

Homes can be more environmentally sustainable

National: Australian homes could be 90 percent more environmentally sustainable, research by the Cooperative Research Centre for Construction Innovation (CRC) has found. The report, *Sustainable Subdivisions: Energy-Efficiency*, investigates the efficiency of mainstream subdivision designs and compares the energy efficiency of attached housing (such as units) with detached housing. Key findings of the report include:

- Detached houses could be more than 200 percent more energy efficient if they were better designed.
- Attached dwellings are up to 50 percent more efficient than same-sized houses.