

Solar for Apartments

Allume Energy and Owners Corporation Network (OCN)









Q: Whats the total cost, to get back \$2,800?

A: A good rule of thumb is that a shared solar system will cost \$3,000-5,000/ unit fully installed.

Q: Without battery storage, how do you find adoption where a majority of residents aren't home during solar hours? (therefore not maximising

benefits)

A: It is possible to set many appliances to run during the daytime (e.g. dishwashers), to compliment always on consumption (e.g. refrigerators). When people who are away (e.g. working in an office) are at home, they then take priority in the sharing algorithm. Adopting the right sized solar system for the usage in your building can address this.

Q: We have energy storage called hot water systems. Is there a way in these can be best used by a SolShare system?

A: Shared solar and common hot water systems work great together. The hot water can be set to run during the daytime, so it uses solar energy, improving the return on a shared solar system.

Q: Does the Victorian scheme allow for both Solshare for apartments in conjunction with solar to heat a common pool or do the OC need to separate the projects?

A: Yes, as long as the common area receives the same share as the units, the same project can be used to heat a common area pool.





Q&A Continued

Q: NSW Strata - what is the percentage of Yes votes required to pass a motion for implementation of solar for all Lots?

A: For shared solar systems implemented as part of a Sustainability Infrastructure Resolution in NSW strata, the motion would pass if less than 50% of the voters object.

Q: Implications for Insurance.

A: Your building's existing insurance should cover solar systems. You can confirm this with your insurer.

Q: Case studies of solar installed on old apartment buildings without existing accessible roofs ?

A: We have many case studies on our website. Visit https://allumeenergy.com/au/case-studies/ to find out more.

Q: is the type of electric meters in the apartments a factor?

A: Solar requires smart meters, which can be installed by electricity retailers at no charge to the account owner. In some cases, switch/circuit boards require upgrades, which has other benefits including safety. Switchboard upgrades entail additional costs.



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