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Solar's still the smart choice



HOMEOWNERS continue to enjoy generous incentives to switch to green energy with a grid-connected solar system.

In addition to futureproofing families against rising electricity prices, a solar system can also be a money maker for households.

The Queensland Government's Solar Bonus Scheme pays a feed-in tariff of more than double the domestic use tariff for surplus energy supplied to the grid from systems under 5kW.

Smartt Solar Systems managing director John Kuchel said grid-connected solar systems remained a very attractive investment for homeowners.

He said recent changes to government incentives had caused some confusion among buyers, but these changes were intended to ensure the schemes remained available into the future.

"The Federal Government's Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs), which used to be known as Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), will be replaced by a solar credits multiplier of three instead of five from July 1, 2011," Mr Kuchel said.

"However, the State Government recently announced that its Solar Bonus Scheme will retain its minimum rate of 44 cents per kilowatt hour of surplus energy.

"This is a positive announcement for Queensland homeowners as many other states in Australia, particularly New South Wales, are having huge issues with their schemes.

"So households can forget about their costly electricity bills and even start making money by selling their solar power back to the grid."

Mr Kuchel said with the Federal Government continuing to support the installation of solar systems through the STC program, used to offset the cost of switching to green energy, homeowners looking to invest in a system should act now.

However, he said they should do their homework to ensure they select a proven and reputable provider.

Smartt Solar Systems is Clean Energy Council (CEC) accredited and is also licensed by the Building Services Authority.

"We can provide solar electricity grid-connect systems for homes and businesses," Mr Kuchel said.

"We also stock highly efficient monocrystalline solar panels that incorporate anti-reflective coated cells and glass to generate more energy.

"Our panels are accompanied by SMA inverters to ensure premium efficiency and

the quality and reliability of our panels allows us to offer a 25-year output warranty on all of our solar modules."

Mr Kuchel said Smartt Solar Systems' consultants could also provide free on-site consultations and assessments to help people understand how they can fully maximise the solar potential for their particular situation.

"We can help people work out what incentives and rebates they're entitled to and even help with the application process," he said. "With years of experience, our credibility cannot be matched."

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