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Sloping Land – Build a Queenslander

There is an answer to the increasing proportion of sloping land in new housing developments – build a house suitable for the site and the climate – a Queenslander says peak timber industry body – Timber Queensland.

Timber Queensland's CEO Rod McInnes says homeowners shouldn't have to put up with a standard offer of a concrete slab, brick veneer box dug into a hillside with retaining walls as high as the roof and mandatory air-conditioning to make them habitable.

"Opportunities exist to build houses from sustainable materials with raised floors, wide eaves, energy efficient, and with a small footprint." Mr McInnes said.

"Houses raised off the ground catch prevailing breezes and provide 'under the house' opportunities for rain water tanks, motor cars and other uses" Mr McInnes continued.

"Contrary to recent media statements, the costs of efficient and effective architecturally smart houses do not have to be greater than for a traditional slab on ground construction dug into a hill side. Talk to your builder or architect or give Timber Queensland a call on 07-3254 1989 or visit our website www.timberqueensland.com.au before signing away the next 30 years of your life" Mr McInnes concluded.

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