

# STAR'S HOME AWAY FROM HOME MAY BE SOLD

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Price set: *Home and Away* star Isabel Lucas's "green" house at Smithfield may be sold, after she decided it was unlikely she would live there.

DESIGNING and building a dream "green" home in the hills at Smithfield was a labour of love for actress Isabel Lucas and her dad Andrew.

But a tight work and study schedule has meant the *Home and Away* starlet is likely to sell the environmentally friendly house

"We wanted to build a great house that would also showcase how easy it is to do things with environmental responsibility and not spend the earth," Mr Lucas said.

The four-bedroom, three-bathroom house sits on more than 2ha of native forest and has views over the mountains and out to the Coral Sea.

Mr Lucas said the home had a 100 per cent waste-water recycling system that automatically irrigated the native gardens as well as a solar power system.

"Over a year this house saves tonnes of greenhouse gases," he said.

"We've had it rented since completion (in early 2006) and it's been Isabel's intent to perhaps live there, but the reality is that she's just too busy to justify living in Cairns."

The property has not yet been listed with real estate agents and Mr Lucas said he was reluctant to go into "a big advertising campaign".

"It's something we're reluctant to part with because we've put so much thought and emotion into it," he said.



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