

LOCATION AND CLIMATE INFLUENCE DESIGN

Location and the climate of the location will influence good house design.

THE BEST BLOCK CONTOUR IS A PRACTICAL ONE

While a sloping block of land with water glimpses may seem very appealing, you'll find the site costs to construct the foundations will be far higher than a nice flat block.

LET THERE BE LIGHT WITH A NORTHERLY ASPECT

In the Southern Hemisphere, having your main living spaces oriented ever so slightly east of a northerly aspect, will give you a home filled with sunlight and warmth in winter

NATURAL LIGHT IS ALWAYS ATTRACTIVE

Positioning the orientation of the house so that the spaces the residents are most likely to spend the majority of their time in are well lit – a northerly aspect for main living areas – will reduce the need for artificial lighting in darker months.

8 TIPS TO INVESTING INTO A GOOD HOUSE DESIGN

GOOD INSULATION MAKES FOR COMFORTABLE LIVING

The undesirable transfer of warm or cool air from inside to outside and vice versa can be minimised by investing in good quality insulation

GOOD VENTILATION MAKES FOR EASY BREATHING

Good ventilation is particularly important in the humidity of tropical climates.

SUN SHADING IS REALLY COOL

Sun shading can be an effective way to reduce the sun's heat in hotter locations.

KNOW YOUR TARGET TENANTS AND DESIGN WITH THEIR NEEDS IN MIND

Before you roll up your sleeves and start talking with your architect or builder about home design, make sure you're clear on the demographics of the tenants you hope to attract

BUY OFF THE PLAN AND MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER

Planning a home design from scratch is not only daunting, but it is a lot of work.