

# A construction firm with a green blueprint

AUSTRALIANS are becoming increasingly serious about preserving their environment.

Thankfully, many businesses are leading the green charge – and one of the newest to get into the action is a Sydney based company which specialises in architectural design and construction – Your Abode.

The company offers an innovative approach to safeguarding the environment by providing an integrated and complete residential design service, including interior design plus project management and construction.

Director Darryn Parkinson said that his company was all about offering clients building projects which had a practical, cost-effective environmental focus.

“Good environmental design is all about creating spaces that are healthy for you to live in, as well as being good for the environment,” he said. “We do this by designing spaces which our clients will find comfortable all year round and by making use of environmentally friendly materials, finishes and fittings.”

When Darryn and his partner, Sharon Hamilton, who is the interior design director for Your Abode, travelled throughout Europe and the USA seven years ago they were surprised at how genuine these countries' effort was to build greener houses and buildings.

“We learned about design and construction from another perspective and decided that we had to do this in Australia,” Darryn said.

“European and North American homes even felt nicer and healthier – and we believed that this should be the norm here in Australia, not the exception. And because the building industry is highly resource consuming, we felt we had to offer clients innovative, environmentally sustainable designs.”

Darryn and Sharon are so passionate about their green blueprint that they are even offering their clients the opportunity to offset carbon produced during construction.

“People will want to green their homes to varying degrees,” Darryn said. “But they should not feel they are not making an effort, if, for example, they don't have solar panels or 5-star appliances. Ultimately we believe we can help by educating people and providing them with information so they can make informed choices.”

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