
DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION GUIDE



Solar Panels

Solar Panels (Solar Photovoltaic Panels) – Do you need Council approval?

You do not need Development Approval from Council for solar panels if you meet the following conditions:

1. Your property is not listed as a State Heritage Item.
2. Your property is not listed as a Local Heritage Place.
3. If your property is listed as a Local Heritage Place, or you are located in a Historic Conservation Zone or Policy Area, then when installed the panels will not be able to be seen by a person standing at ground level in a public street (check with Council's planners if in doubt).
4. The total weight of the panels will not exceed 100 kilograms.
5. If the total weight of the panels does exceed 100 kilograms, then:
 - a) The weight load must be distributed so that it does not exceed 100 kilograms at any one point of attachment to the roof; and
 - b) The panels (and any associated components) must not overhang any part of the roof; and
 - c) The panels must be 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
 - d) The panels must be installed by a person who holds an accreditation under a scheme recognised by the Minister for the purposes of this paragraph.

In accordance with 5 (c) if you have a roof that has the incorrect slope or orientation and you wish to install tilt frames to support the solar panels, you are required to obtain Development Approval.

Once you have spoken to the solar panel installer, check to see if you comply with all of the above requirements. If you do, then Development Approval may not be required. If in doubt, please contact Council's Development Department on 8733 0900 or job@wattlerange.sa.gov.au

Further information on energy efficiency and solar rebates:

Federal Government: Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency:
<http://www.climatechange.gov.au/default.aspx>

SA State Government: DTEI
<http://www.sa.gov.au/subject/Water,+energy+and+environment/Energy/Renewable+energy>

Choice:
<http://www.choice.com.au/reviews-and-tests/household/energy-and-water/solar/solar-payback-times.aspx>

