Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett JP

Hamilton Hill Sustainable Home Open

Inspired Infill – 4 Homes, 4 Families and 40 trees

11 Mortlock Street, Hamilton Hill

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

My wife Pat and I are delighted to join you on this beautiful autumn day to learn more about the Ferreira family's inspired infill, 4 homes, 4 families and 40 trees in the idyllic setting of the Bakers Square Precinct.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation, the traditional custodian of the land on which have gathered today and I pay my respect to their Elders, both past and present and extend that respect to Aboriginal people who are with us today.

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- Chris Ferreira, Director, The Forever Project and his wife Astrid, the owners of this home;
- Partners of the Forever Project;
- Mayor Brad Pettitt, City of Fremantle; and
- Members of the community here today.

Cockburn is proud to support the Hamilton Hill Sustainable Home and has done since its inception in 2011.

As many of you will know, parts of Cockburn (along with other local government areas in the Perth metropolitan area are under- going urban infill.

As a consequence there is a serious issue with the loss of trees, gardens and suburban amenity with the process as it is occurring at the moment.

Cockburn has partnered with The Forever Project to support the proposed 'Inspired Infill' to show how on this block zoned R30-40 that we can have the best of both worlds – increased density, improved community AND the retention and enhancement of the existing greenery.

The tagline line is 4 homes, 4 families and 40 trees!

The two proposed Units will fit neatly into the south west corner of this property and will be state of the art passive house designs to maximize energy efficiency.

Following on from the lead set by the first phase of the Hamilton Hill Sustainable Home Project the new builds will feature recycled and upcycled materials, renewable energy systems and recycled greywater and rainwater capture.

As a unique feature these two new units will be created as part of a strata development meaning they will 'share' in all the benefits of the common area – the gardens, chooks, veggies, tree, tree house all of which will complement their own private courtyards meaning that with Bakers Square across the road they will have access to some of the best open space combinations in the state.

Chris and Astrid, along with the design team of Eugenie Stockmann and Matt Wallwork will continue to work with the City's planners and sustainability staff to develop, showcase and build on the lessons learnt from this project so that Cockburn can continue to lead in this space of creating better more inspired infill development.

As a frequent visitor to Chris and Astrid's home on their scheduled open days I find that with every visit you go away with another learning experience that you can apply to your own home and its surrounds.

Chris and Astrid are passionate about the great things that can be done to support and promote sustainable living and I congratulate them on the many exciting projects they have and continue to progress – and importantly for sharing their experiences with the wider community.

Thank you.