

Looking To Go Solar?

SOLAR BUYER'S GUIDE



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SOLAR Makes Sense!

Looking To Go Solar?



More and more Aussies are taking control of their energy needs and switching to solar. With power prices higher than ever before solar makes sense, however the solar boom has lead to a lot of low quality systems flooding the market. These systems seem appealing with their low prices, but they are often inefficient and might cost your money in the long term, and in the worst case scenario they can be dangerous.

That's why we've put together this solar buyer's guide. We've collected all you need to know about buying your first solar system. We'll cover everything from system size, to feed-in tariffs to finance. Once you're done, make sure you call Solar Monster. We can help you through every step of the solar buying process, and have you enjoying solar savings in no time at all.



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Feed-In Tariffs

Explained

Before you buy your solar system, you need to understand just how it could save you money on your power bill. One of the major ways you can save is through your solar feed-in tariff. Not every solar system comes with a battery, which can store the power you generate. This means the power you generate gets fed back into the grid, because it has to go somewhere.

When this power gets fed back into the grid your electricity provider will compensate you. This comes in the form of your solar feed in tariff. These tariffs will come in the form of cents per kilowatt hour of electricity you feed back into the grid. How much you get paid can vary greatly depending on a number of factors, such as the time of the day and what state you live in, but often these tariffs are between 6 cents and 20 cents. When you get your solar system through Solar Monster, we can help you search for a fantastic solar feed-in tariff.



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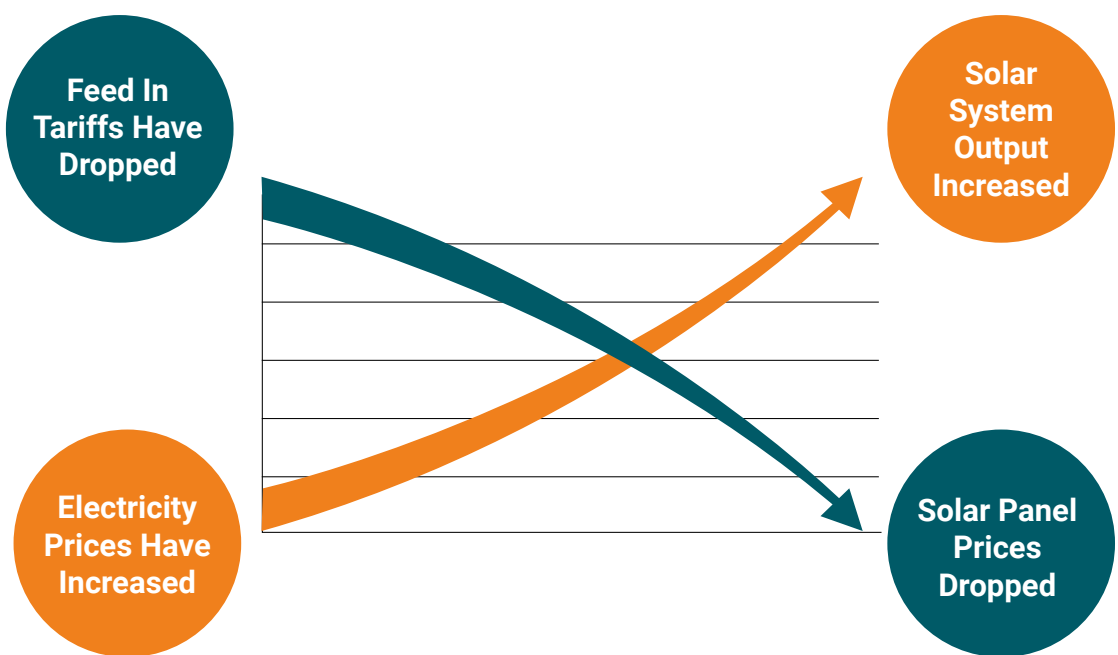
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Feed-In Tariffs

Have Dropped! Don't Worry

Many consumers think solar is not worth it because solar feed-in tariffs have reduced. However, solar makes more financial sense now. Due to the government wanting to stimulate solar installations, some Australian state governments provided feed-in tariffs above 40c. These were great incentives designed to encourage the Australian solar industry. However, these days are long gone as the price to manufacture solar panels and inverters has reduced dramatically. The competitive market means feed-in incentives are not required as much. The importance of feed-in tariffs is not as critical as before. As solar system prices have come down. It's all very simple so let us explain why!



It's straightforward! Why would you want to feed electricity into the grid for 6c when you can use it. You are saving by not buying it from your power company at 25 cents. Cheaper systems and higher electricity prices mean you pay back your system faster. Does this make sense? Another great example of this is big screen TV's, they started expensive and now are incredibly affordable. Solar is exactly the same!



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SOLAR SYSTEM SIZE

HOW BIG SHOULD I GO?

So you're thinking of getting a solar system, you might be tempted to go with just a light touch, or perhaps the biggest system you can find. Both might not be right choice. What you should be looking for is the right size for your needs.

Here's our recommendations for the size of your home and family:

 <p>SMALL HOME</p> <p>16-18m² 1-2 people</p> <p>4kW System</p>	 <p>MEDIUM HOME</p> <p>18-40m² 1-3 people</p> <p>6kW System</p>	 <p>LARGE HOME</p> <p>40-50m² 1-5 people</p> <p>9kW System</p>
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Generally speaking the bigger system will generate more electricity, meaning you'll earn more from your feed-in tariff.



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PICKING A **TRUSTED BRAND**

Since the explosion of solar in Australia over the past few years, a number of new companies have sprung up, each with their own products. It has now become pretty common to see solar panel companies selling systems at very low prices.

However while no-one wants to get taken to the cleaners when they purchase a solar system, no-one wants to end up with a lemon either. A lot of the low quality systems can become a headache over time, as they lose generation, and can pose a safety risk.

That's why you need to consult a professional such as the brokers at Solar Monster. We've partnered with a selection of fantastic solar panel retailers, and our team has the skills to find you a quality system at a great price, that more than meets your solar needs.

Our Retailers



GETTING THE RIGHT INSTALLER



Buying a system is one thing, but you're probably not going to set it up yourself. Solar systems are quite complicated and an incorrectly installed system can cause problems. According to the Clean Energy Council, about 1 in 5 solar systems that are installed in Australia are faulty, and as many as 2% of them pose a serious risk.

The reasons for this are twofold, the quality of the system, and faulty installation practises. A poorly installed solar system can actually pose a fire risk, which isn't good when the panels are placed on your roof. It's more important than ever to arrange an install with a professional.

That's why it's a great idea to arrange an install with Solar Monster. We can ensure that your solar panels are installed by a trusted professional, so that they'll remain in good condition for as long as possible, and so you can enjoy solar savings worry free!



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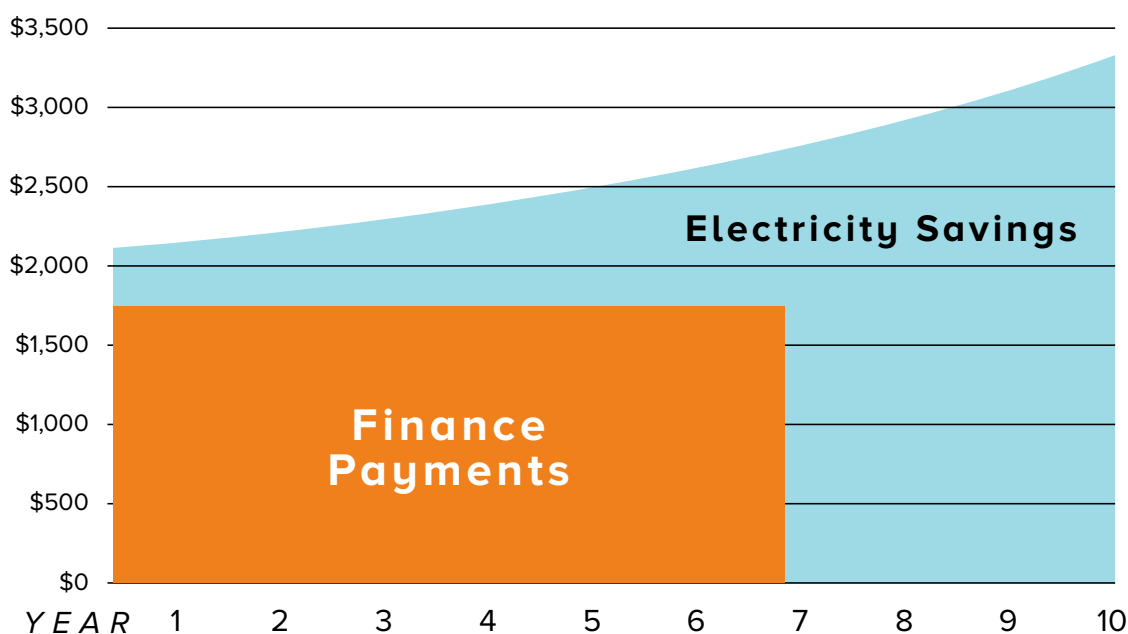
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SOLAR FINANCING

A GOOD MOVE

ESTIMATED: 10 Year Electricity Savings VS Finance Payments



Going solar does require some upfront costs, and those can be a bit daunting. The good news is that Solar Monster can help you arrange financing for your solar system. Solar is one of the best things to get through finance because you pay for your financing through your solar savings, over the course of a few years. Once that's paid off you'll be enjoying straight solar savings.



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READY TO GO SOLAR?



Going Solar makes sense. With more options than ever before in terms of system size and financing, there's no reason to not start looking into solar. If you're ready to buy, put your trust in a professional, and call Solar Monster on 1300 745 095 today. We can help you with every step of the solar process, from designing a system, to arranging finance, to the install itself. Now's the time to makes the switch to solar, because going solar makes sense.



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