

# EnviroDevelopment – Community

Whenever you see the **EnviroDevelopment – Community** icon, it means that the development displaying that symbol has met the requirements to qualify for **EnviroDevelopment – Community** certification.

**EnviroDevelopment – Community** recognises a development that has taken steps to ensure a vibrant, cohesive, sustainable community with good community design, provision of community facilities and networks, safe, accessible buildings, and options to reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles. In particular, the development will be designed to achieve at least five of the following:

- Access to green transport options such as public transport and provision of walking or cycle pathways.
- Design layout and community structure that encourages a safe environment and provides for community cohesiveness.
- Access to local facilities and services such as employment, shops and education.
- Safe, accessible, comfortable buildings and facilities.
- Achievement of good indoor environment quality such as through good ventilation, reduced noise impacts and the use of non-toxic materials in the indoor environment.
- Community consultation with the surrounding community and traditional owners.

## Homebuyer and Occupant Benefits:

Developments awarded **EnviroDevelopment – Community** certification are designed to present significant advantages including:

- More comfortable and accessible buildings and facilities
- Cohesive and supportive communities
- Reduced transport costs and greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduction in the occupier's 'ecological footprint'<sup>1</sup>
- More affordable and sustainable housing
- Reduced need to regularly travel significant distances beyond the local area.

<sup>1</sup> Ecological Footprint: a measure of how much land and water is needed to produce the resources we consume and to dispose of the waste we produce. Source: [http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/environmental\\_management/sustainability/industry/sustainability\\_roadmap/glossary/](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/environmental_management/sustainability/industry/sustainability_roadmap/glossary/)

<sup>2</sup> Brisbane City Council 2005, Sustainable Home Checklist for Houses.

<sup>3</sup> Commonwealth of Australia, 2005, Your Home Technical Manual, Available at: <http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/yourhome/technical/fs62.htm>



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## Fast Facts:

- Accessible housing offers benefits such as access, safety, security and good design to all residents and easily adaptable living to suit a diverse range of needs.
- Over 40% of injuries occur in the home<sup>2</sup>.
- An average Australian household produces around 20 tonnes of greenhouse gases each year and a third of this results from cars<sup>3</sup>.
- Australians produce more motor vehicle pollution per capita than almost any other country in the world<sup>3</sup>.