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LIVING BUILDING - THE CHALLENGE

Globally and locally the sustainability crunch from population growth, over development and toxic pollution is hitting people, communities and the economy hard. Yet despite basking in a mild climate of plentiful solar energy and rain, NZ continues to pretend that poor performance BAU buildings with low first costs are a good investment.

Jerome will offer compelling arguments for strategic solutions based on a restorative model for our buildings and communities, focusing on the recently completed Tuhoe Te Uru Taumatua, NZ's first Living Building Challenge project near Whakatane and the Pegasus Net Zero Energy School in Christchurch. These projects allow us to clearly define the Challenge to transform our construction sector to low carbon, healthy, good for people and the environment. These buildings offer a new paradigm of investment, creating solutions with inter-generational equity for our people and our land.