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Courier Mail: [New homes will have six-star energy efficiency ratings under ALP](#)

NEW homes built in Queensland from next year will have to meet six-star energy efficiency ratings under a Labor Government, Premier Bligh as announced.

The Australian: [Canada's Mega Uranium to establish first mine in WA](#)

MOVES by Canadian mining company Mega Uranium to establish Western Australia's first uranium mine have been significantly bolstered by Japanese interests seeking a 35 per cent stake in their planned project in the state's goldfields region.

Mega became the first company to apply for a West Australian uranium mining lease in December, just after Colin Barnett's new Liberal Government lifted the state's long-standing ban on mining for the element.

Brisbane Times: [Queenslanders lead charge to green power](#)

Queensland is the fastest growing adopter of green electricity, according to a report released on Sunday by independent energy price comparison service switchwise.com.au.

Switchwise founder Shaun Johnson says 330,000 households in Victoria are on green power - 37 per cent of the total. But, Mr Johnson says, Queensland is the fastest growing state, with a 43 per cent increase to 220,000 households in the quarter ending last December.

Weekly Times: [Keen on mustard fuel idea](#)

FARMERS in drought-affected areas could soon be harvesting mustard seed to run their tractors, if trials by a Melbourne company are successful.

The Australian: [Asia-Pacific's airlines face lean times](#)

ASIA-Pacific carriers have been warned they face a dismal year as their region leads year-on-year declines in traffic, thanks to a deepening aviation crisis that is expected to slash \$US35 billion (\$55 billion) from global airline revenues.

ABC: [Petrol prices spike inflation gauge](#)

A key measure of inflation has recorded its biggest two-month increase following a rebound in petrol prices.



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