

Your abode passes test

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SINCE July 1 all new residential dwellings approved for construction on the Central Coast need a BASIX certificate.

BASIX (Building Sustainability Index) was introduced by the State Government to improve the environmental efficiency of all new houses. It sets targets to reduce demand on energy and water usage.



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They are: drinking water usage reduced by 40 per cent, energy usage reduced by 25 per cent and the house must pass a thermal assessment analysis quantity of glass, orientation of the house, type of construction and the general thermal efficiency.

A company that has changed the way it designs houses as a result of BASIX is your abode design + development, based at Tuggerah.

Your abode specialises in de-



Your abode + design and development duplexes at Gorokan.

signing and constructing environmentally sustainable houses. Its first projects are two duplexes at Gorokan, director Darryn Parkinson said.

“Our designs incorporate various materials and architectural forms, as well as environmentally sustainable design principles.

These include correct orientation for the site, good thermal insulation and recycling of rainwater in laundries and toilets,” Mr Parkinson said.

“In doing so, reliance on energy and town water is reduced, which in turn will lead to regular savings in electricity and water bills,

with the added benefit of reducing the overall impact on the environment.”

The BASIX certificate must be submitted when a development application is lodged for any new dwellings.

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