



# Solar Panels

## Do I need to lodge a Development Application?

Solar photovoltaic systems which meet the following requirements do not require development approval (other than in respect of a state heritage place):

- A photovoltaic system that does not have a total weight exceeding 100 kilograms; or
- A photovoltaic system comprising solar photovoltaic panels that have a total weight exceeding 100 kilograms provided
  - the weight load is distributed so that it does not exceed 100 kilograms at any one point of attachment to the roof, and,
  - the panels (and any associated components) do not overhang any part of the roof and,
  - the panels are fitted parallel to the roof with the underside surface of the panels being not more than 100 millimetres above the surface of the roof, and,
  - the panels are installed by a person who holds an accreditation under a scheme recognised by the Minister.

**If the photovoltaic system you are intending to install does not meet the above criteria, you are required to obtain Development Approval from Council.**

The following is a summary of the relevant information and documents required when applying for Development Approval:

- Development Application Form (including Electricity Declaration Form)
- A site plan showing the location of all buildings and a plan showing the location of the solar panels on the roof, drawn to scale.
- Construction details – method of fixing panels to the existing roof and how the frame and connections are protected from corrosion.
- Manufacturer's specifications including a certificate from an independent technical expert stating that the system is in accordance with the structural requirements of the Building Code.
- Structural engineering calculations or relevant information to demonstrate that the existing roof frame is capable of carrying the additional weight of the solar panels and supporting frame.

The Information Guide is intended to assist applicants to submit applications which are complete, well prepared, and can be processed efficiently. The information provided is intended as a general guide only and applicants are encouraged to refer to the District Council of Yankalilla Development Plan and to seek professional advice if necessary.