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# Electrification and the Energy Transition

**Resilient Sydney  
Action 6**

Updated Grants and  
Resources list for  
councils

**May 2026**

## Overview

Action 6 of the *Resilient Sydney Strategy 2025-2030* identifies electrification as a critical step towards energy resilience for our city. The energy transition, the trajectory for renewables, and an associated shift in our buildings and transport to electrify reduces fossil fuel use, which is driving climate change. Significant planning and investment are needed to ensure a smooth and equitable transition to a clean energy future.

This document lists key electrification resources available to support councils, households and businesses to reduce costs and carbon emissions including




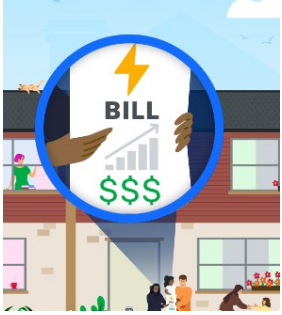
- Current grant opportunities
- Communication resources for households
- Communication resources to support electric vehicle uptake
- Communities of Practice for which Greater Sydney councils are eligible
- Podcasts and social media channels that are helping communities to understand and navigate the transition
- Fact sheets
- Technical and social research resources and links

If you would like us to add additional useful resources to this list, please email us at [rso@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rso@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) .

## Electrification Grants – May 2026

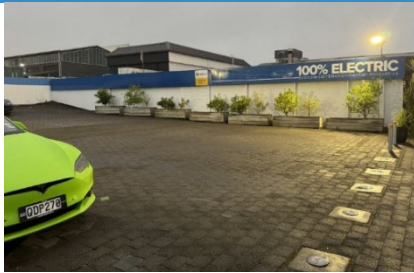
Grant Name	Overview	Amount	Closing date
<a href="#">NSW Solar for Apartment Residents (SoAR) grants</a>	Co-fund the cost of installing shared solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on eligible apartment buildings and other multi-unit dwellings in NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$150,000 per project</li> <li>• Up to 50% of eligible products and installation costs</li> </ul>	4 December 2026
<a href="#">NSW Solar for Apartment Residents (Boost) grants</a>	Provides targeted SoAR funding for apartment and multi-unit dwelling residents in priority communities that are facing barriers to accessing the benefits of solar energy. Residents across 13 Greater Sydney LGAs are eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$200,000 per project</li> <li>• Up to 80% of eligible products and installation costs</li> </ul>	4 December 2026
<a href="#">Federal Cheaper Home Batteries Program</a>	Discount for Australian households, businesses and community organisations on the upfront cost of installing a range of small-scale battery systems (5 kWh to 100 kWh)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 30% of upfront cost of system</li> </ul>	Scheduled to run until 2030, however the rebate declines every 6 months starting 1 May 2026
<a href="#">NSW Virtual Power Plant (VPP) incentive</a>	Provides an upfront incentive for households and small businesses with a battery, or installing a battery to connect to a VPP, enabling them to sell their excess electricity to the grid on an ongoing basis. Links to VPP providers providing offering the incentive are listed <a href="#">here</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upfront incentive depends on usable capacity of the battery in kWh</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">NSW Council Capacity Building (Electric vehicle policy/engagement/legal and strategic advice)</a>	Supports councils to undertake electric vehicle expert legal, mapping or data advice, policy or strategy development; community engagement or education; staff training or consultant support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$80,000 (ex GST) for each eligible council</li> <li>• Councils can combine their allocated funding with other councils or through JOs/ROCs to deliver Collaborative projects</li> </ul>	27 March 2027

# State Government (and other) communication resources – for households

SOLAR FOR APARTMENT RESIDENTS (EXISTING BUILDINGS)	HOUSEHOLD ENERGY (EXISTING BUILDINGS)	ELECTRIFICATION PLANNING APPROACHES (NEW BUILD)
 <p><b>Solar for Apartment Residents Toolkit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social media copy</li> <li>- Newsletter copy</li> <li>- Website copy</li> <li>- Downloadable images</li> </ul> <p>To receive Partner Toolkit email <a href="mailto:solar.banksnsw@dcceew.nsw.gov.au">solar.banksnsw@dcceew.nsw.gov.au</a> or <a href="mailto:gillian.hinchcliffe@dcceew.nsw.gov.au">gillian.hinchcliffe@dcceew.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	 <p><b>Efficiency tips for Renters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Energy Efficiency Top tips</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Renter energy efficiency checklist</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Energy saving Fact sheets in 19 community languages</a> (foot of webpage)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 350.org <a href="#">Electrify your Council campaign</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Waverley Council DCP provisions</a> including thermal safety, indoor air quality, uptake for electric vehicles, transition to low emissions living and others</li> <li>- Lane Cove DCP <a href="#">All Electric Buildings provisions</a></li> <li>- City of Sydney <a href="#">All-electric development DCP provisions</a></li> <li>- Newcastle City Council <a href="#">Indoor Air Quality</a> provisions</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Solar for Apartment Residents Quote template</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Link at foot of webpage <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>	 <p><b>Energy Bills and Costs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">What's in your energy bill</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Understanding your energy plan</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Energy charges and costs</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Energy meters/smart meters</a></li> </ul>	

# State Government (and other) communication resources – electric vehicles

## BUYING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE



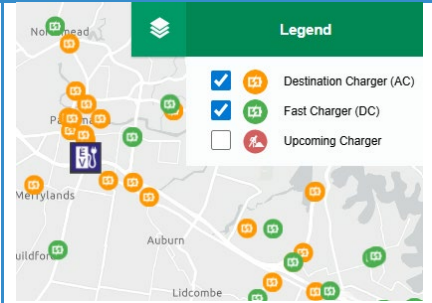
- [Getting started, how they work and how much you can save](#)

## MAKING YOUR APARTMENT EV READY



- [Five stages to making your building ready](#)
  - o Survey template
  - o EV charging infrastructure cost tool
  - o Single lot motions and by-law resource
  - o Multi lot information, charger motions and buy-laws
- [EV charging infrastructure cost tool](#)
- **Video:** [Getting approvals](#)

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

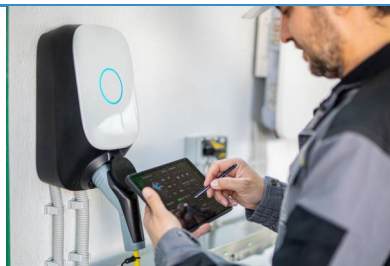


- [NSW Electric vehicle charging locations map](#)
- [Types of chargers](#)



## EV Battery Reuse and Recycling

- [Electric Vehicle Council explainer and infographic](#)
- [Association for the battery recycling industry](#) – research and development



## Electric Vehicle Safety Advice

- [FRNSW EV Charging position statement](#)

## Other

- [Upcoming NSW Government EV events](#)
- [The Driven 2026 Monthly EV sales in Australia by model](#)
- [Visit NSW EV friendly road trip](#)

# Communities of Practice

## 'All electric' national Community of Practice for councils

### Includes

- Knowledge hub with open source electrification communications collateral including local Go Electric Plans, brochures, graphics – including in many community languages
- Monthly online briefings and presentations

Email [DLuckman@merri-bek.vic.gov.au](mailto:DLuckman@merri-bek.vic.gov.au) to join.

## EV charging Community of Practice for NSW councils

Monthly knowledge sharing sessions about fleet and public charging.

Email [sam.kelley@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sam.kelley@waverley.nsw.gov.au) or [pvun@krq.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pvun@krq.nsw.gov.au) to join.

## LGNSW Climate Action Professional Officers Group (CAPOG)



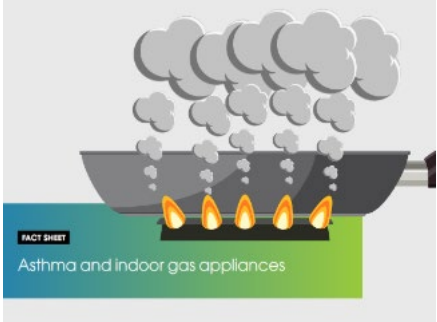


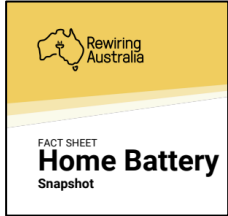
Collaboration between local government staff, LGNSW and DCCEEW on climate change adaptation and net zero emissions. A great forum to ask NSW teams questions related to climate mitigation and adaptation.

[Opt in to join](#)







## Sydney Net Zero Communities Working group

Meets quarterly, focuses on doing net zero community engagement well– email [etreadgold@krq.nsw.gov.au](mailto:etreadgold@krq.nsw.gov.au) to join

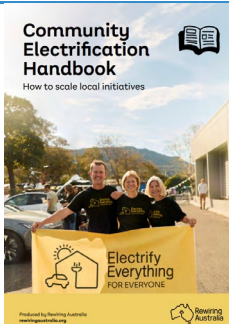
# Podcasts and social media

PODCASTS	SOCIAL MEDIA	NGO FACTSHEETS
 <p><b><a href="#">Solar Insiders</a></b></p> <p>Renew Economy founder Giles Parkinson and editor Sophie Vorrath discuss the ins and outs of the solar industry and what it means for consumers</p>	 <p><b><a href="#">My Efficient Electric Home Facebook group</a></b></p> <p>Formed in 2015 by Tim Forcey to provide a data base of information about improving the comfort and performance of Australian homes, the My Efficient Electric Home group has become a formidable forum where 179,000 members where individuals share their electrification journey, and can ask for others' advice about products, methods and data on their electrification journey.</p>	 <p><b><a href="#">Doctors for the Environment Asthma and Indoor Gas Appliances Fact Sheet</a></b></p>
 <p><b><a href="#">Energy Insiders</a></b></p> <p>Renew Economy founder joins energy markets expert David Leithc as they discuss the week's events around large scale renewables, electric vehicles, and the politics</p>	 <p><b><a href="#">Electrify This Instagram, Facebook and website</a></b></p> <p>Sarah Aubrey has become a key consumer focused electrification and EV advocate, providing EV reviews, practical how-to reels for the EV curious about different charging options. Her Electrify This Instagram has 115,000 followers, many of whom say that her guidance has helped them make the decision to electrify.</p>	 <p><b><a href="#">Rewiring Australia Fact sheet series</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Home battery fact sheet</li><li>○ Rooftop solar fact sheet</li><li>○ Cooking with induction fact sheet</li><li>○ Water heating fact sheet</li><li>○ Heat pumps fact sheet</li><li>○ Heating and cooling with electricity fact sheet</li></ul>

# Technical and social research and resources

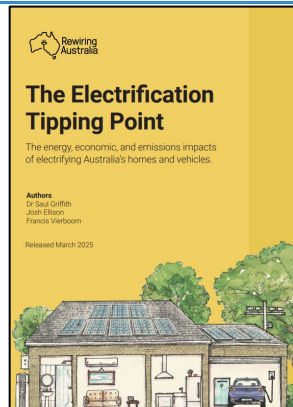
Energy Consumers Australia	Climate Council	Doctors for Environment
 <p><b><a href="#">Consumer Energy Report Card: How households use gas and their attitudes towards electrification</a></b></p> <p>Six monthly nationally representative survey conducted to understand Australian Energy consumers priorities, needs, attitudes towards and engagement with the energy system.</p>	 <p><b><a href="#">Power prices Dec 2025 update and explainer</a></b></p> <p>Climate Council summary of Australian Energy Market Commission modelling that looks at prices in the National Electricity Market (NEM).</p>	 <p><b><a href="#">August 2024 Fossil Fuels as a Health Hazard report</a></b></p> <p>Findings that coal, oil and gas are harming the health of Australians in myriad ways, and DEA advocacy messages for government</p>
 <p><b><a href="#">Power Move Report</a></b></p> <p>Outlines risks for gas consumers as Australia's energy transition continues. Calls on government to develop a National Electrification Roadmap that ensures transition is equitable.</p>	 <p><b><a href="#">Power Games Report</a></b></p> <p>Outlines the three key drivers behind high power prices for consumers</p>	 <p><b><a href="#">Windfarms and your health</a></b></p> <p>National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), the main agency for health and medical research in Australia, outlines available evidence and notes there is not proof that wind farms make people sick.</p>

## Rewiring Australia



### [Community Electrification Handbook](#)

Guidance for community groups, local councils and allied organisations on how to establish and scale local initiatives. Covers key questions for local groups including insurance, governance models and suggested activities to build understanding and support for electrification locally.



### [The Electrification Tipping Point](#)


March 2025 report that considers the energy, economic and emissions impacts of electrifying Australia's homes and vehicles

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