

Development Information Sheet 10

Solar Panels

Do I need Development Approval for solar panels?

Solar panels, otherwise referred to as a solar photovoltaic system, does require Development Approval unless meets all of the following requirements as specified in in Clause 15 of Schedule 3 of the *Development Regulations 2008*:

1. The property is not a State Heritage Place;
2. A photovoltaic system that does not have a total weight exceeding 100 kilograms; or
3. A photovoltaic system comprising solar photovoltaic panels that have a total weight exceeding 100 kilograms provided -
 - a) The weight load is 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) do not overhang any part of the roof; and
 - c) 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
 - d) The panels are installed by a person who holds an accreditation under a scheme recognised by the Minister.
4. In the case of a local heritage place, in addition to the above requirements, the solar photovoltaic system must not be able to be seen by a person standing at ground level in a public street.

Information required for Development Approval

- Development Application Form *
- Powerline 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 of Australia.
- 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.

* Forms are available from Council's website at <http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/developmentforms>

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Access the Development Plan and current versions of information guides at <http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/>

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