

It's never been more affordable or easier for Queenslanders to switch to solar and save

Solar water heating is a proven, reliable, clean energy technology that's available for all of us to use today.

Now, the Queensland Solar Hot Water Program is making that choice simple by giving eligible Queenslanders state-wide the opportunity to switch to solar and save.

Tackling the challenges of climate change and ensuring a sustainable clean energy future for Queensland remains a key focus for the Queensland Government. The work we are undertaking will ensure that households throughout Queensland will receive the best possible outcome for a clean energy future while government also supports and grows Queensland's important solar industry – generating clean, green jobs.

About 80 percent of Queenslanders currently rely on electric hot water systems to heat water in their homes. Many of us now know that our electric hot water systems are the single largest consumer of household energy and the biggest contributor to our daily household greenhouse gas emissions.

By taking part in the Queensland Solar Hot Water Program, you can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by bringing energy efficient solar and heat pumps into more homes throughout the state. Your decision to take part in this Program will deliver energy savings of up to 25 percent for your household, while cutting harmful household greenhouse gas emissions by up to 30 percent.

The Queensland Government is protecting our environment. As part of its Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland strategy, the Bligh Government has set a target for Queensland residents to reduce their carbon footprint by one-third by 2020.

By taking part in the Queensland Solar Hot Water Program, you will be doing your bit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Queensland by approximately 630,000 tonnes over the next three years. Even more exciting is that together Queenslanders will be helping to save approximately 4.9 million tonnes over the 15-year life of their new, clean energy solar or heat pump hot water systems. That's some saving, and a very real way you can contribute to a cleaner, greener environment.

Switching to solar saves you and our planet by:

- **Reducing** the cost of heating water for home use
- **Reducing** household greenhouse gas emissions
- **Reducing** our footprint on the environment.

