



## MEDIA RELEASE

### SUSTAINABILITY ON DISPLAY

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Sustainability should be considered at the design and building stage and Council plans to prove this theory as they move forward with the proposal to build a new display home in conjunction with Mirvac Fini and the Master Builders Association.

It is proposed the display home would demonstrate that energy efficient house design is readily achievable and affordable to the everyday home buyer.

Mayor Keith Holmes congratulated Council officers for this innovative concept demonstrating the City's leadership in sustainability. "The proposed display home will illustrate the significant savings to be realised in energy and water use, resulting from improved house design material and appliance selection and operation of the home," he said.

The City has a strong background and vision for sustainable development. This is demonstrated in the Sustainable City Plan – 'Footprints into the Future' and the Community Charter and Strategic Plan 2001-2004 which advocates the promotion of houses and display villages incorporating energy efficient design principles.

"Council is looking forward to continuing negotiations with Mirvac Fini to discuss financial and resourcing arrangements for the proposal," Mayor Holmes said.

A further report will be submitted to Council following negotiations and feasibility.

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