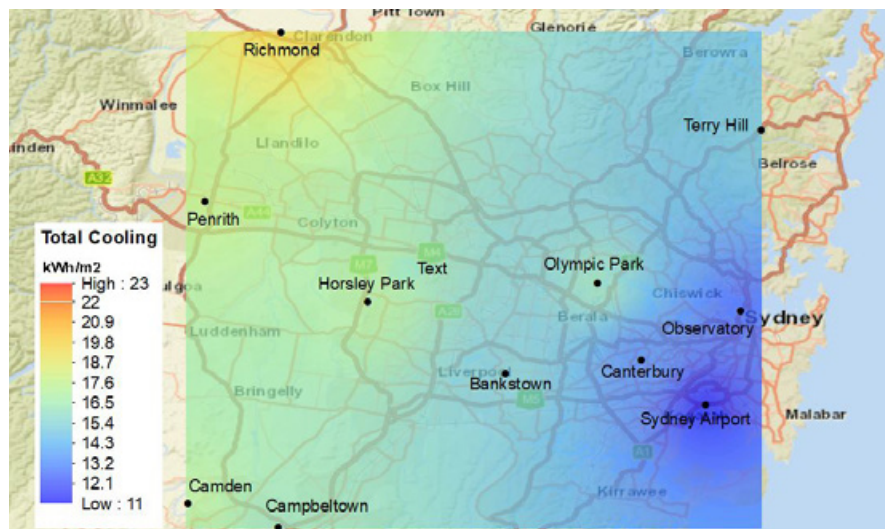


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing high-rise office building with insulation with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

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<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

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**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for an existing high-rise office building with roof insulation for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.1-0.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (1.3-2.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 26.7                                      | 35.2  | 0.3                                       | 0.9   | 25.5  | 33.9  | 0.4                                       | 1.0   |
| Terry Hill     | 17.9                                      | 24.9  | 0.7                                       | 2.0   | 16.6  | 23.4  | 0.8                                       | 2.1   |
| Bankstown      | 30.8                                      | 39.8  | 0.8                                       | 2.3   | 29.2  | 37.9  | 0.9                                       | 2.4   |
| Canterbury     | 24.8                                      | 33.0  | 0.8                                       | 2.4   | 23.4  | 31.4  | 0.8                                       | 2.5   |
| Observatory    | 27.0                                      | 35.1  | 0.4                                       | 1.0   | 25.5  | 33.4  | 0.4                                       | 1.1   |
| Richmond       | 34.7                                      | 44.5  | 1.3                                       | 3.4   | 32.9  | 42.4  | 1.4                                       | 3.6   |
| Penrith        | 36.2                                      | 46.0  | 0.9                                       | 2.4   | 34.0  | 43.4  | 0.9                                       | 2.5   |
| Horsley Park   | 29.9                                      | 37.1  | 0.9                                       | 2.5   | 28.0  | 35.0  | 1.0                                       | 2.7   |
| Camden         | 29.3                                      | 36.0  | 1.5                                       | 4.0   | 27.6  | 34.1  | 1.6                                       | 4.2   |
| Olympic Park   | 30.3                                      | 40.8  | 0.7                                       | 2.0   | 28.3  | 38.6  | 0.8                                       | 2.1   |
| Campbelltown   | 28.2                                      | 34.2  | 1.4                                       | 3.6   | 26.4  | 32.2  | 1.5                                       | 3.7   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing high-rise office building with roof insulation using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 3.7-6.0 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.2 and 2.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~3.3-5.2 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 1.2                        | 4.5 | 1.3                | 3.7 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 1.1  | 4.1 | 1.2                | 3.3 |
| Terry Hill     | 1.3                        | 7.3 | 1.5                | 6.0 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 1.2  | 6.5 | 1.4                | 5.2 |
| Bankstown      | 1.6                        | 5.2 | 1.9                | 4.8 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 1.5  | 4.7 | 1.8                | 4.3 |
| Canterbury     | 1.4                        | 5.6 | 1.6                | 4.8 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 1.4  | 5.5 | 1.5                | 4.2 |
| Observatory    | 1.5                        | 5.6 | 1.7                | 4.8 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 1.5  | 5.5 | 1.6                | 4.4 |
| Richmond       | 1.8                        | 5.2 | 2.1                | 4.7 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 1.7  | 4.7 | 1.9                | 4.0 |
| Penrith        | 2.2                        | 6.1 | 2.6                | 5.7 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 2.2  | 5.9 | 2.5                | 5.2 |
| Horsley Park   | 1.9                        | 6.4 | 2.1                | 5.7 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 1.8  | 5.8 | 1.9                | 4.8 |
| Camden         | 1.7                        | 5.8 | 1.9                | 5.3 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 1.6  | 5.2 | 1.7                | 4.2 |
| Olympic Park   | 2.0                        | 6.6 | 2.2                | 5.4 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 1.9  | 6.1 | 2.1                | 4.9 |
| Campbelltown   | 1.8                        | 6.4 | 2.0                | 5.8 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 1.7  | 5.7 | 1.9                | 5.0 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 °C in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

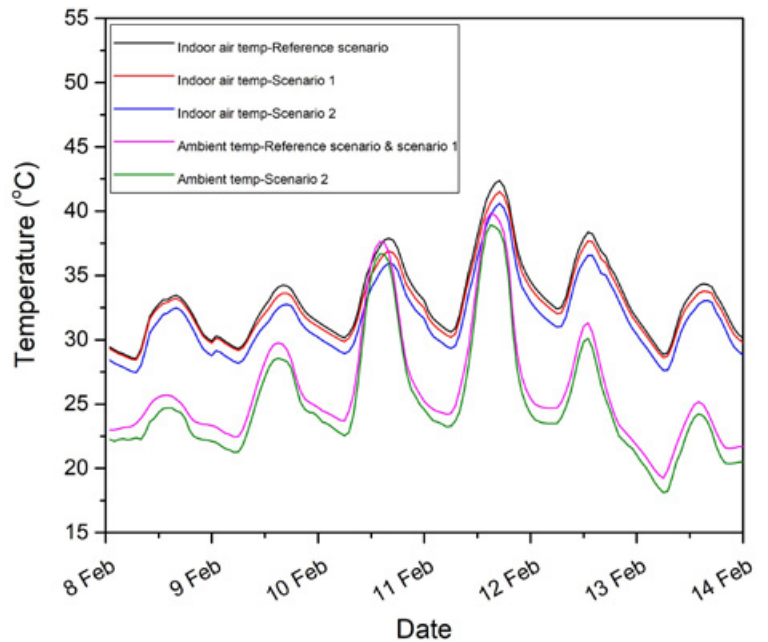


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing high-rise office building with insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

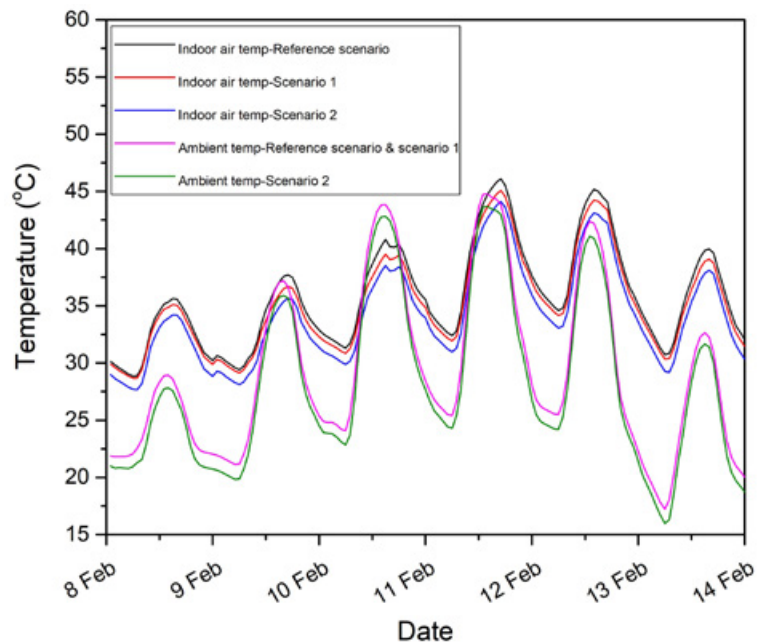


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing high-rise office building with insulation under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.4-42.4 °C and 28.9-46.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

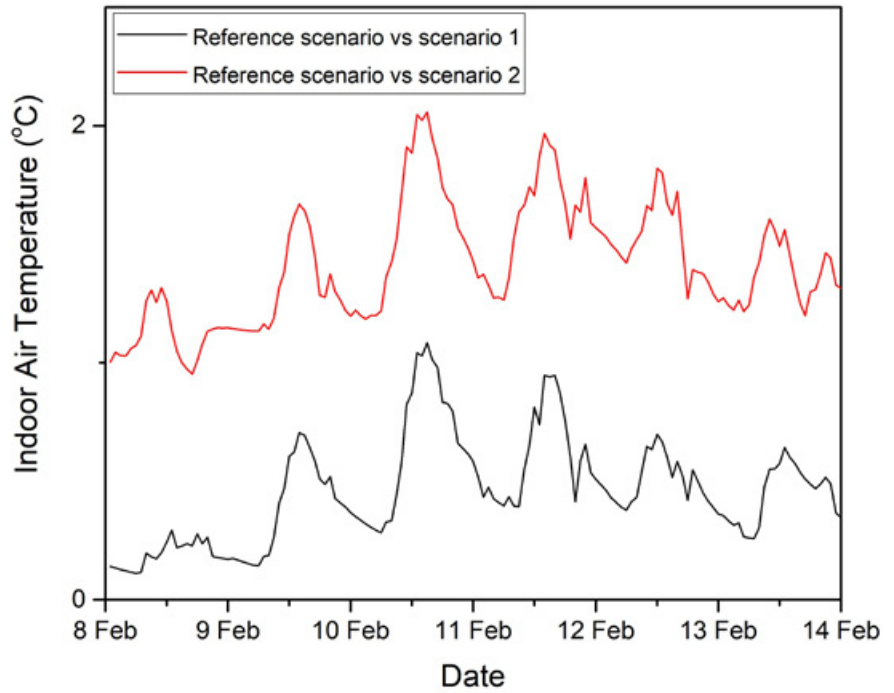


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing high-rise office building with insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 1.1 °C and 1.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 2.1 and 2.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

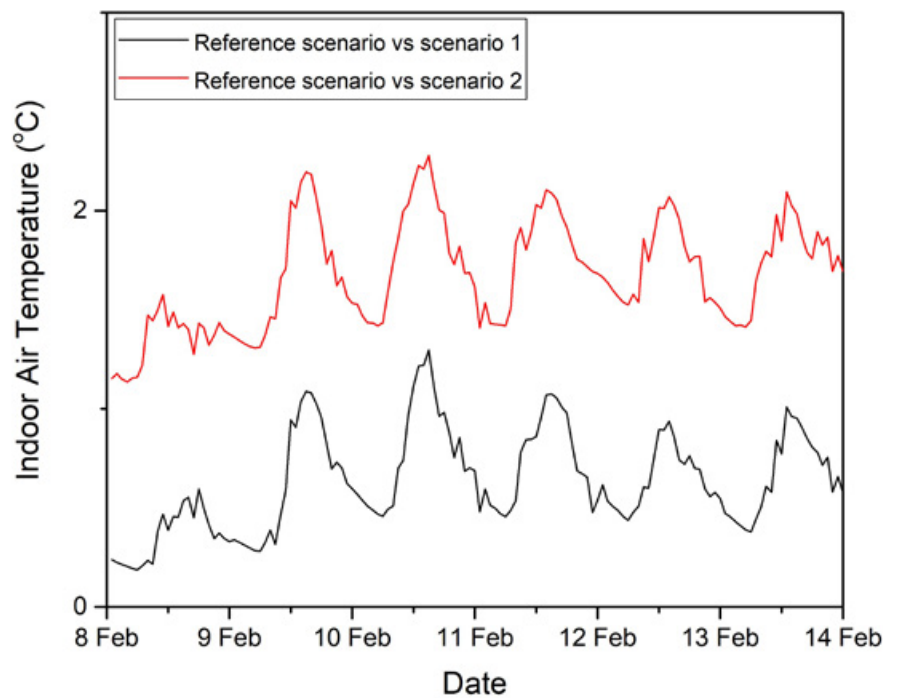


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing high-rise office building with insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.



## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to remain almost the same in reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill and Richmond stations, respectively.*

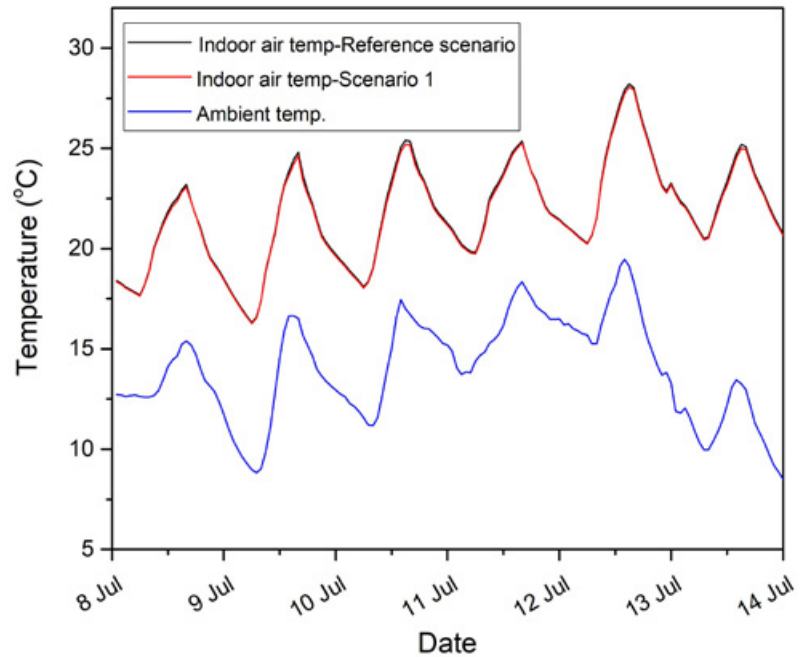


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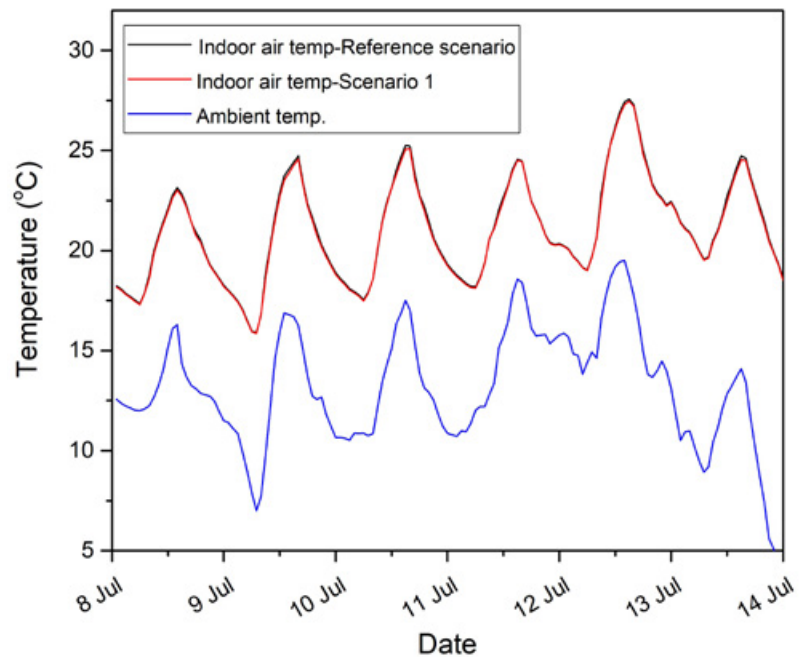


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing high-rise office building with insulation under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.3 °C and 0.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

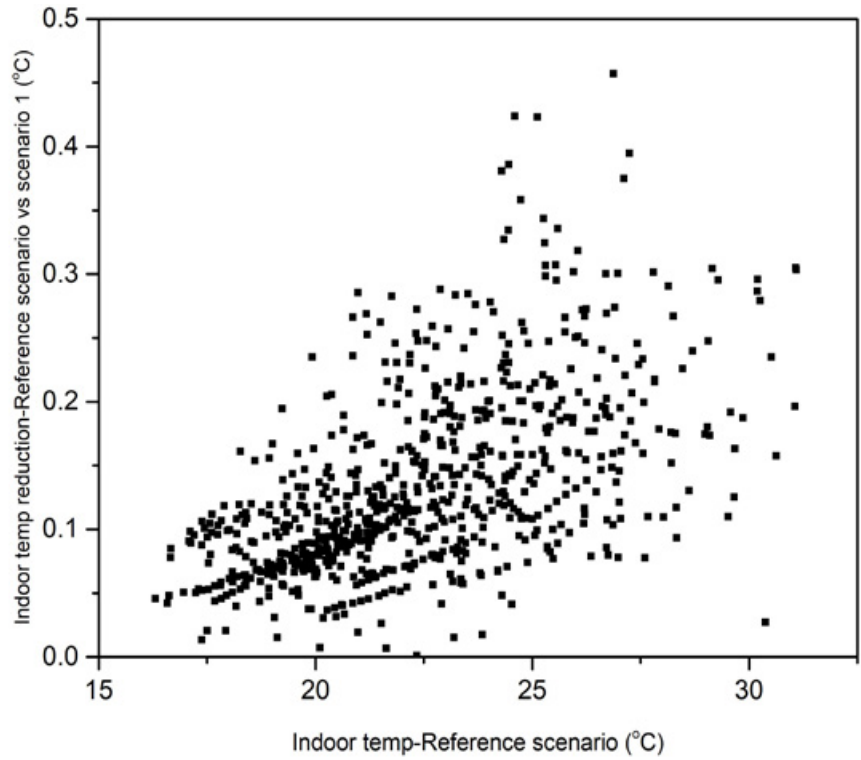


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

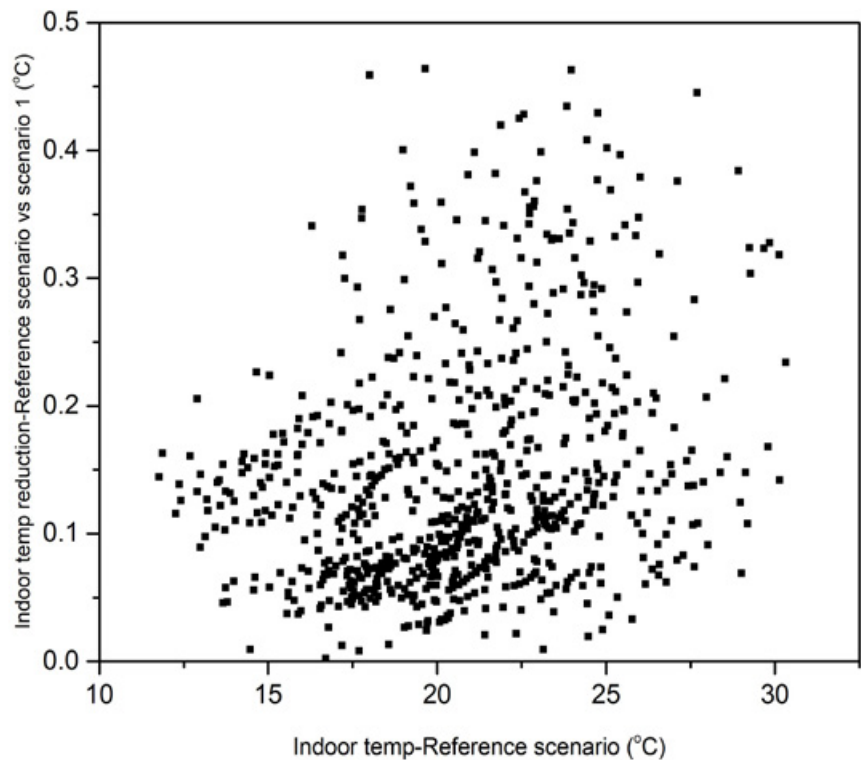


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing high-rise office building without insulation under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 26 hours in reference scenario to 27 and hours and from 69 to 75 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during is expected to slightly increase from 88 hours in reference scenario to 93 hours; and from 241 to 249 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|--|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                           | Total |
| Observatory | 26                 | 88    | 27   | 93    |
| Richmond    | 69                 | 241   | 75   | 249   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decrease from 670 hours in reference scenario to 670 and 650 hours under scenario 1 and 2, in Observatory station; and from 657 hours in reference scenario to 653 and 625 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 670                | 670  | 650   |
| Richmond    | 657                | 653  | 625   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the existing high-rise office building with insulation during the summer season. Overall, the simulation results indicate that the cooling load reductions by cool roofs can be significant if they are implemented at an urban-scale.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the existing high-rise office building from 18.6-24.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 17.6-23.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 1.0-1.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 5.1-5.7 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 4.6-8.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 1.3-2.6 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.1-0.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (24.6-43.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 3.7-6.0 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 1.2 and 2.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~3.3-5.2 %) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.4- 42.4 °C and 28.9-46.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 1.1 and 1.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 2.1 and 2.3 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to remain almost the same in reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill and

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Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.3 °C and 0.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 88 hours in reference scenario to 93 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 241 hours in reference scenario to 249 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building. The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 26 hours in reference scenario to 27 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 69 hours to 75 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 670 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 670 and 650 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 657 hours in reference scenario to 653 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 625 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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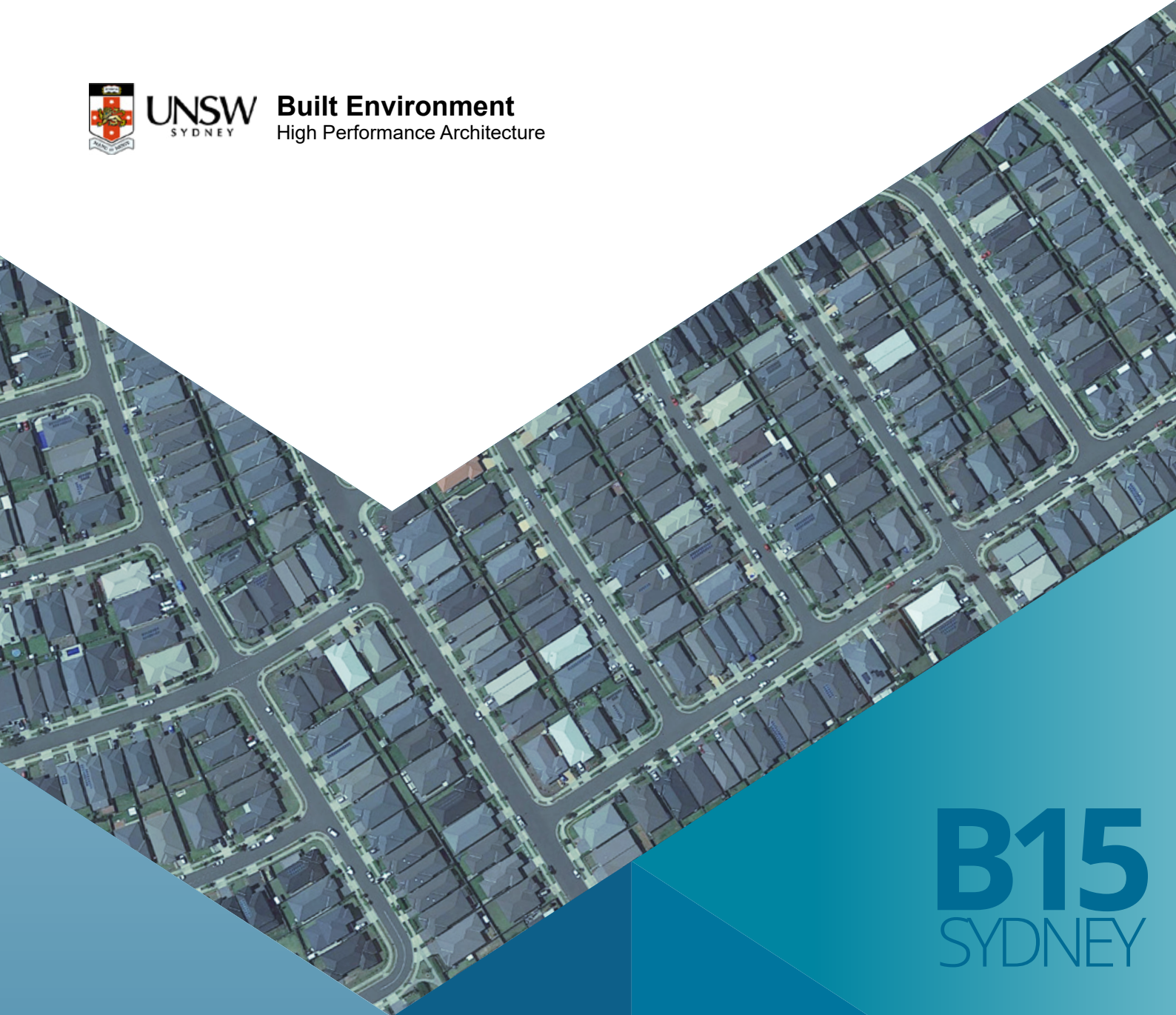
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## **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Existing low-rise shopping mall centre  
2021

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## BUILDING 15

### EXISTING LOW-RISE SHOPPING MALL CENTRE

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Floor area : 1100m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 2

Image source: Westfield Tea Tree Plaza, Tea Tree Plaza 976 North East Rd, Modbury, Tea Tree Gully, South Australia 5092, Australia

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre without roof insulation for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 55.3                                   | 82.7                                | 48.4  | 75.0                                | 44.0   | 58.2                                |
| Terry Hill     | 59.4                                   | 80.3                                | 51.2  | 71.4                                | 48.7   | 61.8                                |
| Bankstown      | 61.2                                   | 83.2                                | 53.9  | 75.3                                | 49.9   | 59.9                                |
| Canterbury     | 56.7                                   | 82.0                                | 49.8  | 74.4                                | 45.9   | 60.2                                |
| Observatory    | 54.9                                   | 81.7                                | 48.0  | 74.1                                | 45.1   | 61.8                                |
| Richmond       | 71.6                                   | 87.5                                | 62.0  | 77.4                                | 59.1   | 66.5                                |
| Penrith        | 66.4                                   | 82.6                                | 58.3  | 73.9                                | 55.3   | 62.8                                |
| Horsley Park   | 64.8                                   | 82.1                                | 56.7  | 73.4                                | 51.3   | 60.0                                |
| Camden         | 67.3                                   | 81.5                                | 59.2  | 72.9                                | 55.7   | 61.1                                |
| Olympic Park   | 60.2                                   | 83.4                                | 53.0  | 75.5                                | 50.2   | 63.4                                |
| Campbelltown   | 64.0                                   | 81.3                                | 56.1  | 72.8                                | 52.7   | 60.4                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the existing low-rise shopping mall centre from 80.3-87. kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 71.4-77.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre without roof insulation for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |      |                    |      | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------|------|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |      | Total cooling      |      | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 6.9  | 12.5 | 7.7                | 9.3  | 11.3  | 20.4 | 24.5               | 29.6 |
| Terry Hill     | 8.2  | 13.8 | 8.9                | 11.1 | 10.7  | 18.0 | 18.5               | 23.0 |
| Bankstown      | 7.3  | 11.9 | 7.9                | 9.5  | 11.3  | 18.5 | 23.3               | 28.0 |
| Canterbury     | 6.9  | 12.2 | 7.6                | 9.3  | 10.8  | 19.0 | 21.8               | 26.6 |
| Observatory    | 6.9  | 12.6 | 7.6                | 9.3  | 9.8   | 17.9 | 19.9               | 24.4 |
| Richmond       | 9.6  | 13.4 | 10.1               | 11.5 | 12.5  | 17.5 | 21.0               | 24.0 |
| Penrith        | 8.1  | 12.2 | 8.7                | 10.5 | 11.1  | 16.7 | 19.8               | 24.0 |
| Horsley Park   | 8.1  | 12.5 | 8.7                | 10.6 | 13.5  | 20.8 | 22.1               | 26.9 |
| Camden         | 8.1  | 12.0 | 8.6                | 10.6 | 11.6  | 17.2 | 20.4               | 25.0 |
| Olympic Park   | 7.2  | 12.0 | 7.9                | 9.5  | 10.0  | 16.6 | 20.0               | 24.0 |
| Campbelltown   | 7.9  | 12.3 | 8.5                | 10.5 | 11.3  | 17.7 | 20.9               | 25.7 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 7.7-10.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 9.3-11.5 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 18.5-24.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 23.0-29.6 % total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the existing low-rise shopping mall centre with insulation during the summer season.*

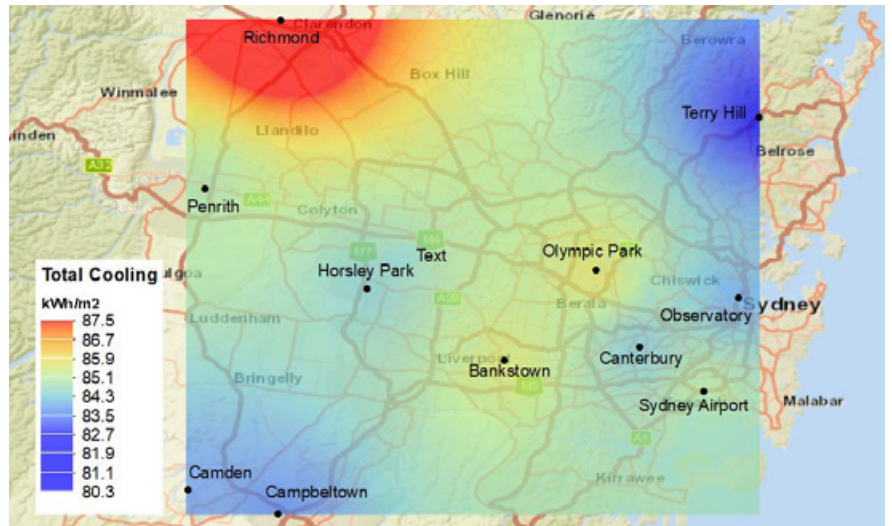


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

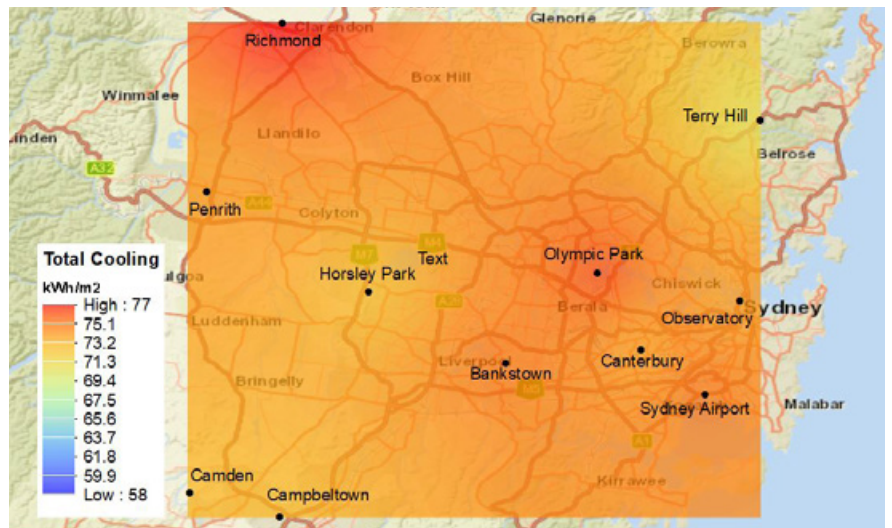


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.



Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

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<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.1-0.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (20.1-31.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 177.6                                     | 227.8 | 0.8                                       | 2.2   | 158.7   | 207.7 | 0.9                                       | 2.3   |
| Terry Hill     | 157.2                                     | 214.7 | 1.4                                       | 4.3   | 130.7   | 185.7 | 1.5                                       | 4.6   |
| Bankstown      | 183.6                                     | 228.1 | 1.8                                       | 5.3   | 160.1   | 203.1 | 1.9                                       | 5.6   |
| Canterbury     | 167.8                                     | 212.3 | 1.6                                       | 5.4   | 145.4   | 188.4 | 1.8                                       | 5.9   |
| Observatory    | 180.6                                     | 222.2 | 0.9                                       | 2.4   | 157.3   | 197.6 | 0.9                                       | 2.6   |
| Richmond       | 188.8                                     | 237.4 | 2.4                                       | 7.5   | 164.2   | 211.1 | 2.5                                       | 7.9   |
| Penrith        | 202.1                                     | 252.3 | 1.7                                       | 5.4   | 172.5   | 220.8 | 1.9                                       | 5.8   |
| Horsley Park   | 185.1                                     | 223.5 | 1.9                                       | 5.7   | 156.7   | 193.7 | 2.1                                       | 6.1   |
| Camden         | 175.7                                     | 209.7 | 2.8                                       | 9.0   | 150.3   | 183.0 | 3.0                                       | 9.7   |
| Olympic Park   | 189.9                                     | 245.4 | 1.6                                       | 4.6   | 163.0   | 216.6 | 1.6                                       | 4.9   |
| Campbelltown   | 174.4                                     | 206.3 | 2.6                                       | 7.9   | 148.0   | 178.6 | 2.8                                       | 8.4   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 8.8-13.5 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 20.0 and 31.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~8.7-12.8 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |      |                    |      | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |      |                    |      |
|----------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|--|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible                   |      | Total              |      | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |      | Total              |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 18.9                       | 10.6 | 20.1               | 8.8  | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 18.8                                       | 10.5 | 20.0               | 8.7  |
| Terry Hill     | 26.5                       | 16.9 | 29.0               | 13.5 | 0.1                         | 0.3   | 26.4                                       | 16.6 | 28.7               | 13.1 |
| Bankstown      | 23.5                       | 12.8 | 25.0               | 11.0 | 0.1                         | 0.3   | 23.4                                       | 12.6 | 24.7               | 10.6 |
| Canterbury     | 22.4                       | 13.3 | 23.9               | 11.3 | 0.2                         | 0.5   | 22.2                                       | 13.1 | 23.4               | 10.7 |
| Observatory    | 23.3                       | 12.9 | 24.6               | 11.1 | 0.0                         | 0.2   | 23.3                                       | 12.8 | 24.4               | 10.9 |
| Richmond       | 24.6                       | 13.0 | 26.3               | 11.1 | 0.1                         | 0.4   | 24.5                                       | 12.8 | 25.9               | 10.6 |
| Penrith        | 29.6                       | 14.6 | 31.5               | 12.5 | 0.2                         | 0.4   | 29.4                                       | 14.4 | 31.1               | 12.1 |
| Horsley Park   | 28.4                       | 15.3 | 29.8               | 13.3 | 0.2                         | 0.4   | 28.2                                       | 15.1 | 29.4               | 12.8 |
| Camden         | 25.4                       | 14.5 | 26.7               | 12.7 | 0.2                         | 0.7   | 25.2                                       | 14.1 | 26.0               | 11.9 |
| Olympic Park   | 26.9                       | 14.2 | 28.8               | 11.7 | 0.0                         | 0.3   | 26.9                                       | 14.0 | 28.5               | 11.4 |
| Campbelltown   | 26.4                       | 15.1 | 27.7               | 13.4 | 0.2                         | 0.5   | 26.2                                       | 14.8 | 27.2               | 12.7 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

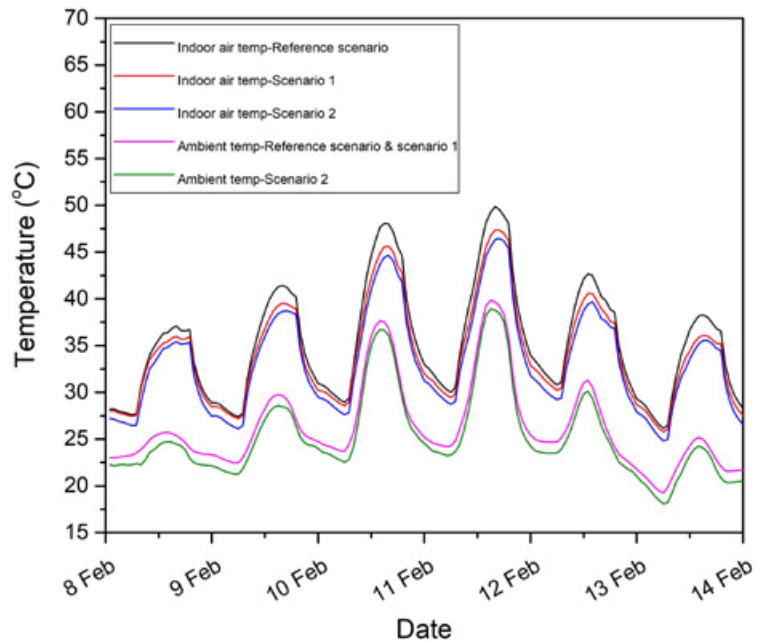


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

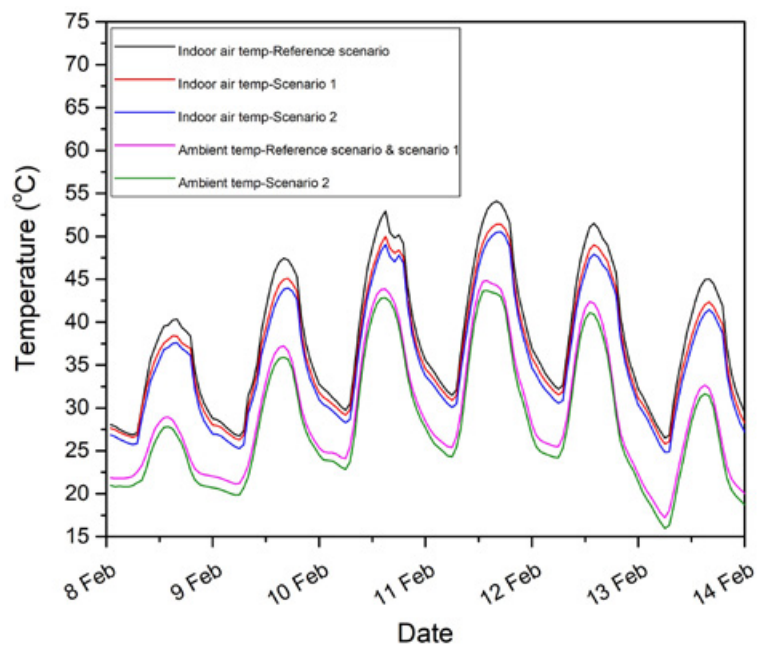


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 26.1-49.9 °C and 26.4-54.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

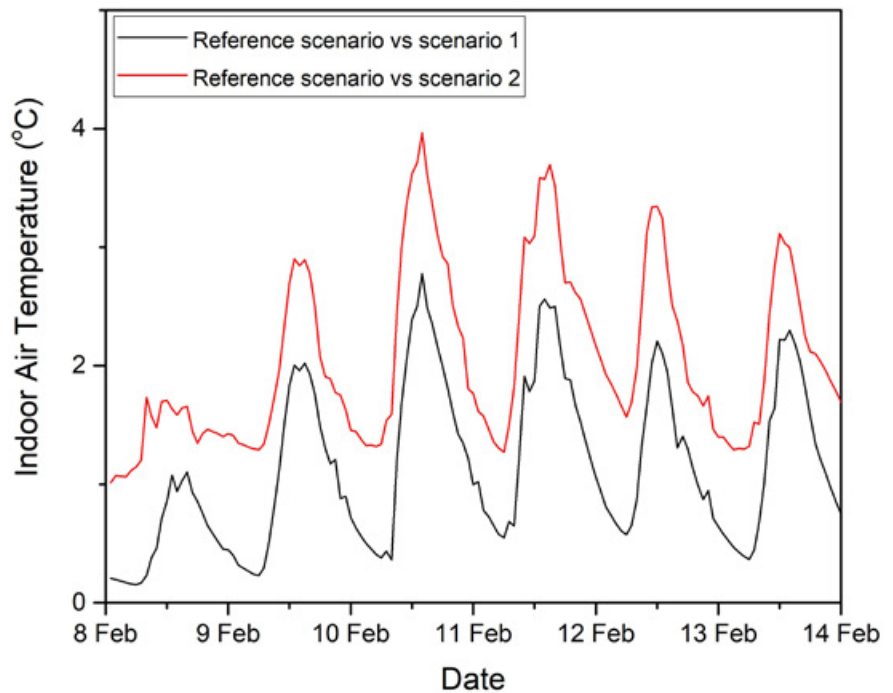


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 2.8 °C and 3.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 4.0 °C and 4.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

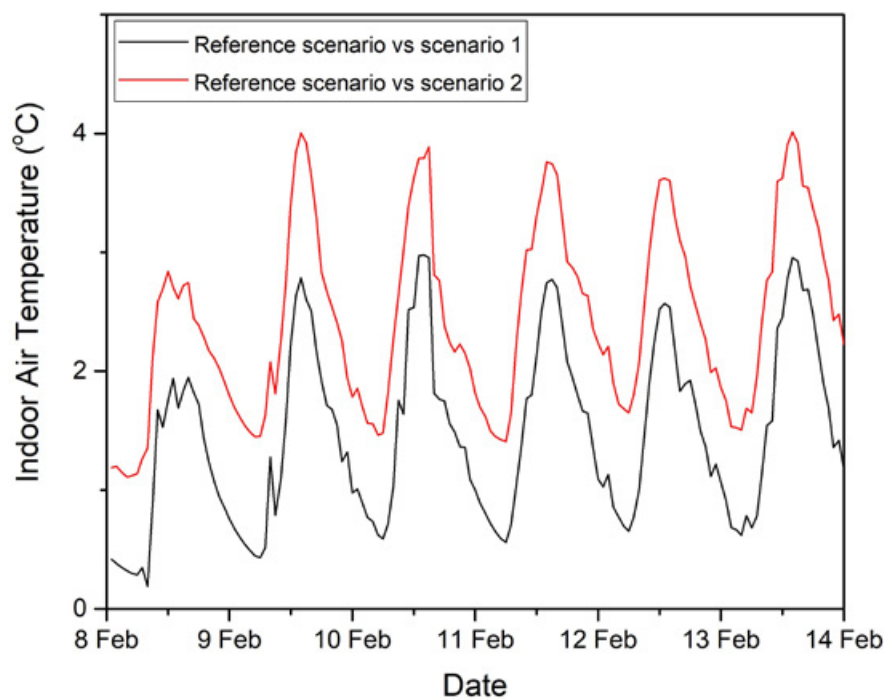


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) an existing new low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range 13.4-31.9 °C in reference scenario to a range 13.3-31.3 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

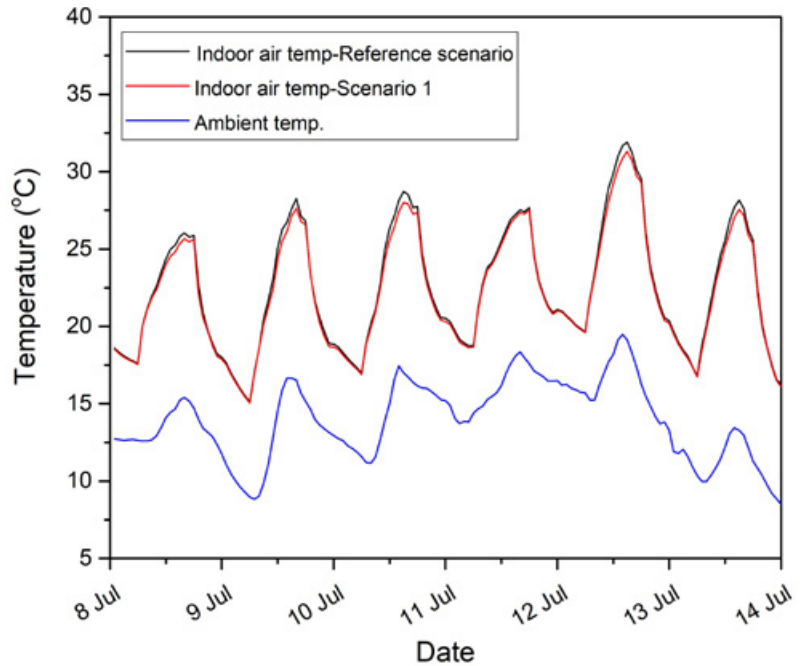


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 8.2-31.3 °C in reference scenario to a range 8.1-30.8 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

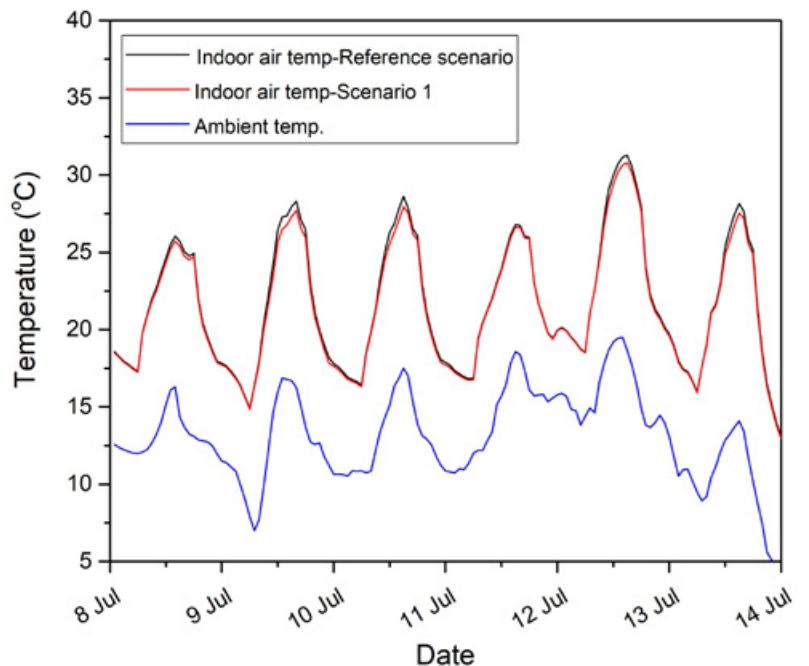


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.9 °C and 0.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

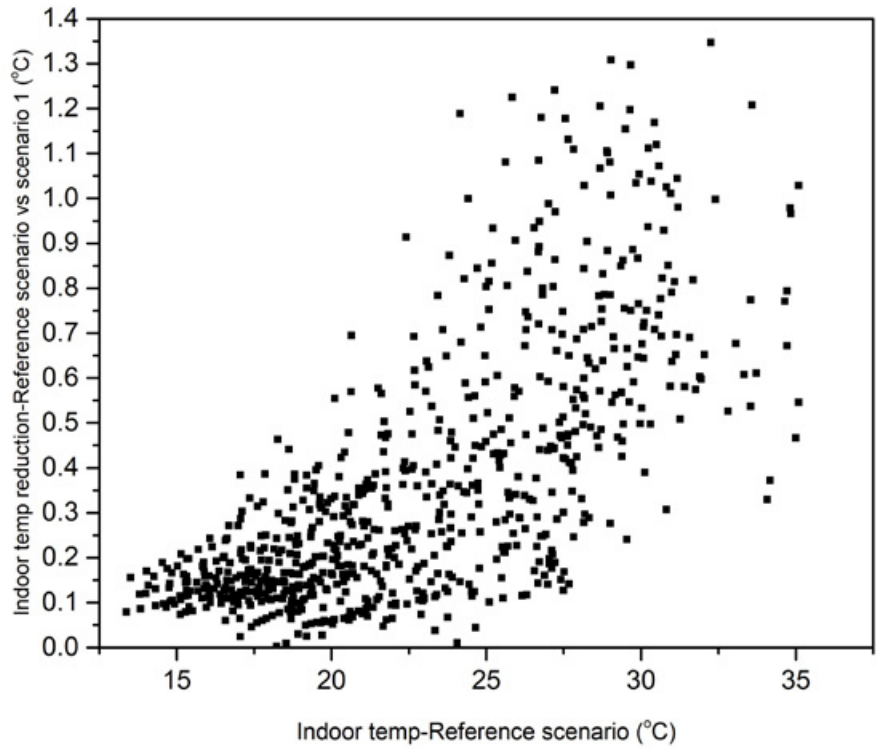


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

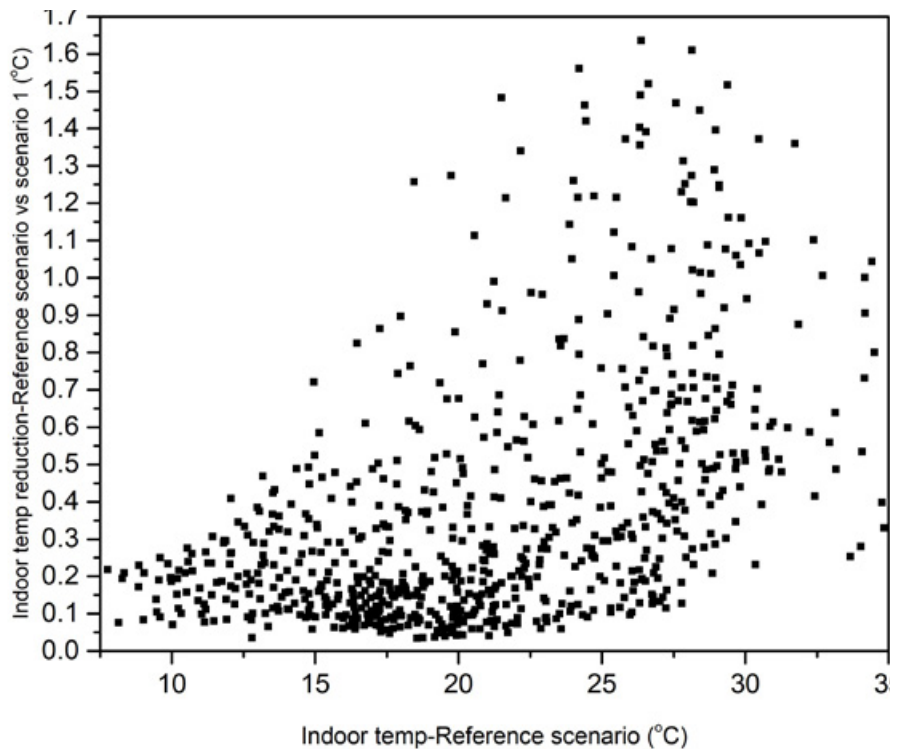


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing low-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.



## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to slightly increase from 208 hours in reference scenario to 217 hours, and from 293 to 302 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during slightly increase from 32 hours in reference scenario compared to 34 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory; and from 60 to 62 hours in Richmond station.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|--|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                           | Total |
| Observatory | 32                 | 208   | 34   | 217   |
| Richmond    | 60                 | 293   | 62   | 302   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decreased from 658 hours in reference scenario to 650 and 595 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 624 hours in reference scenario to 604 and 570 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1 Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2 Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Observatory | 658                | 650  | 595   |
| Richmond    | 624                | 604  | 570   |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of the existing low-rise shopping mall centre during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the existing low-rise shopping mall centre from 80.3-87.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 71.4-77.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 7.7-10.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 9.3-11.5 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 18.5-24.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 23-29.6 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.1-0.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (20.1-31.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 8.8-13.5 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 20.0 and 31.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (-8.7-12.8%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 26.1-49.9 °C and 26.4-54.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 2.8 and 3.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 4.0 and 4.0 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 13.4 and 31.9 °C in reference scenario to a range between 13.3 and 31.3 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 8.2 and 31.3 °C in reference scenario to a range between 8.1 and 30.8 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.9 °C and 0.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 208 hours in reference scenario to 217 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 293 hours in reference scenario to 302 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building.

The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 32 hours in reference scenario to 34 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 60 hours to 62 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 658 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which decreases to 650 and 595 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 624 hours in reference scenario to 604 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 570 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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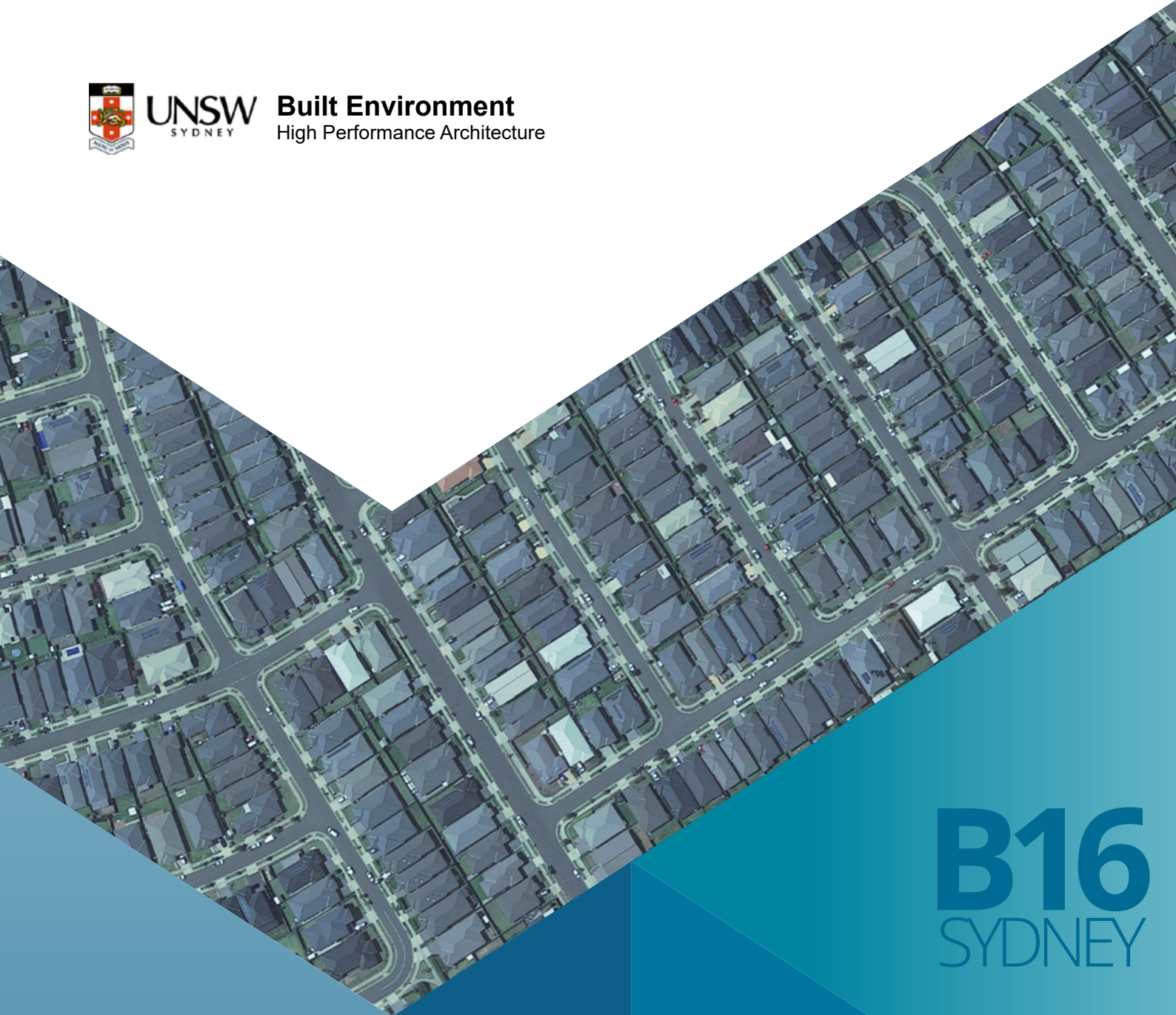
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## **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Existing high-rise shopping mall centre  
2021

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## BUILDING 16

### EXISTING HIGH-RISE SHOPPING MALL CENTRE

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Floor area : 1100m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 6

Image source: Mall of America, Minneapolis

Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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#### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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#### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 52.0                                   | 79.2                                | 49.9  | 76.9                                | 45.6   | 60.2                                |
| Terry Hill     | 55.1                                   | 75.9                                | 52.5  | 73.1                                | 50.4   | 63.7                                |
| Bankstown      | 57.5                                   | 79.4                                | 55.2  | 76.9                                | 51.5   | 61.7                                |
| Canterbury     | 53.2                                   | 78.4                                | 51.1  | 76.1                                | 47.5   | 62.1                                |
| Observatory    | 51.5                                   | 78.2                                | 49.4  | 75.9                                | 46.7   | 63.8                                |
| Richmond       | 66.8                                   | 82.6                                | 63.7  | 79.3                                | 60.7   | 68.4                                |
| Penrith        | 62.2                                   | 78.2                                | 59.6  | 75.5                                | 56.8   | 64.5                                |
| Horsley Park   | 60.5                                   | 77.8                                | 58.0  | 75.1                                | 52.3   | 61.2                                |
| Camden         | 63.0                                   | 77.1                                | 60.5  | 74.4                                | 57.0   | 62.6                                |
| Olympic Park   | 56.5                                   | 79.5                                | 54.2  | 77.1                                | 51.7   | 65.2                                |
| Campbelltown   | 59.9                                   | 77.0                                | 57.4  | 74.4                                | 54.2   | 62.2                                |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of an existing high-rise shopping mall centre from 75.9-82.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 73.1-79.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |     |                    |     | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |     | Total cooling      |     | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 2.1  | 4.0 | 2.3                | 2.9 | 6.4   | 12.3 | 19.0               | 24.0 |
| Terry Hill     | 2.6  | 4.7 | 2.8                | 3.7 | 4.7   | 8.5  | 12.2               | 16.1 |
| Bankstown      | 2.3  | 4.0 | 2.5                | 3.1 | 6.0   | 10.4 | 17.7               | 22.3 |
| Canterbury     | 2.1  | 3.9 | 2.3                | 2.9 | 5.7   | 10.7 | 16.3               | 20.8 |
| Observatory    | 2.1  | 4.1 | 2.3                | 2.9 | 4.8   | 9.3  | 14.4               | 18.4 |
| Richmond       | 3.1  | 4.6 | 3.3                | 4.0 | 6.1   | 9.1  | 14.2               | 17.2 |
| Penrith        | 2.6  | 4.2 | 2.7                | 3.5 | 5.4   | 8.7  | 13.7               | 17.5 |
| Horsley Park   | 2.5  | 4.1 | 2.7                | 3.5 | 8.2   | 13.6 | 16.6               | 21.3 |
| Camden         | 2.5  | 4.0 | 2.7                | 3.5 | 6.0   | 9.5  | 14.5               | 18.8 |
| Olympic Park   | 2.3  | 4.1 | 2.4                | 3.0 | 4.8   | 8.5  | 14.3               | 18.0 |
| Campbelltown   | 2.5  | 4.2 | 2.6                | 3.4 | 5.7   | 9.5  | 14.8               | 19.2 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 2.3-3.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 2.9-4.0 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 12.2-19.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 16.1-24.0 % total cooling load reduction.*



*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs can significantly reduce the cooling load of an existing high-rise shopping mall centre during the summer season.*

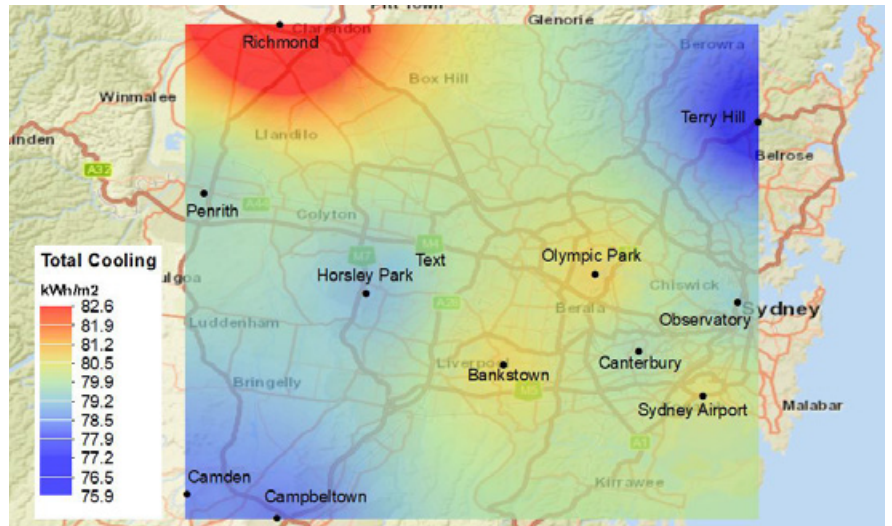


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

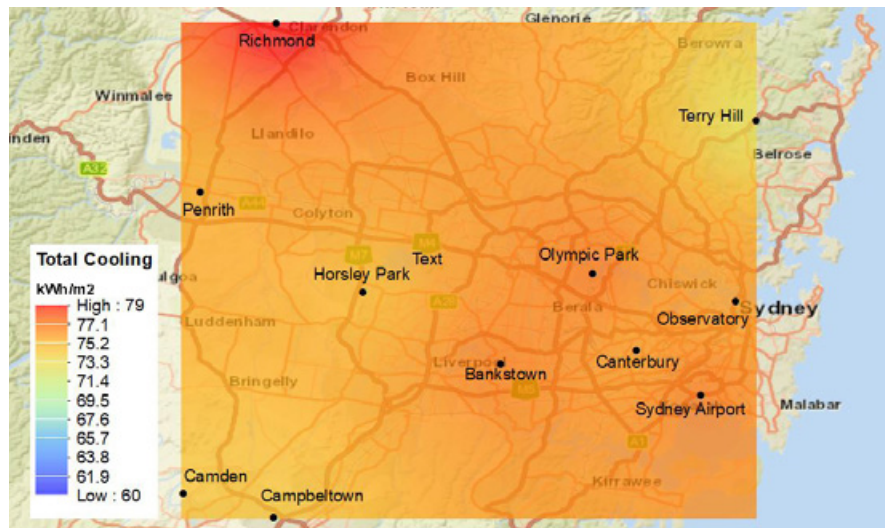


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.



Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

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**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (5.6-9.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 171.3                                     | 221.8 | 0.5                                       | 1.3   | 166.0   | 216.2 | 0.5                                       | 1.3   |
| Terry Hill     | 144.1                                     | 201.5 | 0.9                                       | 2.9   | 136.3   | 192.9 | 0.9                                       | 3.0   |
| Bankstown      | 172.2                                     | 216.6 | 1.1                                       | 3.8   | 165.3   | 209.4 | 1.2                                       | 3.9   |
| Canterbury     | 157.9                                     | 202.5 | 1.0                                       | 3.7   | 151.4   | 195.5 | 1.0                                       | 3.9   |
| Observatory    | 172.4                                     | 214.1 | 0.5                                       | 1.3   | 165.6   | 206.9 | 0.5                                       | 1.4   |
| Richmond       | 175.6                                     | 223.9 | 1.9                                       | 6.3   | 168.2   | 216.0 | 1.9                                       | 6.4   |
| Penrith        | 186.0                                     | 235.7 | 1.2                                       | 4.0   | 176.9   | 226.1 | 1.2                                       | 4.2   |
| Horsley Park   | 170.4                                     | 208.8 | 1.3                                       | 4.2   | 161.9   | 199.8 | 1.3                                       | 4.3   |
| Camden         | 162.0                                     | 196.1 | 2.1                                       | 7.4   | 154.5   | 188.2 | 2.2                                       | 7.6   |
| Olympic Park   | 176.2                                     | 231.5 | 1.0                                       | 3.2   | 168.3   | 223.0 | 1.0                                       | 3.3   |
| Campbelltown   | 159.6                                     | 191.5 | 1.9                                       | 6.2   | 151.9   | 183.4 | 1.9                                       | 6.4   |

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new high-rise shopping mall centre using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 2.5-4.3 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 5.6 and 9.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~2.5-4.2 %).*

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |     |                    |     | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |     |                    |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                | Sensible                   |     | Total              |     | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |     | Total              |     |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %   | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %   |
| Sydney Airport | 5.3                        | 3.1 | 5.6                | 2.5 | 0.0                         | 0.0   | 5.3  | 3.1 | 5.6                | 2.5 |
| Terry Hill     | 7.8                        | 5.4 | 8.6                | 4.3 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 7.8  | 5.4 | 8.5                | 4.2 |
| Bankstown      | 6.9                        | 4.0 | 7.2                | 3.3 | 0.1                         | 0.1   | 6.8  | 3.9 | 7.1                | 3.2 |
| Canterbury     | 6.5                        | 4.1 | 7.0                | 3.5 | 0.0                         | 0.2   | 6.5  | 4.1 | 6.8                | 3.3 |
| Observatory    | 6.8                        | 3.9 | 7.2                | 3.4 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 6.8  | 3.9 | 7.1                | 3.3 |
| Richmond       | 7.4                        | 4.2 | 7.9                | 3.5 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 7.4  | 4.2 | 7.8                | 3.4 |
| Penrith        | 9.1                        | 4.9 | 9.6                | 4.1 | 0.0                         | 0.2   | 9.1  | 4.9 | 9.4                | 3.9 |
| Horsley Park   | 8.5                        | 5.0 | 9.0                | 4.3 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 8.5  | 5.0 | 8.9                | 4.2 |
| Camden         | 7.5                        | 4.6 | 7.9                | 4.0 | 0.1                         | 0.2   | 7.4  | 4.5 | 7.7                | 3.8 |
| Olympic Park   | 7.9                        | 4.5 | 8.5                | 3.7 | 0.0                         | 0.1   | 7.9  | 4.5 | 8.4                | 3.6 |
| Campbelltown   | 7.7                        | 4.8 | 8.1                | 4.2 | 0.0                         | 0.2   | 7.7  | 4.8 | 7.9                | 4.0 |

### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

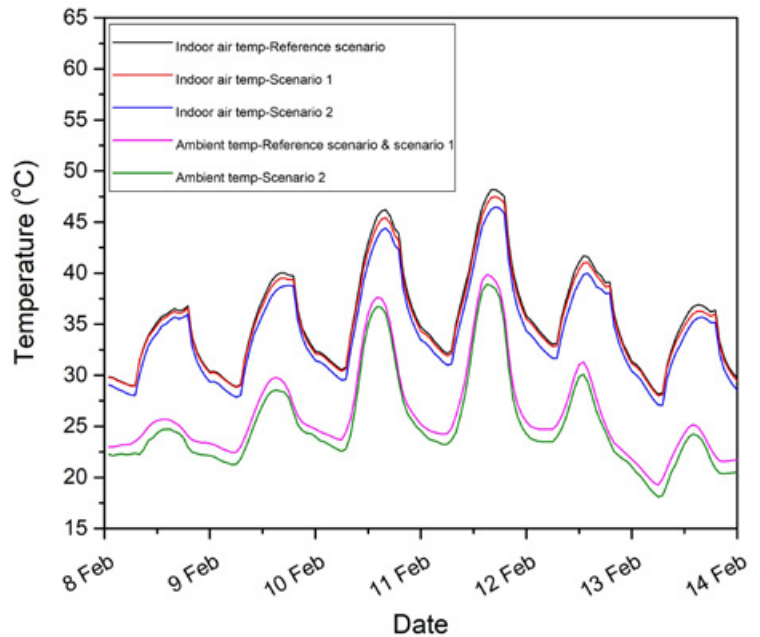


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

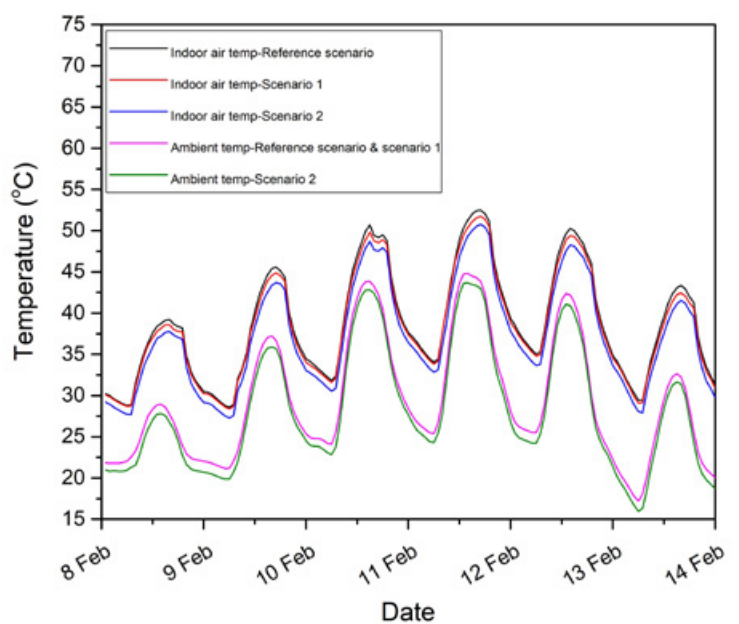


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.1-48.2 °C and 28.3-52.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

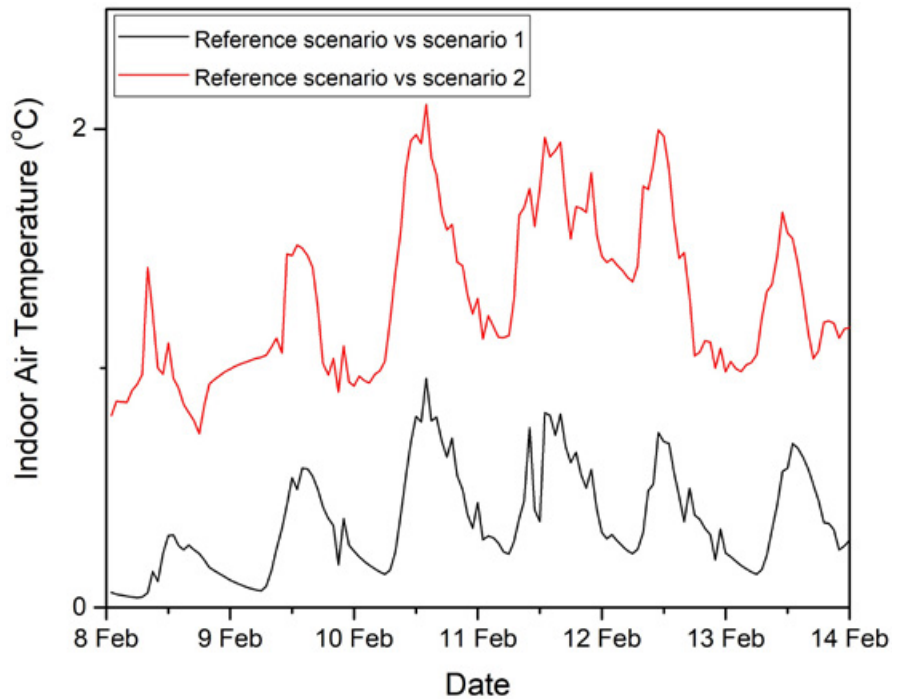


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 1.0 °C and 1.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 2.1 °C and 2.2 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

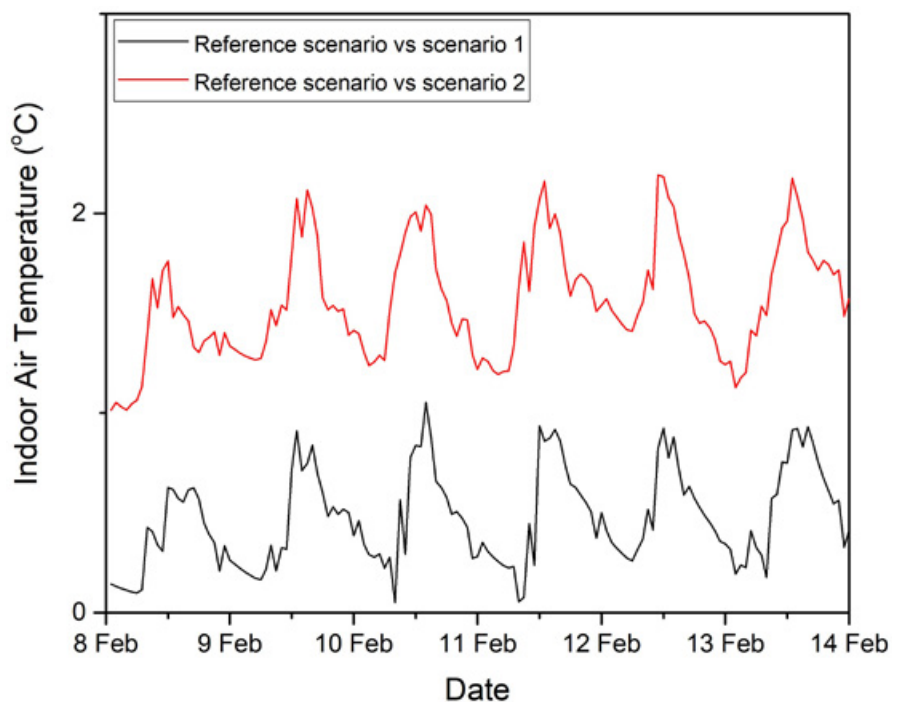


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for an existing highrise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to slightly decrease from a range 15.5-31.5 °C in reference scenario to a range 15.5-31.4 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

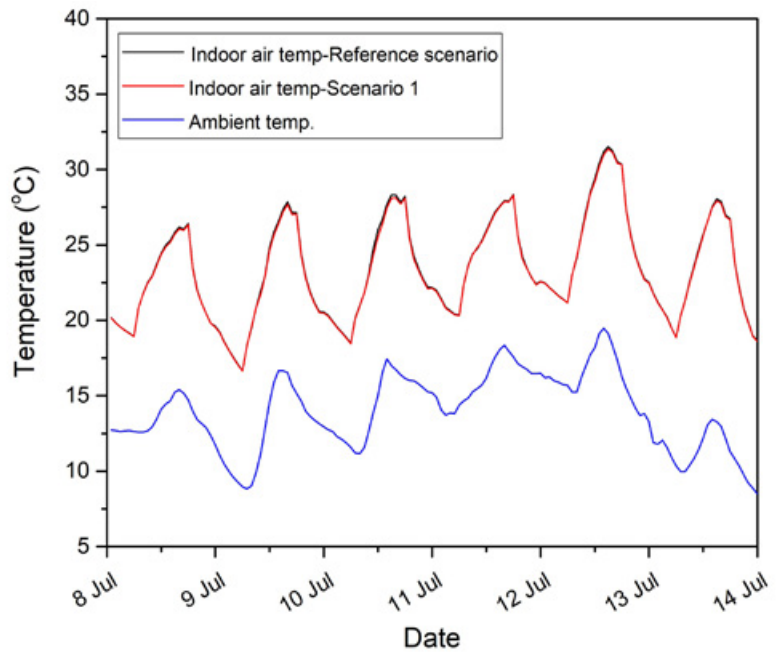


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 10.5-30.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 10.5-30.7 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

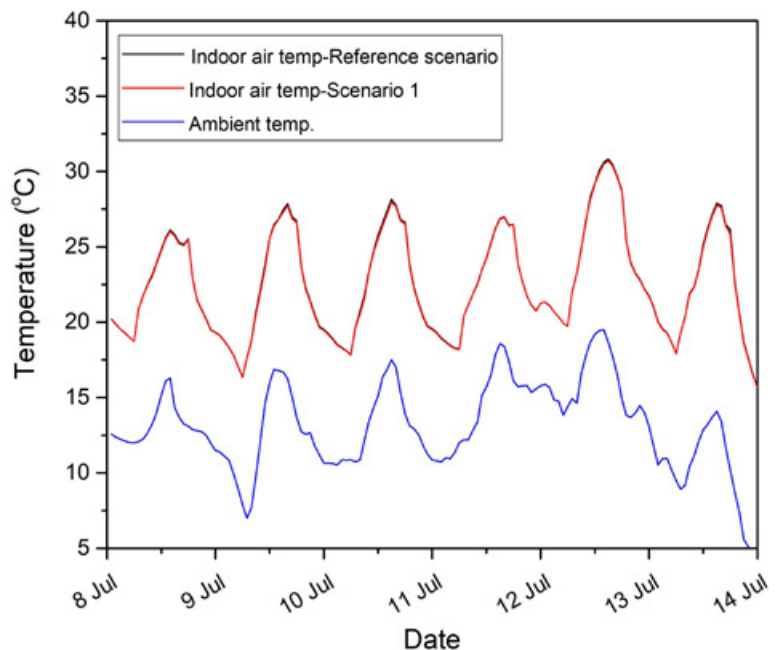


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating condition during a typical winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.3 °C and 0.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

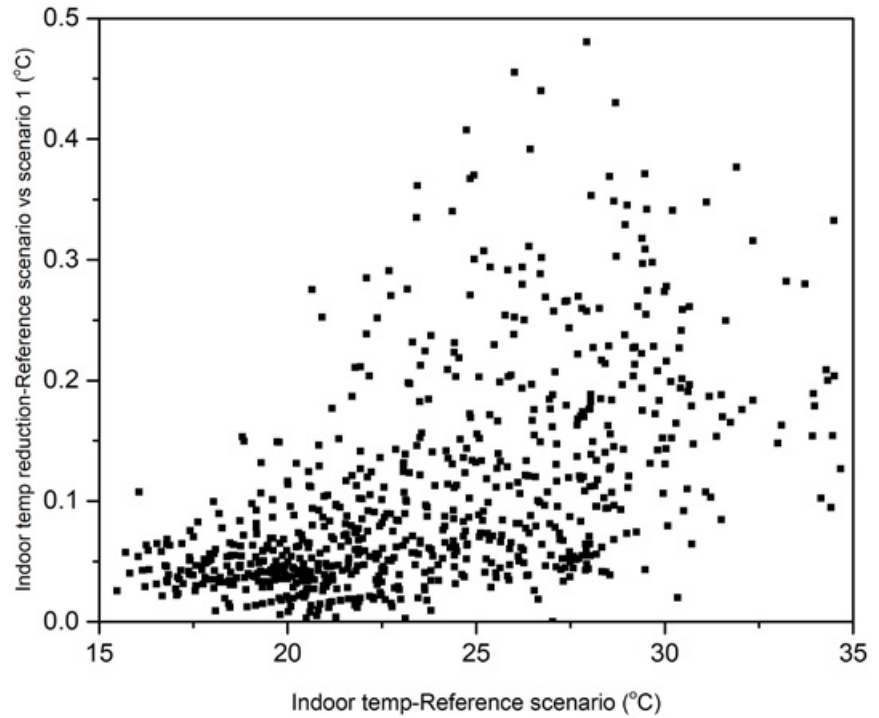


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

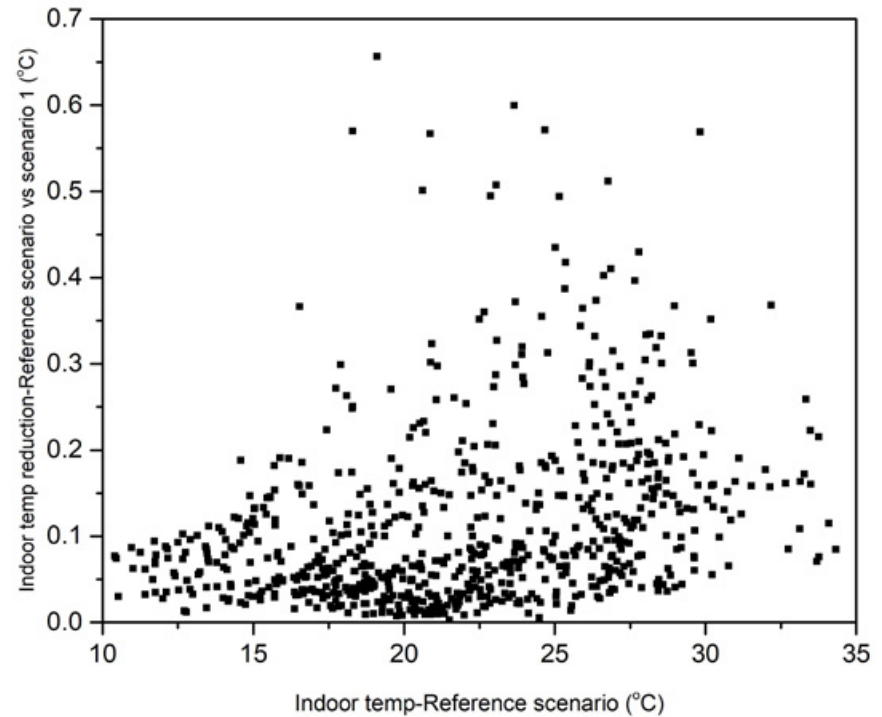


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for an existing high-rise shopping mall centre under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to increase slightly with 97 in the reference scenario and 99 hours in Scenario 1 in Observatory; and from 223 to 237 hours in Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|---|-------|
|             | Operational hours* | Total | Operational hours*                              | Total |
| Observatory | 16                 | 97    | 16  | 99    |
| Richmond    | 53                 | 233   | 54  | 237   |

\* Operational hours of the building: Monday to Friday, 7 am-6 pm.

*The number operational hours with air temperature <19 °C during slightly increase from 16 hours in reference scenario compared to 16 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory; and from 53 to 54 hours in Richmond station.*

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to slightly decreased from 670 hours in reference scenario to 670 and 666 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 660 hours in reference scenario to 655 and 634 hours under scenario 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Observatory | 670                | 670   | 666  |
| Richmond    | 660                | 655   | 634  |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of an existing high-rise shopping mall centre during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of the low-rise office building from 75.9-82.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 73.1-79.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 2.3-3.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 2.9-4.0 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 12.2-19.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 16.1-24.0 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.0-0.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (5.6-9.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 2.5-4.3 %. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 5.6 and 9.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~2.5-4.2 %) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 28.1-48.2 °C and 28.3-52.5 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 1.0 and 1.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 2.1 and 2.2 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease slightly from a range between 15.5 and 31.5 °C in reference scenario to a range between 15.4 and 31.4 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).



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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range between 10.5 and 30.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 10.5 and 30.7 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 0.3 °C and 0.3 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to increase slightly from 97 hours in reference scenario to 99 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slight increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 233 hours in reference scenario to 237 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1). The results show less increase in total number hours below 19 °C between the two scenarios (i.e. reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1)) during operational hours of the building. The number of hours below 19 °C during operational hours of the building (i.e. 7 am-6 pm) is expected to increase from 16 hours in reference scenario to 16 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station.

Similarly, the calculation in Richmond station shows a slight increase of number of hours below 19 °C from 53 hours to 54 hours during the operational hours (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 670 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which slightly decreases to 670 and 666 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 660 hours in reference scenario to 655 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 634 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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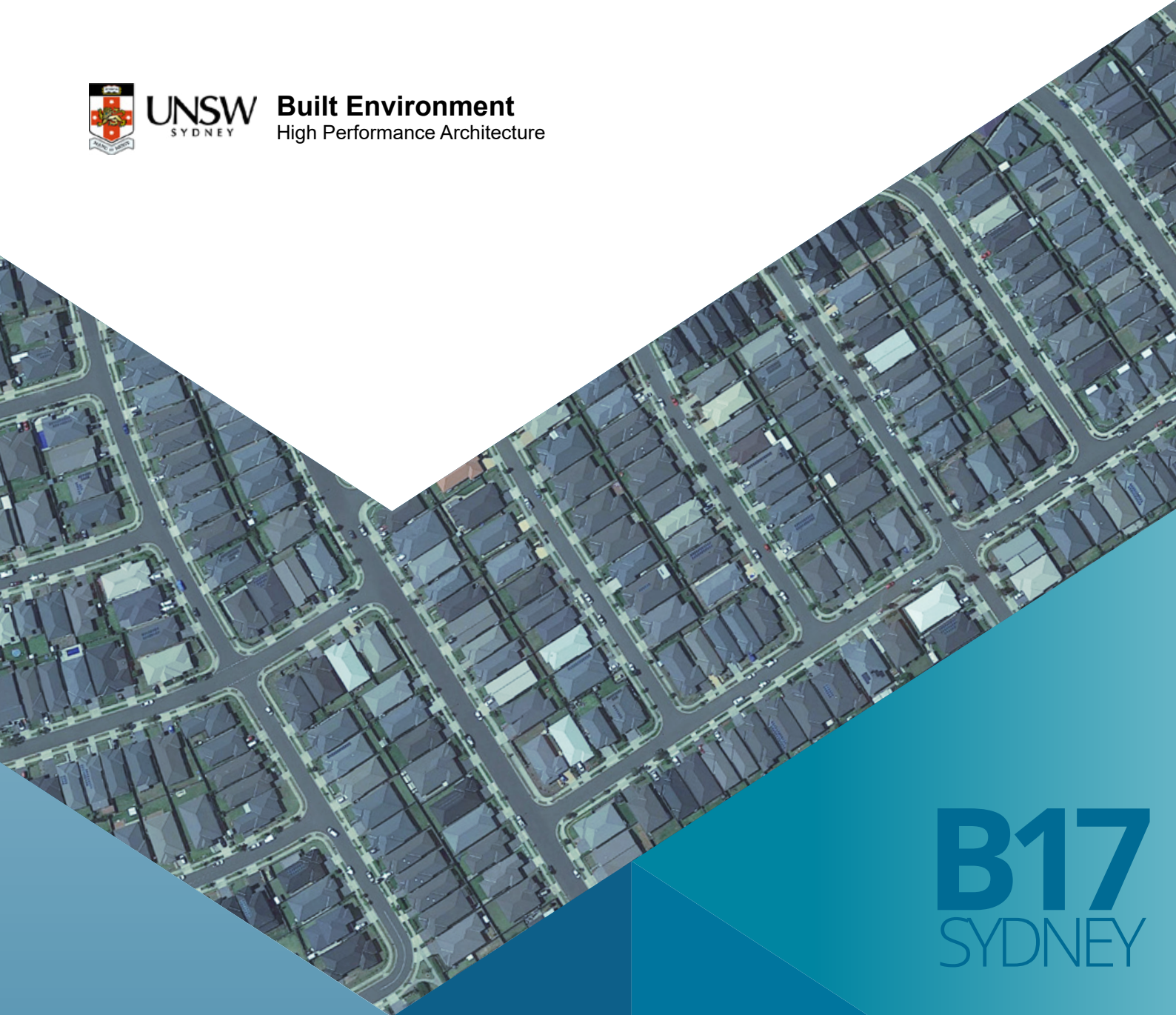
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# **COOL ROOFS** COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

New standalone house  
2021

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# BUILDING 17

## NEW STANDALONE HOUSE

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Floor area : 242m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of stories : 1

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Note: building characteristics change with climate zones



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### Reference scenario

Reference building as described in Appendix with a conventional roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by Weather Research Forecast (WRF) for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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### Scenario 1: Reference with cool roof scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of two sets of climatic data including one climatic data simulated by WRF for the current condition for two summer months and one measured annual weather data.

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### Scenario 2 : Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario

Same building as in the reference scenario with a cool roof. Use of climatic data simulated by WRF considering an extensive use of cool roofs in the city.

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# 1

## SENSIBLE AND TOTAL COOLING LOAD FOR TWO SUMMER MONTHS UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using weather data simulated by WRF.

**Table 1.** Sensible and total cooling load for a new stand-alone house for two summer months (i.e. January and February) under three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                     |                                     | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |                                     | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )          | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Sensible cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )                           | Total cooling (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Sydney Airport | 7.7                                    | 13.7                                | 4.9   | 9.8                                 | 3.4  | 5.2                                 |
| Terry Hill     | 8.5                                    | 13.0                                | 5.4   | 9.0                                 | 4.7  | 6.5                                 |
| Bankstown      | 9.4                                    | 14.7                                | 6.5   | 11.0                                | 5.1  | 6.7                                 |
| Canterbury     | 8.0                                    | 13.6                                | 5.3   | 9.9                                 | 4.0  | 5.9                                 |
| Observatory    | 7.5                                    | 13.2                                | 4.7   | 9.3                                 | 3.7  | 6.0                                 |
| Richmond       | 12.2                                   | 16.5                                | 8.9   | 12.6                                | 8.0  | 9.5                                 |
| Penrith        | 10.5                                   | 14.5                                | 7.7   | 11.1                                | 6.7  | 8.1                                 |
| Horsley Park   | 10.0                                   | 14.1                                | 7.2   | 10.7                                | 6.3  | 8.0                                 |
| Camden         | 10.7                                   | 14.2                                | 7.9   | 10.9                                | 6.8  | 7.8                                 |
| Olympic Park   | 8.9                                    | 14.4                                | 6.3   | 10.9                                | 5.2  | 7.4                                 |
| Campbelltown   | 9.7                                    | 13.8                                | 7.0   | 10.4                                | 5.9  | 7.3                                 |

*The building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new standalone house from 13.0-16.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 89.0-12.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.*

**Table 2.** Sensible and total cooling load saving for a new stand-alone house for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario versus Reference with cool roof scenario (Scenario 1) |      |                    |      | Reference scenario versus Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (Scenario 2) |      |                    |      |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------|------|---|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible cooling   |      | Total cooling      |      | Sensible cooling  |      | Total cooling      |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 2.8  | 36.4 | 3.9                | 28.5 | 4.3   | 55.8 | 8.5                | 62.0 |
| Terry Hill     | 3.1  | 36.5 | 4.0                | 30.8 | 3.8   | 44.7 | 6.5                | 50.0 |
| Bankstown      | 2.9  | 30.9 | 3.7                | 25.2 | 4.3   | 45.7 | 8.0                | 54.4 |
| Canterbury     | 2.7  | 33.8 | 3.7                | 27.2 | 4.0   | 50.0 | 7.7                | 56.6 |
| Observatory    | 2.8  | 37.3 | 3.9                | 29.5 | 3.8   | 50.7 | 7.2                | 54.5 |
| Richmond       | 3.3  | 27.0 | 3.9                | 23.6 | 4.2   | 34.4 | 7.0                | 42.4 |
| Penrith        | 2.8  | 26.7 | 3.4                | 23.4 | 3.8   | 36.2 | 6.4                | 44.1 |
| Horsley Park   | 2.8  | 28.0 | 3.4                | 24.1 | 3.7   | 37.0 | 6.1                | 43.3 |
| Camden         | 2.8  | 26.2 | 3.3                | 23.2 | 3.9   | 36.4 | 6.4                | 45.1 |
| Olympic Park   | 2.6  | 29.2 | 3.5                | 24.3 | 3.7   | 41.6 | 7.0                | 48.6 |
| Campbelltown   | 2.7  | 27.8 | 3.4                | 24.6 | 3.8   | 39.2 | 6.5                | 47.1 |

*For Scenario 1, the total cooling load saving is around 3.3-3.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 23.2-30.8 % of total cooling load reduction.*

*For Scenario 2, the total cooling load saving is around 6.1-8.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> which is equivalent to 42.4-62.0 % total cooling load reduction.*

*In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, both building-scale and the combined building-scale and urban scale application of cool roofs can reduce the cooling load of the new standalone house during the summer season.*

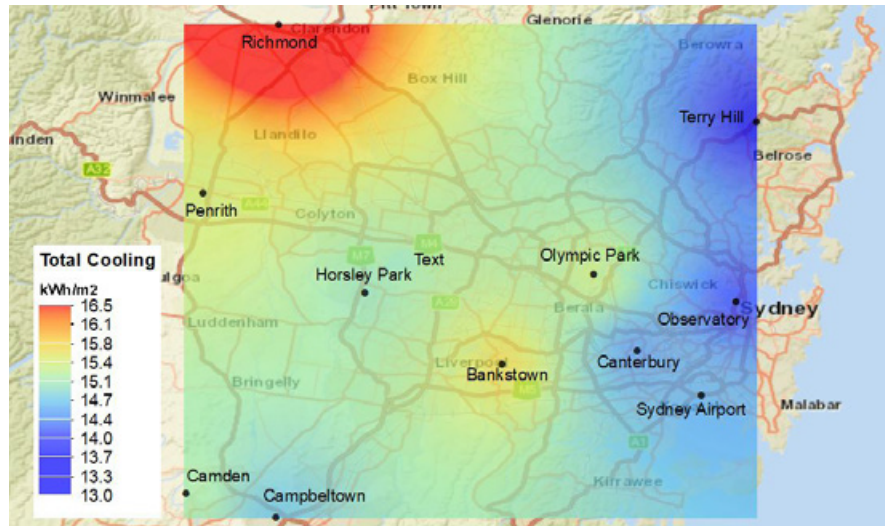


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference scenario for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new stand-alone house with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

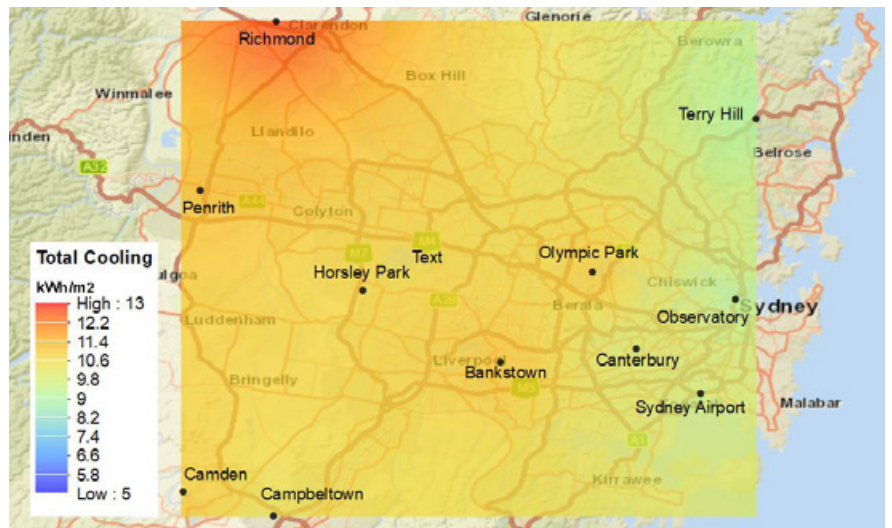


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new stand-alone house with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

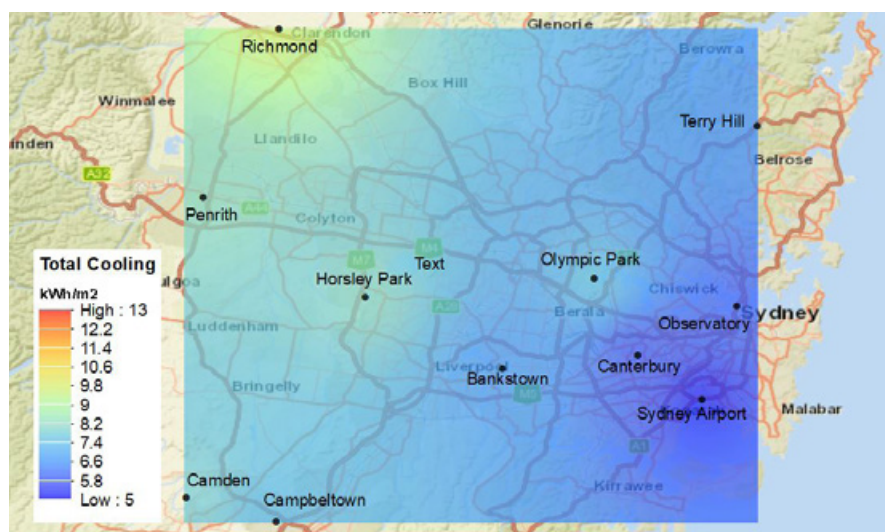


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of total cooling load for cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for two summer months (i.e. January and February) for a new stand-alone house with weather data simulated by WRF for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

## 2

<sup>b</sup> Reference scenario and scenario 1; estimated for eleven weather stations in Sydney using measured annual climate data.

# ANNUAL COOLING AND HEATING LOAD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>b</sup>

**Table 3.** Annual cooling and heating loads for a new stand-alone house for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Reference scenario                        |       |   |       | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       | Annual cooling load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )       |       | Annual heating load (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ) |       |
|                | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total | Sensible  | Total | Sensible                                  | Total |
| Sydney Airport | 13.6                                      | 20.5  | 7.6                                       | 9.5   | 9.3   | 14.8  | 8.2                                       | 10.2  |
| Terry Hill     | 10.7                                      | 16.8  | 12.1                                      | 14.9  | 6.1   | 10.3  | 13.4                                      | 16.4  |
| Bankstown      | 15.9                                      | 23.0  | 13.1                                      | 16.1  | 10.6  | 16.2  | 14.2                                      | 17.3  |
| Canterbury     | 13.1                                      | 19.4  | 12.7                                      | 15.6  | 8.4   | 13.3  | 13.9                                      | 16.9  |
| Observatory    | 13.7                                      | 19.7  | 8.4                                       | 10.4  | 8.6   | 13.1  | 9.3                                       | 11.4  |
| Richmond       | 17.5                                      | 25.3  | 15.3                                      | 18.8  | 12.3  | 18.8  | 16.4                                      | 20.0  |
| Penrith        | 19.6                                      | 28.2  | 12.6                                      | 15.6  | 13.3  | 20.4  | 13.7                                      | 16.9  |
| Horsley Park   | 15.6                                      | 21.2  | 13.8                                      | 16.9  | 10.3  | 14.7  | 15.0                                      | 18.3  |
| Camden         | 14.6                                      | 19.3  | 17.8                                      | 21.8  | 9.9   | 13.5  | 19.2                                      | 23.4  |
| Olympic Park   | 15.7                                      | 24.6  | 11.6                                      | 14.4  | 10.3  | 17.4  | 12.6                                      | 15.5  |
| Campbelltown   | 13.9                                      | 17.9  | 17.3                                      | 21.3  | 9.0   | 12.1  | 18.7                                      | 22.9  |

*The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrates that the annual heating penalty (0.7-1.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is significantly lower than the annual cooling load reduction (5.7-7.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).*

**Table 4.** Annual cooling load saving, heating load penalty, and total cooling and heating saving for reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new stand-alone house using annual measured weather data for COP=1 for heating and cooling.

| Stations       | Annual cooling load saving |      |                    |      | Annual heating load penalty |       | Annual total cooling & heating load saving |      |                    |      |
|----------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|--|------|--------------------|------|
|                | Sensible                   |      | Total              |      | Sens.                       | Total | Sensible                                   |      | Total              |      |
|                | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>          |       | kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                         | %    | kWh/m <sup>2</sup> | %    |
| Sydney Airport | 4.3                        | 31.6 | 5.7                | 27.8 | 0.6                         | 0.7   | 3.7  | 17.5 | 5.0                | 16.7 |
| Terry Hill     | 4.6                        | 43.0 | 6.5                | 38.7 | 1.3                         | 1.5   | 3.3  | 14.5 | 5.0                | 15.8 |
| Bankstown      | 5.3                        | 33.3 | 6.8                | 29.6 | 1.1                         | 1.2   | 4.2  | 14.5 | 5.6                | 14.3 |
| Canterbury     | 4.7                        | 35.9 | 6.1                | 31.4 | 1.2                         | 1.3   | 3.5  | 13.6 | 4.8                | 13.7 |
| Observatory    | 5.1                        | 37.2 | 6.6                | 33.5 | 0.9                         | 1.0   | 4.2  | 19.0 | 5.6                | 18.6 |
| Richmond       | 5.2                        | 29.7 | 6.5                | 25.7 | 1.1                         | 1.2   | 4.1  | 12.5 | 5.3                | 12.0 |
| Penrith        | 6.3                        | 32.1 | 7.8                | 27.7 | 1.1                         | 1.3   | 5.2  | 16.1 | 6.5                | 14.8 |
| Horsley Park   | 5.3                        | 34.0 | 6.5                | 30.7 | 1.2                         | 1.4   | 4.1  | 13.9 | 5.1                | 13.4 |
| Camden         | 4.7                        | 32.2 | 5.8                | 30.1 | 1.4                         | 1.6   | 3.3  | 10.2 | 4.2                | 10.2 |
| Olympic Park   | 5.4                        | 34.4 | 7.2                | 29.3 | 1.0                         | 1.1   | 4.4  | 16.1 | 6.1                | 15.6 |
| Campbelltown   | 4.9                        | 35.3 | 5.8                | 32.4 | 1.4                         | 1.6   | 3.5  | 11.2 | 4.2                | 10.7 |

*The annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 25.7-38.7 %.*

*The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 4.2 and 6.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~10.2-18.6 %).*



### 3

## INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD UNDER THREE SCENARIOS<sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Reference scenario, scenario 1, and scenario 2; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range 19.2-39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range 18.1-38.9 ° in scenario 2 in Observatory station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.6-1.6 °C compared to the reference scenario in Observatory station.*

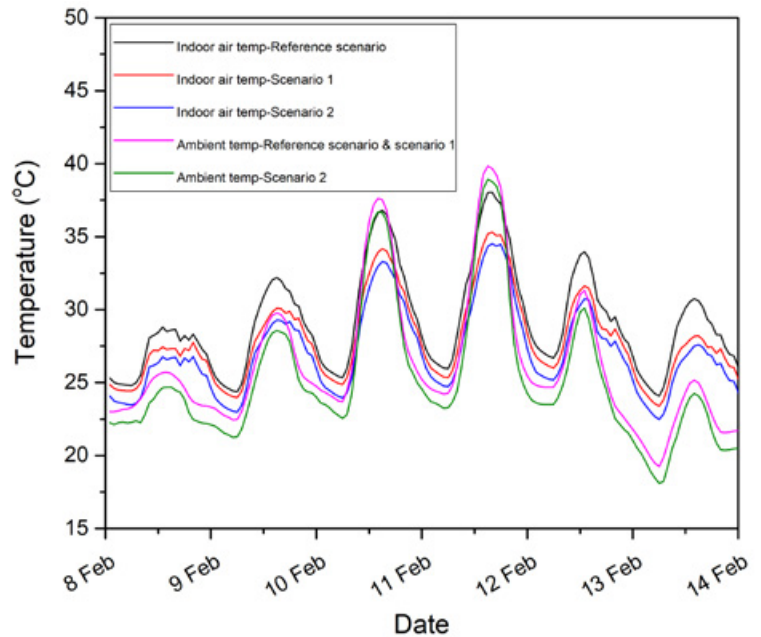


Figure 4. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new stand-alone house under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in Observatory station using weather data simulated by WRF.

*For scenario 2, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7°C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6°C in Richmond station.*

*For Scenario 2, the estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C compared to the reference scenario in Richmond station.*

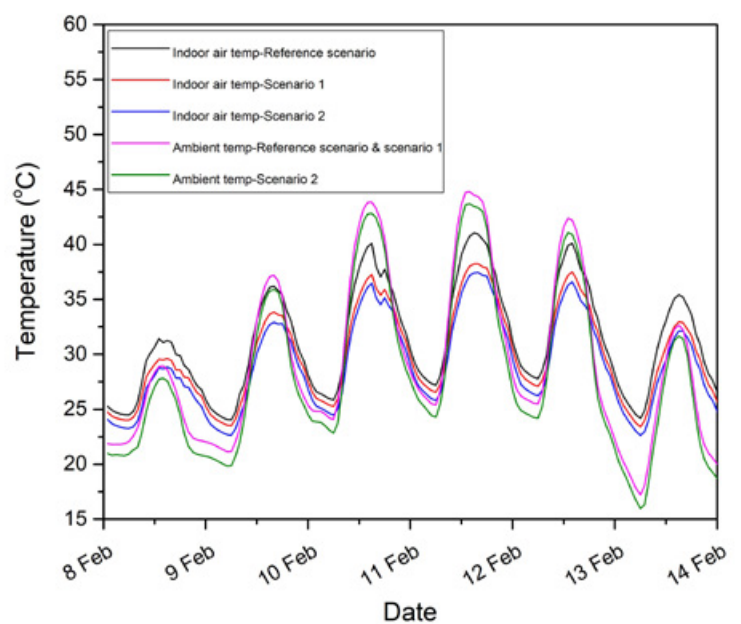


Figure 5. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for three scenarios including reference scenario, reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1), and cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new stand-alone house under free floating conditions during a typical summer week in Richmond station using weather data simulated by WRF.

During a typical summer week, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 24.1-38.0 °C and 24.0- 41.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

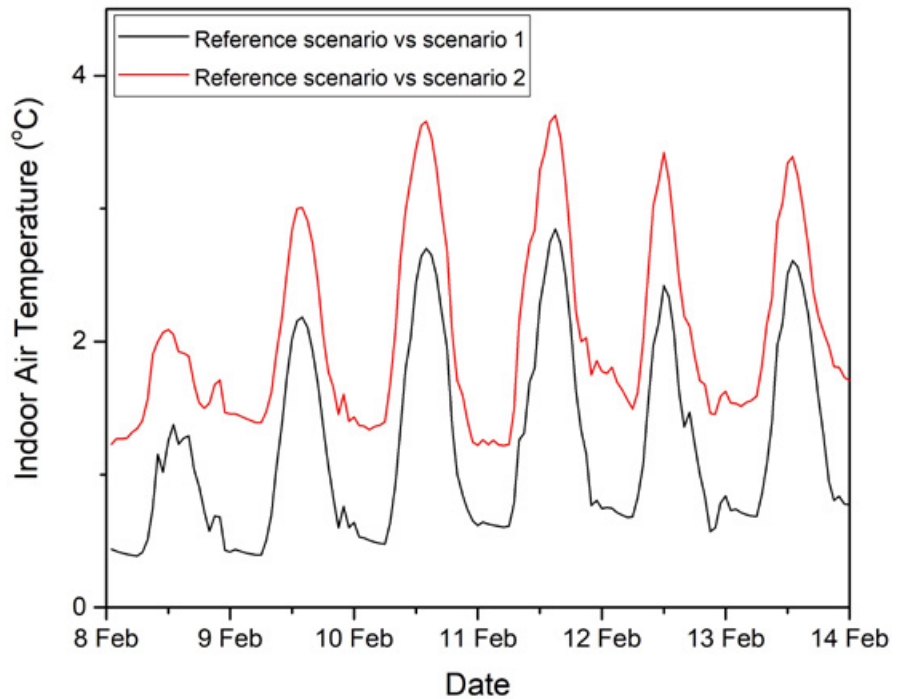


Figure 6. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new stand-alone house under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Observatory station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

For Scenario 1 (building-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 2.8 °C and 2.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

For Scenario 2 (combined building- and urban-scale), the maximum indoor temperature reduction increases up to 3.7 °C and 3.7 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

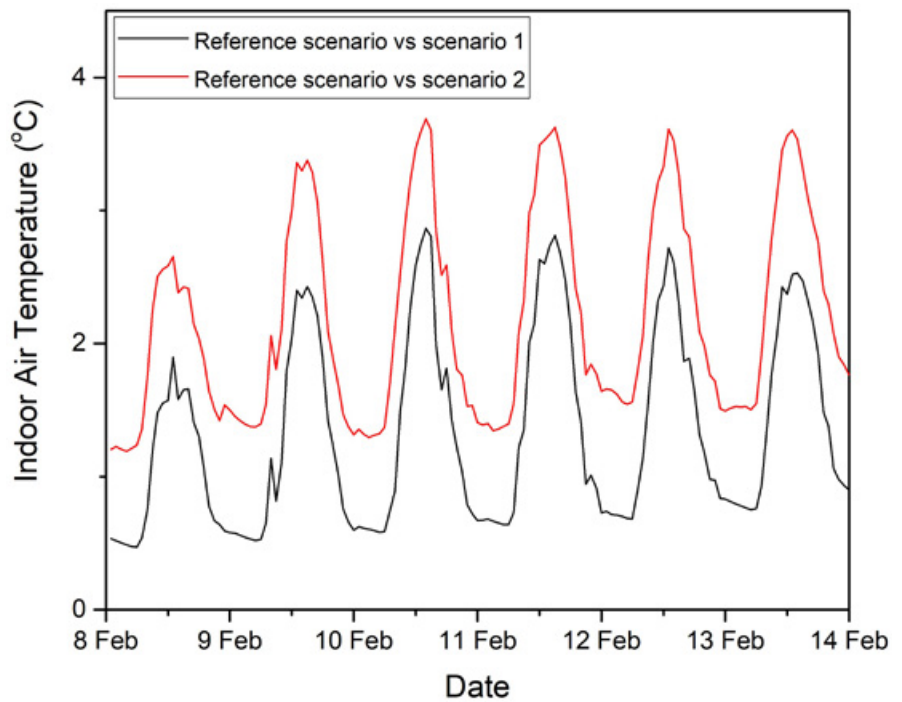


Figure 7. Indoor temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and reference scenario versus cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) for a new stand-alone house under free-floating conditions during a typical summer week in *Richmond station* using weather data simulated by WRF.

## 4

# INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE FOR FREE-FLOATING CONDITION DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD UNDER TWO SCENARIOS<sup>d</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Reference scenario and scenario; estimated for weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter week, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease from a range 12.7-23.9 °C in reference scenario to a range 12.5-22.9 °C in scenario 1 in Observatory Hill station.*

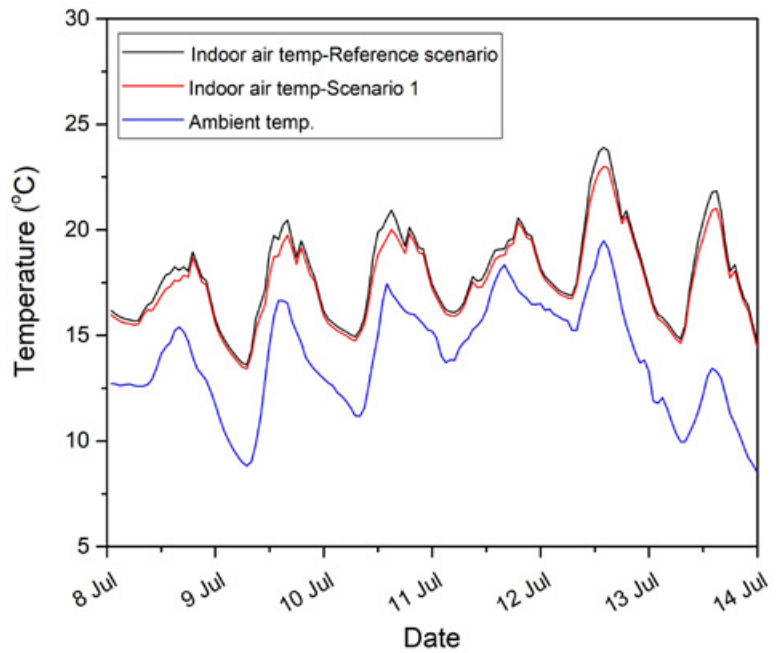


Figure 8. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new existing stand-alone house under free-floating condition during a winter week in *Observatory station* using annual measured weather data.

*The indoor air temperature is predicted to reduce from a range 8.8-23.5 °C in reference scenario to a range 8.7-22.8 °C in scenario 1 in Richmond station.*

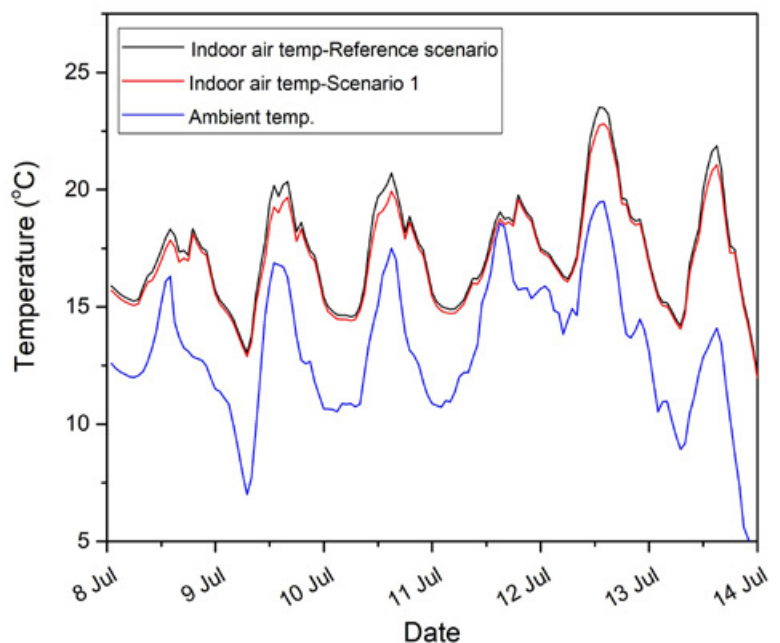


Figure 9. Indoor air temperature and ambient temperature for two scenarios including reference scenario and reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new existing stand-alone house under free-floating condition during a winter week in *Richmond station* using annual measured weather data.

For Scenario 1, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 1.1 and 1.0 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.

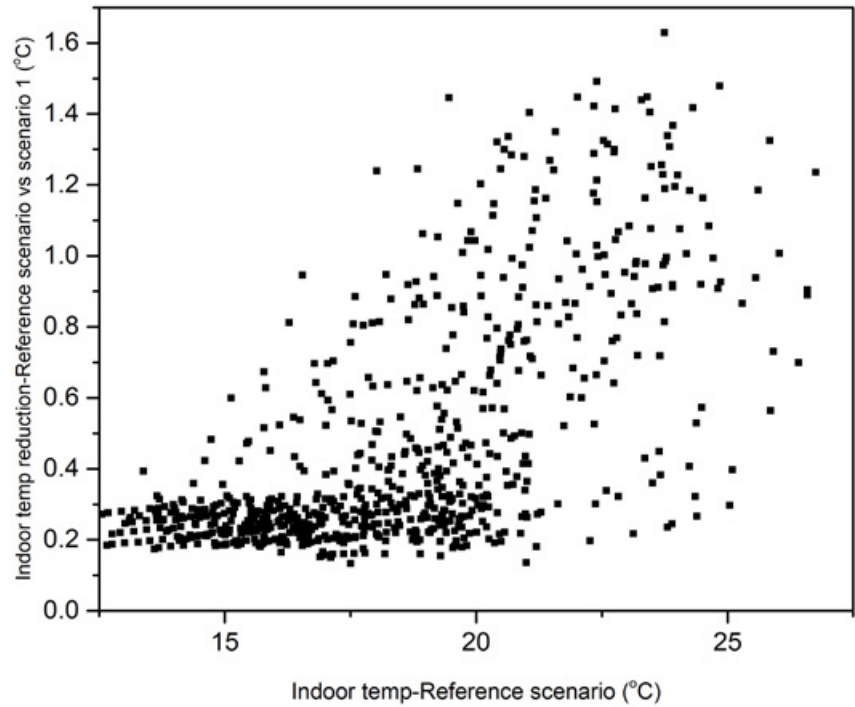


Figure 10. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new stand-alone house under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Observatory station using annual measured weather data.

Temperature decrease mainly happens during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold.

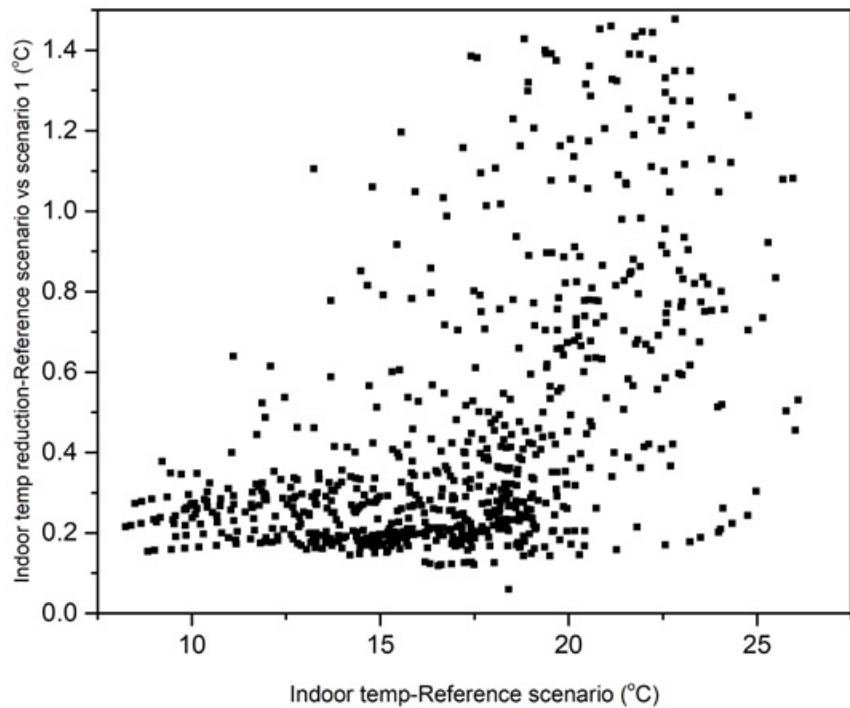


Figure 11. Indoor air temperature difference between reference scenario versus reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) for a new stand-alone house under free-floating conditions during a typical winter month in Richmond station using annual measured weather data.

## 5

# NUMBER OF HOURS WITH INDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE BELOW 19°C DURING A TYPICAL COLD PERIOD AND ABOVE 26°C DURING A TYPICAL WARM PERIOD<sup>e</sup>

<sup>e</sup> For free-floating condition in weather stations presenting the lowest and highest ambient temperatures in Sydney (i.e. Observatory Hill and Richmond) using annual measured weather data.

**Table 5.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature below 19 °C in free-floating mode during a typical winter month using annual measured weather data.

*During a typical winter month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (<19 °C) is predicted to considerably increase from 429 hours in reference scenario to 478 hours; and from 523 to 562 hours in scenario 1 in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| Observatory | 429                | 478   |
| Richmond    | 523                | 562   |

**Table 6.** Number of hours with indoor air temperature above 26 °C in free-floating mode during a typical summer month using weather data simulated by WRF.

*During a typical summer month, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature (>26 °C) is predicted to significantly decrease from 422 hours in reference scenario to 339 and 253 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Observatory station; and from 456 hours in reference scenario to 415 and 356 hours under scenario 1 and 2 in Richmond station, respectively.*

| Stations    | Reference scenario | Scenario 1<br>Reference with cool roof scenario | Scenario 2<br>Cool roof with modified urban temperature scenario |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Observatory | 422                | 339   | 253  |
| Richmond    | 456                | 415   | 356  |

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is estimated that both building-scale and combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roof can significantly reduce the cooling load of a new standalone house during the summer season.
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the building-scale application of cool roofs can decrease the two summer months total cooling load of a new high-rise apartment from 13.0-16.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 9.0-12.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. As computed, the two summer months total cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 3.3-3.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to approximately 23.2-30.8 % total cooling load reduction in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) compared to the reference case scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2).
- In the eleven weather stations in Sydney, the combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs is estimated to reduce the two summer months total cooling by 6.1-8.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to 42.4-62.0 % total cooling load reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario (See Table 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3).
- The annual cooling and heating simulation using annual measured weather data illustrate that the annual heating penalty (0.7-1.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) is lower than the annual cooling load reduction (5.7-7.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>). As calculated, the annual cooling load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs is around 25.7-38.7%. The annual total cooling and heating load saving by building-scale application of cool roofs ranges between 4.2 and 6.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (~10.2-18.6%) (See Table 3 and 4).
- During a typical summer week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature of the reference scenario ranges between 24.1-38.0 °C and 24.0-41.1 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. When cool roofs are applied at a building scale (scenario 1), the maximum indoor temperature reduction is estimated to be 2.8 and 2.9 °C in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. The indoor air temperature reduction is foreseen to increase further to 3.7 and 3.7 °C by combined building-scale and urban-scale application of cool roofs (scenario 2) in Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively (See Figures 4-7).
- During a typical summer week, the ambient air temperature is predicted to decrease from a range between 19.2 and 39.8 °C in reference scenario to a range between 18.1 and 38.9 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Observatory station. The ambient temperature reduction in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) compared to the reference scenario is approximately 0.6-1.6 °C. Similarly, the ambient temperature is predicted to decrease from 17.2-44.7 °C in reference scenario to 15.9-43.6 °C in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2) in Richmond station. The estimated ambient temperature reduction is 0.7-1.7 °C in Richmond station (See Figures 4 and 6).
- During a typical winter week and under free floating condition, the indoor air temperature is expected to decrease from a range between 12.7 and 23.9 °C in reference scenario to a range between 12.5 and 22.9 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory Hill station (See Figure 8).

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Similarly, the indoor air temperature is predicted to slightly reduce from a range between 8.8 and 23.5 °C in reference scenario to a range between 8.7 and 22.8 °C in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Richmond station (See Figures 8 and 9).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the average maximum indoor air temperature reduction by building-scale application of cool roofs is predicted to be just 1.1 °C and 1.0 °C for both Observatory and Richmond stations, respectively. Positively, temperature decrease happens mainly during the non-heating period when indoor temperature is higher than the threshold (See Figures 10 and 11).

- During a typical winter month and under free floating condition, the total number of hours with an indoor air temperature below 19 °C is predicted to considerably increase from 429 hours in reference scenario to 478 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) in Observatory station. The estimations for Richmond stations also show a slightly increase in total number of hours below 19 °C from 523 hours in reference scenario to 562 hours in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) (See Table 5).

- During a typical summer month and under free-floating condition, use of cool roofs is predicted to significantly decrease the number of hours above 26 °C. As computed, the number of hours above 26 °C is 422 hours under the reference scenario in Observatory station, which significantly decreases to 339 and 253 hours under the reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively. The simulations in Richmond station also illustrate a significant reduction in number of hours above 26 °C from 456 hours in reference scenario to 415 in reference with cool roof scenario (scenario 1) and 356 hours in cool roof and modified urban temperature scenario (scenario 2), respectively (See Table 6).

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