

# Developers seeing stars

By Sarah Garvis

THE south's newest suburb, Seaford Heights, will set an environmental benchmark for a housing estate, the developer says.

The \$500 million subdivision of 1130 allotments will include six-star energy rating homes, four-star green-star ratings for non-residential buildings, storm-water reuse and "solar orientation" of the blocks.

Fairmont Group managing director **David Pickard** said Seaford Heights would achieve a "carbon-managed community that is unprecedented in SA".

Fairmont would also offset any carbon emissions created throughout the development by purchasing carbon credits.

The new suburb, on which work will commence later this year and is expected to be completed by 2019, will house about 4500 people on 77ha of land bordered by Main South, Robinson and Victor Harbor roads, east of Seaford Rise.

Connor Holmes development director **John Stimson**, who is

preparing the masterplan, said the aim was to create not just a housing development, "but a liveable and more sustainable community".

"The masterplan will seek to create a walkable community where the design is focused on providing parks, facilities, shops and amenities locally, to reduce reliance on cars for future residents," he said. "A third pipe system will also be installed throughout the site allowing individual dwellings to utilise recycled water for flushing toilets and watering gardens."

Onkaparinga Mayor **Lorraine Rosenberg** said responding to climate change and planning for a sustainable future were key parts of the council's Community Plan 2028.

Connor Holmes development adviser **Scott Searle** said community consultation would be held in early September, with the master plan expected to be finalised in October.

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**PLANS:** Connor Holmes development adviser **Scott Searle** on the site of the new environmentally-friendly Seaford Heights subdivision. Picture: Helen Orr HF417915