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### SA launches green development system

The National rollout of the Queensland-born EnviroDevelopment initiative begins in earnest today (6 May 2009) with the formal certification of three South Australian EnviroDevelopment projects.

Created by the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) in Queensland, EnviroDevelopment is a branding and certification system designed to recognise and reward environmentally sustainable developments with a series of marketing icons.

South Australia is the first state to implement the system outside of Queensland, where 10 projects have already been certified.

At a ceremony taking place in Adelaide this morning, the three South Australian EnviroDevelopment projects will receive certificates recognising their specific areas of achievement across the six possible categories of ecosystems, waste, energy, materials, water, and community.

UDIA Queensland President Warren Harris congratulated UDIA South Australia on its commitment to implementing EnviroDevelopment in that state.

“The process of investigating the merits of the EnviroDevelopment system in South Australia has required a significant investment and commitment from UDIA in that state,” Mr Harris said.

“From trialling the system, to refining the South Australian technical standards, and now to the actual delivering of the first three certified projects, the process has been a credit to the vision of UDIA South Australia to make sustainable development more attractive and rewarding,” he said.

“We congratulate the first three South Australian EnviroDevelopments for choosing to be pioneers of the system and for the recognition of their outstanding commitment to delivering greater sustainability in their developments,” he concluded.

The three certified South Australian projects include:

#### **Lochiel Park – certified in all 6 elements**

Developed by Land Management Corporation, the South Australian Government’s land development agency, Lochiel Park is located eight km north east of Adelaide CBD. Lochiel Park is LMC’s flagship residential sustainability development and a demonstration of many ecologically sustainable initiatives, with the 106 home sites showcasing leading edge design principles.

**Mawson Lakes – certified in 5 elements (*ecosystems, waste, energy, water, community*)**

Mawson Lakes is a joint venture partnership between Delfin Lend Lease and the South Australian Government. Commenced in 1997, the \$1.5 billion, 620 ha site will be completed by 2011 and will be home to 10,000 residents, 7,500 students and provide employment for 7,000. Mawson Lakes includes a transit hub, extensive walking and bike trails, a central dining and retail precinct and 70 ha of lakes and waterways.

**Blackwood Park – certified in 4 elements (*ecosystems, waste, energy, community*)**

Blackwood Park is located in the Adelaide hills approximately 15 km south of Adelaide CBD. Developed by Adelaide Development Company, the site covers 168.7 ha and was previously used for agricultural purposes. Upon completion, the development will include approximately 1200 residential allotments and significant open space incorporating locally endemic species, propagated from seeds collected from the site to ensure that indigenous strains of trees, shrubs and wildflowers are retained to support the local wildlife.

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