

Isabel finds it hard to be away from her dream, green home

House fit for starlet

HIGH in the hills near Cairns, soapie star Isabel Lucas built a house that didn't cost the earth and didn't cost a fortune either.

The starlet graces our TV screens in *Home and Away* as Tasha Andrews and has her face in magazines and on billboards selling jewellery.

Despite all the glitz and glamour, the environment and her home-town of Cairns is still close to her heart.

Miss Lucas and her dad Andrew designed and built the Smithfield "green" house that boasts its own water-treatment plant and solar-power system, encased inside walls made completely from renewable products.

Mr Lucas said his daughter, who lives in Sydney, is a keen supporter of many environmental charities and does her bit to keep things "green".

"Both she and I believe it's about individuals and not waiting for govern-



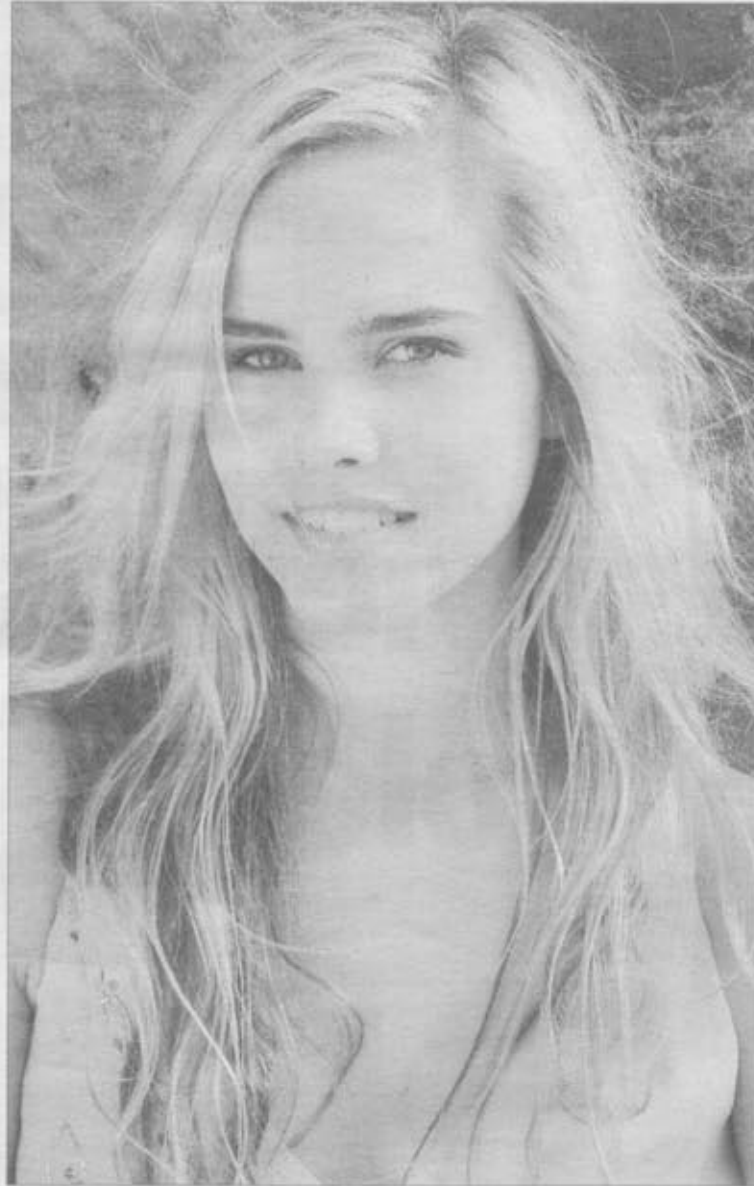
ments to take action," Mr Lucas said.

"It's the individuals that need to get the ball rolling.

"It is actually no harder to build a house that looks good, feels good and doesn't cost the earth."

The home with three bedrooms, office and three-bathrooms with a spa is situated on an elevated block near Cairns.

And everything from the way the home faces, to the type of paint used was considered on its environmental impact.



Green with envy : *Home and Away* soapie star Isabel Lucas (left) has built an environmentally friendly home (pictured top), which features a spa (middle) and three bathrooms.