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Sustainable Home Caboolture opens

The latest demonstration home in Queensland's Smart and Sustainable Homes Program has been opened in Caboolture, Minister for Public Works Robert Swarten said today.

Mr Swarten said Sustainable Home Caboolture is an example of sustainable design for the Australian suburban setting.

"Sustainable Home Caboolture adapts the traditional 'project home' design and style and addresses many environmental, economic and social sustainability issues," Mr Swarten said.

"With the average size of Australian houses becoming bigger combined with a smaller number of people in them there are much higher levels of energy, water and land consumption per person.

"This house design explores ways in which a typical, large suburban house can be used flexibly to facilitate different and multiple occupant living arrangements within the one house.

"It addresses many sustainability issues that are currently being ignored by typical project home designs," he said.

Sustainable Home Caboolture project developer was Herbert Zhou from the Modern Investment Group. Mark Thompson from TVS Partnerships designed the home; and Darryl Argo and Peter Flaskas from Accord Homes built it.

The Caboolture Shire Council is also supporting the project.

"The cooperation and enthusiasm of everybody involved in this project have demonstrated the willingness of private enterprise and local government to join with the State Government in its quest to make Queensland the Smart State," Mr Swarten said.

"The Smart and Sustainable Homes Program is a unique collaboration between the State Government, local government and industry.

"Homes built under Smart and Sustainable Homes Program follow the Department of Public Works 'Smart and Sustainable Homes' principles which are based on the triple-bottom-line concept of economic, social and environmental sustainability.

"The Sustainable Homes Program is gathering momentum, with more than 30 sustainable homes now in the scheme," the Minister said.

Sustainable Home Caboolture, located at 24-26 Central Lakes Drive, Caboolture, will be open to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4 pm until the end of the year. The house will be open on Thursdays for group bookings made by appointment only.