



## D17 Solar Panels

### Do I need Development Approval for solar panels?

Yes, unless the solar photovoltaic system meets all of the following requirements:

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.

These standards are contained in Clause 15 of Schedule 3 of the Development Regulations 2008.

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

### Information required for Development Approval:

- Development Application Form \*
- Powerline Declaration Form \* (included in the online Development Application 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.

\* Applications can be lodged electronically via the [Development Forms and Checklists](#) page on Council's [website](#).

Additional information can be found within the below [Information Guides](#):

- The Development Approval Process
- Information required for Development Approval

Further advice or hard copy forms can be obtained from the Duty Planning/Building Officer at Council or by phoning 8408 1111.