

Media Release

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ALICE SPRINGS NOT AFFECTED BY AUSTRALIA-WIDE HALT ON SOLAR FUNDING

Alice Springs residents won't be affected by the halt on solar power funding announced today by the Australian Government.

Alice Solar City General Manager Brian Elmer said, "While the Australian Government's Solar Homes and Communities Program would cease receiving applications today, Alice Solar City is exempt because of our status as one of the country's seven Solar Cities."

"We recently announced that funding for solar power systems through Alice Solar City would continue to December 2009 and this has not changed."

In addition, last week we also announced revised prices for Alice Springs residents in partnership with BP Solar, increasing the saving from 50% to 60% off the retail price for installing solar power on their roof.

"Alice Springs residents now have access to some of the most attractive solar power system offers in the country."

"It makes sense in a town that is one of the sunniest places in Australia."

"A two kilowatt system for example, which is suitable for the average home will now only cost \$8,598 compared to the recommended retail price of \$21,158."

Alice Springs residents can contact Alice Solar City on 8950 4350 or visit the Smart Living Centre for more information about these offers.

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After all rebates and subsidies are taken into account, the **new** costs to householders for the three solar residential packages are:

Energizer 1000	RRP \$13,982	End cost to householder \$5,071
Energizer 1500	RRP \$18,395	End cost to householder \$7,547
Energizer 2000	RRP \$21,158	End cost to householder \$8,598

A 3kW system is also available to small businesses.

RRP \$31,513 End cost to business \$14,218

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About Alice Solar City

The Alice Springs Solar City Consortium is led by the Alice Springs Town Council and includes broad community support from the Northern Territory Government, Power and Water Corporation, Tangentyere Council, the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce, the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre and the Arid Lands Environment Centre. Funding sources include the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government, Power and Water Corporation, and Alice Springs Town Council.

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