

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Free Home Buyers Guide Saves Time and Money**

Buying a new home has just become simpler with the release of a new sustainable living home buyer's guide.

The *Your New Home Buyer's Guide* is a free step-by-step guide that provides practical advice on choosing a home in every climatic region around the country, from southerly cold conditions to temperate and tropical temperatures.

Officially launched on Sunday 4 August 2019 by ACT Climate Change and Sustainability Minister Shane Rattenbury, and released by the not-for-profit organisation, SEE-Change, the Guide is designed to assist buyers or builders through every stage of the process, from getting started and planning a budget to considering colours, fittings and finishes.

Director of Commonsense Sustainability Solutions and Editor of the Your New Home Buyers Guide, Paul Nagle, said the Guide is an essential tool for assisting anyone – especially first home buyers – through the exciting process of buying a new home.

“This guide takes readers through the process of choosing a home and the important questions to ask, particularly if you are new to the process,” Mr Nagle said.

“The Guide focuses on 12 key steps in buying a new home, including planning your budget, what to consider when choosing where to live, what to think about when selecting heating and cooling and what to consider to make sure the finishing off of your home lives up to your expectations.”

SEE-Change Executive Officer, Edwina Robinson, said the Guide also explains what you should look for to make sure your home is cheaper to run with lower energy bills and at the same time better for the environment.

“Not only does this guide explain the importance of north facing living areas, but it explains why insulation, double-glazing, appropriate eaves and ‘ditching the downlights’ are important.”

The Your New Home Buyers Guide is available free to download at [www.see-change.org.au](http://www.see-change.org.au) and [www.commonsss.com.au](http://www.commonsss.com.au).

SEE-Change is a community, not-for-profit group focused on local grassroots action in Canberra.

Commonsense Sustainability Solutions is a consultancy company focused on supporting people to make informed decisions that are better for the environment.

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Image from left to right: Paul Nagle (Editor of the Guide), Edwina Robinson (Executive Officer of Canberra community organisation SEE-Change) and ACT Minister Shane Rattenbury.