

Media Release

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MORE TIME FOR APARTMENT RESIDENTS TO APPLY FOR SOLAR

The Allan Labor Government is helping Victorian apartment residents slash their power bills by around \$500 a year thanks to the Solar for Apartments program.

Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio today announced that the second round of the Solar for Apartments program has been extended until 28 February 2025, due to the popular demand for the program.

The extension will give apartment residents and body corporates more time to submit their applications

Successful applicants will receive rebates of up to \$2,800 per apartment, or up to \$140,000 per building for up to 50 units to install solar panels on their rooftop, helping them save money on the up-front cost of installing solar and cut their energy bills.

To help share the benefits of Solar for Apartments with more regional Victorians, the program eligibility has been expanded to include strata townhouses and units.

The Solar for Apartments program is co-funded by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments and will deliver up to 10,000 solar rebates for Victorians living in apartments, units and townhouses.

During the first round of the program, Solar Victoria received more than 400 applications from Owners Corporations, covering over 5,000 apartments. More than half of approved applications to date are occupied by renters.

Round 2 has already received more than 80 applications from Owners Corporations covering over 1,500 lots.

Applications have been spread across metropolitan Melbourne, with the highest number of initial applications coming from the local government areas of the City of Merri-bek, City of Port Phillip, and City of Yarra.

Residents can start their application by checking their eligibility on the Solar Victoria website.

To apply visit, solar.vic.gov.au/apartments.

Quotes attributable to Victorian Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio

"We're making it easier for Victorians that live in apartments to install solar – so they can slash their power bills by \$500 and help us cut emissions."

"This extension will give Victorian apartment residents more time to work with their body corporates and get their applications in for the popular solar for apartments program."