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Holistic approach through EnviroDevelopment ensures Melbourne's northern region is the place to be

Minister for Suburban Development and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP has presented two developments – Merrifield and Lyndarum North – with their official EnviroDevelopment certification in front of more than 230 members of Victoria's urban development industry.

THE PROJECTS

1. Merrifield is a joint venture with the MAB Corporation and Gibsons Property Corporation (GPC).

The largest mixed use development to go through the UDIA's national EnviroDevelopment program, Merrifield is a masterplanned integrated community development comprising of three key precincts. The development will include 5,000 new homes, a fully integrated town centre and a 300 hectare business park. Located 30km north of Melbourne in the city of Hume, the 770 hectare site will be an employment hub for at least 11,000 jobs, accounting for 25% employment growth within the city of Hume.

Merrifield has achieved full marks under UDIA's EnviroDevelopment scheme, excelling in water, ecosystems, community, waste, materials and energy initiatives.

2. Lyndarum North by Wollert Nominees is a joint venture between AVJennings with an Australian superannuation company.

Located in the City of Whittlesea, this masterplanned community includes 2,000 lots, a major town centre, and conservation reserves boosting more than 20% open space. The vision includes a future railway connection and a community hub to ensure the creation of a thriving and diverse community.

"These two projects are leading the way in environmental sustainability," said Danni Addison, Victorian CEO of the UDIA.

"The UDIA is seeing a record number of developers applying for certification through our EnviroDevelopment program, which demonstrates increasing commitment from the development community towards investing in environmental sustainability," said Ms Addison.

"The EnviroDevelopment program empowers purchasers to make informed assessments as to whether a property offers the green features they are after.

"When purchasers see the any one of the EnviroDevelopment symbols, they can be assured they are buying into a project that is excelling in that specific area of sustainability."

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PHOTOS: EnviroDevelopment awards presentation

[Click here to view photos](#) from the awards presentation where Minister for Suburban Development and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP presented Merrifield and Lyndarum North with EnviroDevelopment certification.

ABOUT: EnviroDevelopment

EnviroDevelopment (ED) is a scientifically-based rating system designed by the UDIA.

As a nationally recognised certification and branding system, ED provides independent verification for developments that have achieved leading-edge environmental outcomes across six areas of sustainability: water, ecosystems, community, waste, materials and energy.

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ABOUT: Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA)

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) is a nationally recognised body that advocates for Australia's urban development industry. In Victoria, UDIA informs and engages government and industry members, **enabling better policy and better business decisions**.

With a primary focus on the residential property sector, UDIA protects and promotes over 350 member companies across Victoria including developers and a range of other professionals involved in producing, financing and marketing residential property.

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