



## **\$100,000 GRANT FOR NOT FOR PROFIT GROUPS**

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### **To Whom It May Concern:**

#### **About the Project**

<https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas/community-solar-installation-project>

**Alan Cuthbertson** is a local community member who has been very involved in fighting climate change and is now running this program.

**Montmorency Community Group** a grass-roots, non-profit organisation creating a positive vision for the future, where we can form close community ties, and network with the myriad of environmental organisations, and work with local Councils and businesses to accelerate the pace of change we must make, in order to effectively tackle the twin challenges of peak oil and climate change.

**Leeson Group** are an award-winning local solar installation company. The costs they supply panels for is approximately \$1200/kW. [www.leesongroup.com.au](http://www.leesongroup.com.au)

#### **Your Business**

Any not for profit group in Banyule or nearby are eligible provided they do not have panels already installed and have a suitable roof. Note: If you do not own your own roof, we can (with your permission) talk to the owner to gain their approval.

#### **Solar Design and Installation**

Between Montmorency Community group, Leeson Group and yourself, we determine the appropriate system and size. The system is designed and installed by Leeson Group. We anticipate the systems will range from 3-10kW in size, costing \$4000 to \$12000 covered by the grant.



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### **After Installation**

After the grant has covered all the costs of the installation and your solar system is up and running, we will bill you 10% of the purchase each year. If you are happy that you have saved that amount, you pay the amount and we invest into solar systems for the disadvantaged. We expect the amount you receive in Feed In Tariff will exceed 10% however. If you save less, you pay the reduced amount over a longer period.

### **Reinvestment of Your Payments**

The repayments will be used to buy panels for disadvantaged people, and they too will pay us back out of savings.

### **Benefits for a business owner**

It can reduce or eliminate electric bills. Going green with solar energy can generate a positive response from consumers. Solar power continues to be a sound investment for businesses generating both long-term savings and quick paybacks.

### **Montmorency Community Group accepts all risks involved.**

- ◊ If the system underperforms, you pay a reduced amount.
- ◊ If the panels are destroyed by fire or hailstones, you repay nothing.
- ◊ If you stop using the building, we will ask the new occupants to pay, but we cannot enforce it.
- ◊ If the panels break down after some time and the supplier refuses to fix them, you pay nothing.
- ◊ If the building is to be demolished, we may elect to remove the panels first, but you will not pay anything.
- ◊ If the amount paid via Feed In Tarrifs (currently 11cents/kwh) reduces significantly, we will reduce repayments unless it is clear you are benefiting significantly from using the power yourself.

### **Kind Regards**

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