

## HOUSING INNOVATIONS UNIT UPDATE

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### New water saving measures to be trialled in two properties

The Housing Innovations Unit (HIU) is set to undertake a pilot trial of new water saving measures for two properties being built as part of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan Stage 1.

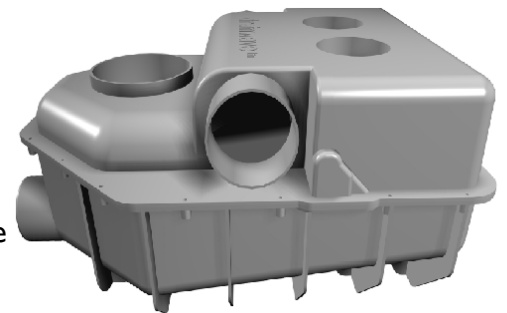
Australian company Ducane Research and Development Pty Ltd have produced a prototype system called Drainwave. The system will allow households and tenants to save on water usage and in turn save money, by permitting ultra water efficient devices to be installed without the risk of drains blocking up.

Through the use of two inlet ports, the Drainwave collects grey water from general household use such as your sink, shower, washing machine etc, and combines the black water from the toilet at a central point outside the house. The combination of grey and black water then leaves the Drainwave and surges through the pipe network, thus minimising blockage in the main sewer line.

The HIU have committed to fitting and trialling the Drainwave system in two properties in Pinaroo Court, Howrah. The trial will be undertaken for 12 months and will be monitored to record the level of water used and saved over this period.

In addition to the installation of the Drainwave system, a number of high rating water efficient appliances will be installed to maximise efficiency within the home. Updates on this pilot will be provided throughout the 12 month period.

For more information on the Drainwave system, go to [www.drainwave.com.au](http://www.drainwave.com.au)



*Insert: The Drainwave system*

### Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan Stage 1 project supporting local trade

The aim of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan was not only to increase the stock of affordable housing but to also reinvigorate local economies. The construction of 6 two bedroom units in Oatlands is doing just that. Funded under Stage 1, the project is continuing the community spirit and employing a local builder for the job. Construction is now underway with the excavating and concrete being laid for the foundations. Construction is expected to take six months.

## HIU Update

### National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) Round 2:

Federal Minister for Housing Tanya Plibersek made a national announcement on Tuesday 15 September 2009 about the addition of 6741 new affordable homes to be built nationally under Round 2 of the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS).

National breakdown of Round 2 successful proposals:

State	Inner Metropolitan	Outer Metropolitan	Provincial	Rural	Total
ACT	101				101
NSW	711	226	200	226	1363
QLD	329	460	359	501	1649
SA	311	123		108	542
TAS	70	114	40	113	337
VIC	1251	891	129	134	2405
WA	239	105			344
<b>Total</b>	<b>3012</b>	<b>1919</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>6741</b>

From a Tasmanian perspective, 11 proposals were successful and will deliver 337 new affordable rental homes to be built between now and June 2012. The proposals come from a mix of not-for-profit organisations and private developers.

Tasmania's approved applicants under Round 2:

Successful applicant	Number of dwellings	Region
St Ann's Homes Inc	80	South
Southern Bay Investments Pty Ltd	46	South
A D Bayne & R E Fergusson & F J Grant	120	South / North
Ninety Four Feet Pty Ltd	42	South
Mission Australia	28	South
Fourth Sector Enterprises Pty Ltd	21	South

A reminder as well that Round 3 of NRAS is now open, please visit our website for more information,

[http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future\\_communities/housing\\_innovations\\_unit](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future_communities/housing_innovations_unit)

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Visit the Australian Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan Website

For further information about the ESP, including what's happening in education and community infrastructure, visit the Australian Government's ESP website:

[www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au](http://www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au)