



LEADING THE WAY: Jeff Lambert opted for a home that is carbon neutral

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WITH an ever-increasing focus on environmentally-friendly living, one Port Stephens couple is leading the way when it comes to carbon neutral living - and avoiding crippling energy costs at the same time.

Jeff and Jill Lambert opted for an alternative to the many home designs on offer when they decided to build their house at Vantage Estate, Corlette.

They instead went with a home that is carbon neutral and sustainable.

The pair moved into their Living Green Designer Home in June this year, after just three months of construction.

Built with materials specially selected for their ability to be re-used or recycled, the Lambert's house has also been designed to take full advantage of its location with living and entertaining areas situated with a northerly aspect.

"It's sustainability was the motivation when we were looking," Mr Lambert said.

"Having always been environmentally aware we wanted something that wouldn't impact

greatly on the environment.

With insulation from the floor to the ceiling and a building design that allows for natural air movement and cross ventilation, the three-bedroom house makes the most of natural light and thermal efficiency.

"It has been one of the coldest winters here in the bay and most mornings Jill and I were eating breakfast on the deck, enjoying the sun" Mr Lambert said.

Living Green Designer Homes uses an offset scheme to neutralise carbon emissions by focusing on things such as transport.

"The whole house arrived on the back of two trucks," Mr Lambert said. "It's not a kit-home because it is built on site, but by doing it this way you are saving on transport costs and time.

"It ends up going up in half the construction time." Living Green Designer Homes offers different designs to suit various climates and settings.

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