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New home for sustainable building

A FRESH approach to sustainable housing will be showcased on the Tableland with plans well under way for a concept display home at Atherton.

The project is an initiative of the Tropical Green Building Network and aims to demonstrate the specifics of successful sustainable building for maximum environmental and lifestyle benefits.

TGBN member Alison Eaton said the display home

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was something that had never been seen before.

"We are also designing an innovative and environmentally minded garden which will incorporate permaculture concepts to surround the house," she said.

The design of the home is based on passive energy use and adapted to the high tropics. It will also showcase lo-

cal suppliers, energy efficient products and building techniques suited to the unique climate of the Tableland.

TGBN's Christine Doan believes the home will be attractive to a variety of price and efficiency-sensitive homebuyers. "The concept is modular which gives it flexibility for extension," she said.

"It is also designed so office space can convert to a conventional living space with minimal alteration."

Ms Doan said the aim of the project was to showcase the multi-faceted nature of building sustainably and the necessity of site specific design and construction to obtain maximum benefits.

It is hoped building will be completed in time for Sustainable Housing Day this September.

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