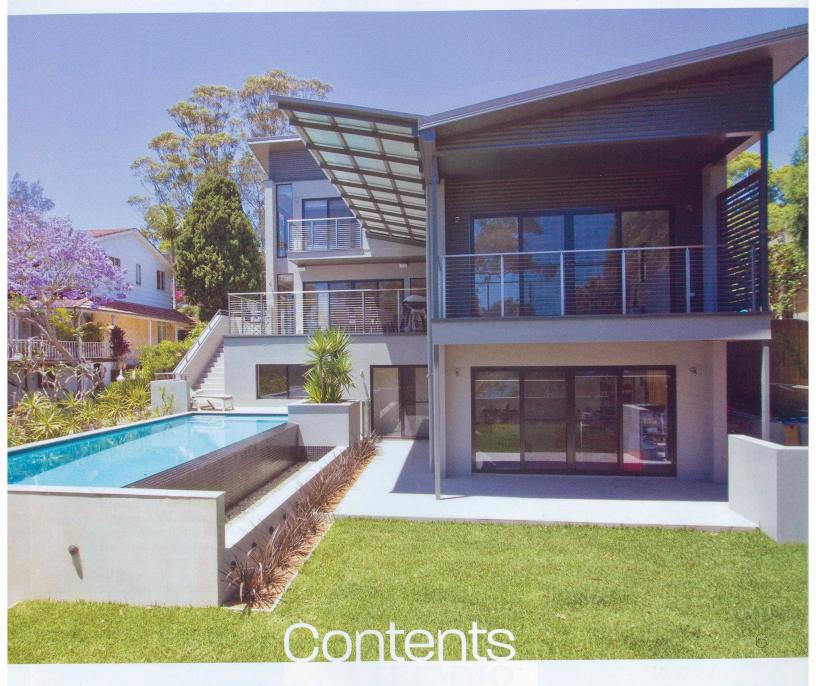
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As environmental sustainability is a hot copic in today's world, it's increasingly important for homebuilders to consider the liveability and environmental impact of their home's design. While building the home of your dreams can often some with a large environmental price tag, it no onger has to.

With over 30 years' experience in energyefficient design, The Ecologie Group has been building with sustainable style since long before it was commonly practised. With a wealth of industry experience, the team at The Ecologie Group create

homes with not only a minimal carbon footprint, but also unique and stunning architectural designs.

The Longueville Residence, one of the company's latest additions to its portfolio, is a true testament to the company's ability. The four-bedroom home fits organically into its steep block, drawing on views of the Lane Cover River and bushland beyond.

"My favourite aspect is the openness of the site, the opportunity of having a site that opens to the northeast and the northwest," says the company's principal, Gareth Cole. As well as maximising the block's unique location, it was important for the homeowners to create a building that is as self-sufficient as possible.

"They wanted an eco-friendly, energy efficient, low-carbon footprint home," says Gareth.

Natural light and ventilation to the home was an integral part of the design concept. Making the most of a steep site, the garden has been terraced to incorporate an above-ground pool and a levelled, low-maintenance yard.

Despite the difficulties of working with such a steep terrain, The Ecologie Group was able to build special features that set this home apart as a sustainable design for generations to come.

"It has concealed waterbags under the house, solar hot water, high levels of insulation and creative sun-screening design throughout," says Gareth.

A feat in sustainable style, this home offers all the luxury one could ask for, without the environmental price tag.

### The Longueville Residence

Price: On application.

Size: 320 square meters.

Accommodation: Four bedrooms.

Construction: Walls are steel frame wall-clad external with either render Hebel or Colorbond with R-2.5 insulating; flooring is tiles on Hebel floor for thermal stability and acoustic privacy.

Special features: Pool by Terry Elliot Pools, constructed by Econ Group Builders.