



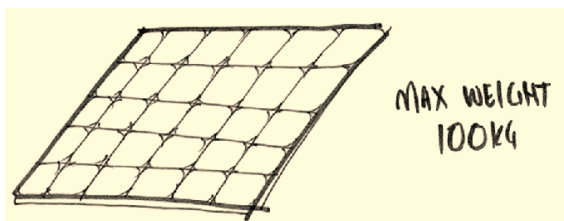
SOLAR PANELS

As of January 2009, the State Government has introduced amended legislation that enables the installation of solar photovoltaic panels without the need for Council approval. While in most scenarios approval is not needed, there are some criteria that need to be fulfilled in order to qualify for these new exemptions.

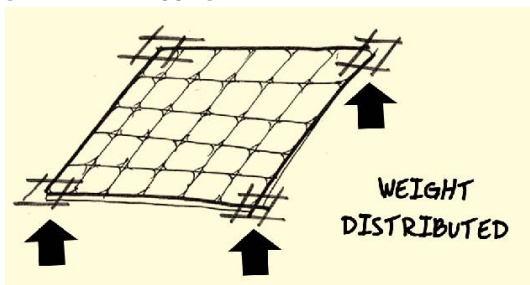
What needs Council approval?

To install solar photovoltaic panels to the roof of a building without Council approval, the following requirements will need to be met:

- 1. THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM SHOULD NOT EXCEED 100 KG -**



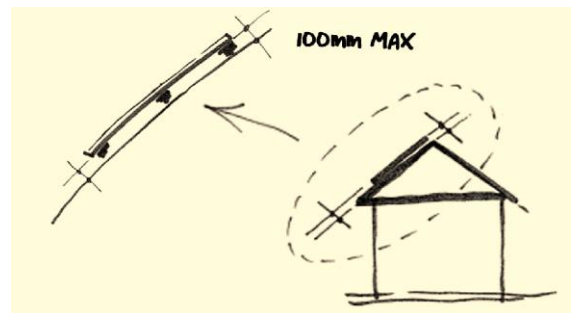
- 2. SHOULD THE WEIGHT EXCEED 100 KG, IT MUST BE DISTRIBUTED SO THAT NO POINT OF ATTACHMENT HAS A WEIGHT LOAD GREATER THAN 100 KG -**



- 3. NO PART OF THE SYSTEM CAN OVERHANG THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING -**



- 4. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE UNDERSIDE OF THE PANELS AND THE ROOF NOT EXCEEDING 100MM -**



- 5. THE PANELS WILL NEED TO BE INSTALLED BY A CONTRACTOR WITH THE APPROPRIATE ACCREDITATION**

Please note: These exemptions do not apply for a State or Local Heritage Place. Should you wish to install to the roof of either, an application will be required.

What if I do not fulfil all of these requirements?

If you cannot fulfil all of these requirements, you will be required to lodge a Development Application with Council.

Included with this application should be:

- a site plan detailing the location of the panels
- an elevation detailing the dimensions and appearance of the panels; and
- confirmation from a structural engineer that the roof will adequately support the loading of the panels.
- Engineers design calculations of the up-stands supporting the solar panels on a flat roof.

The application should also include a completed and signed *Development Application Form*, a copy of the *Certificate of Title* for the site and a signed *Technical Regulator Declaration Form*.

Want to know more?

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