

## Solar panel rebates - community groups

**Civic Centre**  
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive  
Hilton, SA 5033  
**Tel:** 08 8416 6333  
**Email:** [csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au](mailto:csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au)  
**SMS:** 0429 205 943  
**Web:** [westtorrens.sa.gov.au](http://westtorrens.sa.gov.au)



**The City of West Torrens is offering rebates to eligible community groups for the purchase and installation cost of solar panels on buildings that they occupy that are situated within the West Torrens' Council area.**

### Eligibility

- Only community groups that are responsible for paying the power bill can apply for the rebate.
- Rebates are not available for installations completed before 30 June 2018.
- Rebates will be applied to the up-front, nett, out-of-pocket installation cost incurred by the community group once all other incentives, grants, rebates and discounts received have been deducted.
- The rebate may be available to community groups that hold an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- The rebate is limited to a maximum of one (1) rebate per electricity meter (National Meter Identifier – NMI).
- If applicable, a letter of permission from the landlord must be provided with the application.
- Applications for strata title properties must include written proof of approval for the installation by the body corporate.
- Solar panels must be installed by an appropriately licensed installer and be installed and maintained in accordance with any relevant guidelines and in a manner which does not pose risks to the health or welfare of any person.
- The following evidence must be provided with the application:
  - An Electrical Certificate of Compliance signed by the licensed electrical contractor undertaking the installation detailing the work that has been completed.
  - A tax invoice and evidence of payment completed by the licensed installer (such as a receipt).
  - Copies of the most recent four electricity bills if possible (for benchmarking savings).
- The Solar PV system must be a permanent fixture to the premises and cannot be removed without prior consent from the City of West Torrens for a period of five (5) years from the date of the payment of the rebate. Council reserves the right to seek reimbursement from the applicant if the system is removed within this period. The City of West Torrens will require verification of the system during this time period. This may include an annual photograph of the system or site inspections by staff. In addition, the successful applicant will be required to provide copies of each electricity bill received for monitoring of supply and cost reductions.
- The applicant acknowledges and agrees that the City of West Torrens accepts no liability in respect of any claim, cause of actions, loss or damage arising out of, or in relation to, any device purchased or service procured under the rebate program.
- Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until all funding is exhausted. Funding is subject to Council's annual budget processes and accordingly the funding is limited.
- Development approval fees that may otherwise be applicable to the applicant installing the solar panels will be waived, allowable under section 39(4)(c) of the *Development Act 1993*. However, the development application fee must be in relation to the installation of the solar panels only, i.e. the application must be for the installation of solar panels only.
- To ensure that your solar PV system operates properly and safely, make sure the installer provides you with a maintenance schedule. A copy of the maintenance schedule is to be provided to the City of West Torrens upon installation and records of annual servicing are also to be provided during the lifetime of the system.

- It is recommended that applicants are familiar with information on the [SA Government's website](#) regarding solar PV panel installation, accreditation, and maintenance issues.
- It is also recommended that applicants review the [Clean Energy Council's](#) guide to buying and installing solar PV panels which is available on its website.

## Rebate amount

Rebates for solar panels for community groups ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000, depending on the size of the solar power system - as outlined in the table below.

<b>PV Panel System</b>	<b>* Rebate</b>
1.5kW	\$1,000
2kW	\$1,300
3kW	\$1,500
4kW	\$1,800
5kW	\$2,000
7kW >	\$3,000

*\* rebate after all other grants, rebates, incentives and discounts received have been deducted.*