

SOLAR PANELS

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Applicable Legislation: *Local Government Act 1993;*
Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993;
Northern Midlands Planning Scheme

Objective To provide guidance for consistent and equitable assessment of applications for solar panels.

Administration: Community and Development

Review Cycle/Date: 4 years, next review 2026.

INTRODUCTION

Where a planning permit is required for solar panels, the Northern Midlands Council has determined that assessment should have specific regard to the visual impact of the proposal.

OBJECTIVES

To ensure that solar panels are designed and located to minimise the impact on heritage-listed buildings and the streetscape.

APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

When considering an application for solar panels on heritage listed buildings and in heritage areas, Council's Development Services Department shall consider the following criteria:

Solar panels should be placed on roof areas away from the street, where that roof area faces between north and east, and between north and west.

Solar panels must not:

- Be installed above the highest part of the roof (hip line and ridge line), excluding the chimney;
- Extend beyond a gable end;
- Project more than 200mm from the roof surface.

