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ADMINISTRATION:

Accreditation of solar photovoltaic panel installers

This Notice provides information about the accreditation scheme for installers of photovoltaic panels that has been recognised by the Minister for the purposes of Schedule 3 of the Development Regulations 2008 (Acts and activities which are not development).

DISCUSSION

On 1 January 2009 changes were made to *Schedule 3* of the *Development Regulations 2008* to clarify the circumstances under which the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of solar photovoltaic panels is excluded from the definition of development [*Schedule 3(15)*]. Among the criteria is the requirement for panels that have a total weight exceeding 100kg to be installed by a person who holds accreditation under a scheme recognised by the Minister for Urban Development and Planning [*Schedule 3(15)(3)(b)(iv)*].

For the purposes of *Schedule 3(15)(3)(b)(iv)*, the Minister has recognised the Clean Energy Council's (CEC's) (www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au) national accreditation scheme, if the accreditation has a South Australian endorsement. The SA endorsement on an installer's accreditation indicates that they have undertaken a recognised training course in roof safety, to ensure they understand the range of problems that can exist with roofs and the possible impact that the installation of photovoltaic panels may have on roof integrity. To date this training has been provided by the AIBS SA Chapter.

A list of installers and designers who have completed the supplementary training is available on the CEC website. Photovoltaic panels that meet the criteria in *Schedule 3(15)* can be installed by accredited installers who have undertaken the training without the need to obtain development approval.

It should be noted that homeowners wishing to claim the Australian Government's solar rebate must have their photovoltaic systems installed by an accredited installer. The CEC is the only accreditation body recognised for this purpose.

Further information

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