



Housing sustainability & climate change

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ACCORDING to a recent survey, demand for environmentally friendly homes is growing. As energy costs rise, the energy efficiency of a home will become a major feature of the home of the future.

Findings from a survey in the U.S. showed that 92% of those surveyed are keen to see sustainability features offered on new homes and are prepared to pay more for them, whilst three out of five believe they should be compulsory.

Surveys in Australia show that four out of five Australians are concerned about the environment, yet many do not know where to start.

Did you know that up to 40% of Australia's housing is uninsulated. Part of the fiscal stimulus package by the Federal Government is a \$3.8B scheme to insulate these houses.

Insulation of homes is not only good for the environment, but households will save several hundred dollars each year on their energy bill. The government's solar hot water rebate was also increased from \$1000 to \$1600 to help reduce carbon emission and energy costs.

Manningham residents can sign up for the council's bulk buy solar panel program and receive a rebate of up to \$2500 on solar panels.

I was recently privileged to host, as President of the Rotary Club of Doncaster, a dinner on climate change with esteemed guest speaker Dr Stern from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. According to Dr Stern, Germany, a cool and cloudy country, has made more progress with solar energy technology than Australia, which technically should lead the world in this area.

The Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser also spoke on the night and urged all attendees to develop a more sustainable lifestyle using energy from renewable sources.

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