

## **Client and consultant review of building design drawings across the internet.**

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Firstly download the free CAD drawing viewer called

### **AutoDesk Design Review**

<http://www.autodesk.com/designreview-download>

(a 2.9 MB download).

1. Drawings sent to by your building designer are likely to be in colour but should still be legible if printed as black on white.
2. Clarify for designer whether you can print to A3 (or only to A4) at your end. Your designer can tailor the initial drawing view to suit your printer's maximum size.
3. With a little practice you can then view, mark up (red-line) and write text notes on parts of the dwf \* drawing.
4. Next save (using "save as") the marked-up file and email it back to your designer for a further stage of design development.
5. A test dwf drawing for you to experiment with is located at

[www.house-star-rating.com.au/tryout.dwf](http://www.house-star-rating.com.au/tryout.dwf)

Save the file to your computer and then open it with AutoDesk Design Review

Try the squiggly line icon to find freehand and straight line tools ; try also; the viewing icons to zoom and pan; printing; writing text using the "A" icon; measure length icon; revision cloud icon etc.

6. Enjoy the interactive nature of the technology its convenience and the saved travelling costs.

\* DWF (Drawing Web Format) are AutoCAD drawings saved in a format suitable for internet collaboration or client interaction.

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[http://images.autodesk.com/adsk/files/adr\\_manual\\_finalsm.pdf](http://images.autodesk.com/adsk/files/adr_manual_finalsm.pdf)

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