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Coolum boasts largest green industrial estate

Queensland's first major eco-friendly industrial precinct has been established at Coolum.

Coolum Eco Industrial Park on the northern end of the Sunshine Coast has been awarded six-leaf EnviroDevelopment accreditation by the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) - the highest possible rating and a significant achievement for an industrial development of this scale.

The certification recognises the 100 ha Coolum Eco Industrial Park as the largest industrial EnviroDevelopment in Australia, a new benchmark for industrial development and a milestone for the EnviroDevelopment initiative.

EnviroDevelopment National Manager Kirsty Chessher said the Coolum project had met the requirements to achieve each of the six areas of recognition under the EnviroDevelopment system: ecosystems; waste; energy; materials; water and community.

"Receiving full EnviroDevelopment certification on an industrial estate of this size is a significant achievement for Coolum Eco Industrial Park," Ms Chessher said.

"It is anticipated industries and businesses that move to the park will adopt environmental standards consistent with those set by the development to promote responsible industrial development and create long term employment for the region," she said.

"The project, located in Quanda Road, provides an opportunity for industrial businesses who value sustainability to operate from the northern end of the Sunshine Coast."

"The certification is also testament to the adaptability of the EnviroDevelopment system, and its application to a range of project types and scales," she said.

The site is included within the Core Industry Precinct in the Yandina-Coolum Road Industrial Precinct. Stage 1 holds 32 lots ranging from 5,000 sq m to 1.2 ha, on a 25 ha estate adjoining a 34 ha conservation park.

"Situated adjacent to the fragile ecosystems of Noosa National Park, the initial environmental planning set out to balance the land uses and allowed for the creation of an innovative sustainable industrial development," Ms Chessher said.

"The site's design and planning was centred around the importance of providing a net environmental benefit to the site. In terms of reducing the greenhouse gas production of the estate, each industrial building on the site will be designed to significantly reduce energy usage.

The project was developed by the Property Services Group with Project Management by Projex Queensland, Planning and Design by Cardno and construction by BMD Constructions. Construction resulted in over 150,000 direct hours of employment on site and employed over 100 individual subcontractors and suppliers which were predominantly based on the Sunshine Coast.

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