



Couple hail try before buy scheme

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A TOWNSVILLE couple who took part in an Australian-first “try before you buy” housing scheme has bought their dream block of land.

Lauren Miller and her partner Guy Tabinor purchased a block of land at The Village residential development in Oonoonba after spending a weekend in a “test drive” house designed to inspire potential buyers.

“The New Home Test Drive gave us a chance to test the waters, explore all the parks in The Village, and just get an overall feel for being part of the community and the area,” she said.

“As first homebuyers, it’s a little daunting to say ‘yes’ to the next 30 years in one place, if you haven’t spent a single night there before, so we are very appreciative of the chance to try out The Village.”

Mundingburra MP Coralee O’Rourke said the New Home Test Drive was on offer by invitation only to genuine homebuyers who had shown interest in The Village.

“The Village offers innovation, affordability and housing diversity, and is all about creating a thriving community to call home, with a commitment to prosperity, jobs and a sense of belonging for locals,” she said.