

## Bulletin board

■ Homeowners will see a major benefit with the news that fire-resistant downlight protectors will be covered under the Federal Government's \$1600 home insulation rebate. Downlight protectors resist fire but also bring a significant increase in energy efficiency.

According to independent research, a ceiling without downlight protectors



can see up to a 66 per cent reduction in energy efficiency, even with freshly installed insulation. This is because insulation installers typically create a gap of 500mm x 500mm around each downlight, which is the alternative to suitable downlight protectors as allowed under the Australian Standard.

The Government's decision will bring the Home Insulation Program into line with broader government policy on energy efficiency.

Arrowform's Isolite Guard meets the highest requirement of the Australian Standard and allows the enclosed downlight to abut the insulation and any timber beams. As well as ensuring a ceiling achieves close to 100 per cent energy efficiency, Isolite Guards are specifically designed

to prevent ceiling fires. Retailing for around \$16 each, these Australian-made Isolite guards are available from over 1000 outlets nationally, including many insulation companies.

■ The concrete slab was recently poured for the first of the homes being built at the Harrington Grove estate. The laying of this first foundation signifies the beginnings of a new community that is expected to evolve and flourish at Harrington Grove. Harrington Grove residents will build their homes on picturesque widely spaced homesites (from 800 to 1300sq m) while also enjoying the exclusive and world-class sporting, dining and leisure facilities of the newly built nearby country club. The display village will open early next year, and already there are



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