



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

Reference: City and Environment Directorate; Climate change adaption and resilience

Hearing: 31 July 2026

In relation to: Solar Panels

Question received: 3 August 2026

Answer Due: 17 August 2026

1. What options are available for the recycling and disposal of rooftop solar panels?
2. Is the government considering a solar panel recycling scheme and dedicated specialist recycling plant similar to the recycling plant in Parkes, NSW?

Ms Suzanne Orr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Solar panels that can be reused can be given away or sold online. Up to five solar panels can be dropped off for free in the metal recycling area at the Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre and Mitchell Resource Management Centre.
2. The City and Environment Directorate participates in an interjurisdictional solar panel stewardship working group led by NSW, which will recommend an approach during 2026-27 for a national product stewardship scheme to manage end-of-life solar panels. This work was agreed by Environment Ministers, and will engage with work undertaken by NSW, the Commonwealth's National Solar Panel Recycling Pilot, and Queensland's recent solar panel pilot. Potential approaches to a scheme in the ACT will be considered based on the outcomes of this work.

The ACT Government is not considering a dedicated solar panel recycling facility.

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Signature:

Date: 14/08/26

By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Suzanne Orr MLA