

Construction of solar offices to start today



Energy efficient: the strata title solar-operated office development

CONSTRUCTION of the Solar Information Centre, a South Perth strata title solar-operated office development, is to commence officially today.

The \$1.2 million energy efficient centre, designed by architects Garry Baverstock and Sam Paolino, is said to be the first of its kind in Australia.

When completed in mid-1989, the two-level office complex at 95 Canning Highway will house the only Information Centre devoted to the promotion of solar energy technology.

The centre, built by Tecto Solar-Graeme Moody Constructions, will provide permanent display space for members engaged in every aspect of the solar industry.

Features of the centre include an indirect evaporative cooling system developed and manufactured in Australia, solar air collector panels mounted on the roof for winter heating, an exposed thermal mass ceiling to take advantage of a night ventilation cooling system.

It also houses an innovative insulated roofing and perimeter cladding system and an energy efficient lighting system.