

Solar Panels

Under certain circumstances, the installation of roof-mounted solar photovoltaic systems may not require Council approval.

Other than in respect of a State heritage place, solar photovoltaic systems with a generating capacity of less than 5 MW do not require Development Approval where they comply with the following requirements:

(a) a photovoltaic system comprising solar photovoltaic panels that have a total weight not exceeding 100 kilograms; or

(b) a photovoltaic system comprising solar photovoltaic panels that have a total weight exceeding 100 kilograms if-

(i) the weight load is distributed so that it does not exceed 100 kilograms at any 1 point of attachment to the roof; and

(ii) the panels (and any associated components) do not overhang any part of the roof; and

(iii) 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

(iv) the panels are installed by a person who holds an accreditation under a scheme recognised by the Minister for the purposes of this paragraph.

(c) 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 from a public street at ground level.

If the solar photovoltaic system you are intending to install does not meet the requirement of Schedule 3, you must first obtain Development Approval from Council.

Elevated tilt-frame panel systems are not exempted by the Development Regulations 2008 and require Development Approval.

Further Information

The above information is advisory and only a guide to give you a general understanding of the key issues associated with planning. For further information or assistance, please contact Council's Development Department on 8539 1414 or planning@murraybridge.sa.gov.au