This flyer will help you understand what a BASIX Certificate is, whether or not you will need one and how to go about getting one.

What is a BASIX Certificate?
BASIX is short for Building Sustainability Index. The BASIX Certificate ensures that the design of your new home, structure or additions meets sustainability criteria as set out by the NSW Government. The index was introduced in 2004 as a method of encouraging homes to be more energy and water efficient.
A BASIX Certificate usually costs $50. The NSW Government has agreed to waive this fee for bona fide bushfire rebuilds. You will need to call the BASIX team on 1300 650 908 to access this benefit.

Do I need one?
If you’ll be submitting a development application to Council for a new home, you’ll need to include a BASIX Certificate. This only applies to all new applications for residential building works valued at over $50,000.

What are the sustainability criteria?
BASIX takes into account the following three key criteria:
- Water use
- Energy consumption
- Thermal comfort
It does this to determine the best methods, materials and inclusions that will enable a building to fulfil an energy efficiency rating. BASIX takes into account features such as building orientation, glazing, insulation, star rated taps and rainwater collection, which help to achieve efficiency targets.

What are the water and energy efficiency targets?
Water and energy efficiency targets are determined based on where you live. It takes into account regional variations such as climate as well as building type, aspect and location of the building.

How do I get it?
You can complete the BASIX assessment yourself or your architect or designer can complete it for you.
If you choose to complete it yourself there are a number of online resources to help you at www.basix.nsw.gov.au. You should:
- Download the checklist. This will take you through the process step by step so you know what information you will need.
- Read the help notes. This is a searchable index that helps you to understand the questions that BASIX asks of you.
- Complete the tutorial. This explains how BASIX works and prepares you for the process.

BASIX help
To ask further questions or find out more:
- Head to www.basix.nsw.gov.au
- Call 1300 650 908
- Email help@basix.nsw.gov.au