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EnviroDevelopment goes 'retro' with Sanctuary Cove

Sanctuary Cove on the Gold Coast has become the first mixed-use development in Australia to receive EnviroDevelopment certification – a particularly remarkable achievement because many of the sustainable outcomes required 'retrofitting' completed sections of the development.

The \$2 billion Sanctuary Cove covers 474 hectares. Established in 1986, Sanctuary Cove incorporates facilities such as two championship golf courses, a marina, a retail precinct with boutique shops and restaurants, a five-star Hyatt Regency Sanctuary Cove hotel, Country Club, Golf Club and 24-hour active land and water security.

The project has achieved EnviroDevelopment certification in four elements - waste, energy, water and community - across the Village, the Hyatt Regency, the golf courses, marina and new dwellings (i.e. those completed after 1st March 2010).

In 2002, the resort was acquired by Mulpha Australia Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mulpha International Bhd. Since the acquisition, Mulpha has invested around \$250 million in infrastructure and built product.

EnviroDevelopment National Manager Kirsty Chessher said the certification was recognition of Mulpha's work to actively reduce the ecological footprint of the development and deliver lower energy and water operating costs for residents and tenants.

"In part, Mulpha's motivation for seeking certification and improved sustainability outcomes was in response to the recognition that many of Sanctuary Cove's residents place great value on preserving the environment for the future," said Ms Chessher.

"Since their acquisition of the site, Mulpha has created, and is now delivering on a very deliberate strategy to transform Sanctuary Cove into a cutting edge sustainable project," she said.

"A comprehensive five year plan, of which Mulpha is part way progressed, involves retrofitting highly energy efficient common lighting within the Village, Marina and Hyatt Regency. The energy efficient lighting has already been rolled out in street lighting, garden and tree lighting and individual tenancies are also being converted.

"All non-recyclable waste generated on site is transported to J.J. Richard's Ti-Tree Bio Energy facility, enabling the waste generated by Sanctuary Cove to be converted into reusable energy.

"Mulpha have employed a multi-faceted approach to reducing potable water demand across the precinct which includes the removal of water features, use of highly efficient fixtures and fittings, conversion of pools to saltwater and water efficient irrigation systems.

"The successes achieved by Mulpha at Sanctuary Cove are a testament to the fact that existing developments – considered by many to be 'the last frontier' in terms of sustainability – *can* go green for the benefit of residents, and the environment.

"The certification of Sanctuary Cove also clearly demonstrates EnviroDevelopment's flexibility and sensitivity to various development types, as Sanctuary Cove is the first established community to receive the certification," she concluded.

***Ends.** For more information, please contact Kirsty Chessher on 0409 274 360. To arrange an interview with Alison Quinn, Executive General Manager for Sanctuary Cove, please contact Jade Griffiths from Media Hunt Communications on (07) 5520 7955.*