



FNQ SOLAR HUB

Towards a sustainable future.

/ We're creating the FNQ Solar Hub to encourage households and businesses to make the switch to solar.

The FNQ Solar Hub will provide clear information on the benefits of solar power and what to consider when choosing a solar system.

Our aim is to promote the uptake of solar power by the households and businesses of Far North Queensland and to direct people to participating solar providers.

Far North Queensland can become a leader in solar energy generation. We all want: clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy generation - solar can provide this.

What is the FNQ Solar Hub?

The FNQ Solar Hub will provide reliable and easy to understand information to the community about the benefits of going solar and what to consider when purchasing a solar power system. Information will be provided via a web portal, which will link to all participating companies.

The web portal will include information and fact sheets on a range of topics including those listed below.

- How to choose solar panels/inverter
- Glossary of solar terms
- Why use solar power?
- Roof suitability and cyclone resistance
- How does the feed-in tariff work?

The Solar Hub portal will also include a 'virtual power station' where residents can see how much solar power is generated in the region, and across Queensland, and find out where most of our electricity is sourced.

Want to be involved?

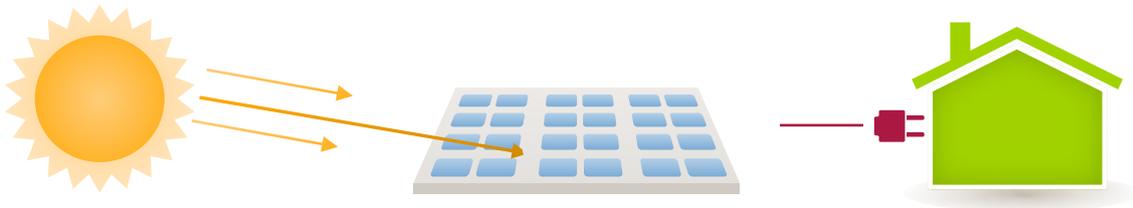
We're inviting eligible solar companies to be part of the FNQ Solar Hub. This is a great way to promote your business and be part of a positive community project. To ensure we're working with quality companies, participating companies need to:

- Be local (have an office in the region)
- Provide a minimum 5 year warranty on panels and workmanship
- Provide a minimum 5 year warranty on inverter
- Include all costs associated with installation in all prices quoted
- Agree to donate \$50 for every kW of rooftop solar that the company sells (which will go towards purchasing solar power systems for community buildings)
- Provide a 25 year warranty on performance
- Provide a 5 year warranty for racking
- Provide a 1 year minimum warranty on labour



We believe that small scale solar energy is a key element of our transition to a low carbon economy, so we're creating the FNQ Solar Hub to encourage households and businesses to make the switch to solar.

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How will it work?

- Every month companies will report to us on how many kW of solar they have installed through this program. The company with the highest tally will be featured for the coming month in our media and on our website.
- For every 1kW of solar sold through this program, participating companies will donate \$50 to our solar futures fund to help put solar on roofs in remote north Queensland communities (tax deductible donation).
- When we reach 100kW of solar (\$5,000) we'll fundraise for the remaining money needed to put solar on a chosen community building.
- Community groups in target areas will be invited to nominate their building for a free system (and need to provide a letter of support from the building owner).

Why be part of the FNQ Solar Hub?

The project will offer great media and promotion and opportunities for participating businesses. We want people to use solar power as much as you do, so we're keen to promote local reputable solar companies. We are approaching media partners for this project and aim to promote the program for the next 12 months via various media channels.

For more information or to register your interest please contact our office on 4032 1746 or email sustainability@caf nec.org.au.

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