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NSW BUSINESSES HAVING THEIR TIME IN THE SUN

NSW businesses big and small are leading Australia in rooftop solar installations, with nearly double the amount of solar capacity than our nearest rival.

The latest Australian Photovoltaic Institute data shows 13,641 businesses across the state have solar systems, totalling more than 600 megawatts (MW) of capacity.

Minister for Energy and Utilities Don Harwin highlighted the number of advantages.

“NSW businesses are number one in Australia for rooftop solar,” Mr Harwin said.

“It is great to see businesses taking control of their energy bills, this will lead to a more attractive bottom line and will allow companies to grow.

“Our small businesses have installed around 290 MW of solar on their roofs while 70 large businesses have installed a further 315 MW.”

Queensland businesses rate a distant second with 350 MW installed.

Western Sydney is having its time in the sun, accounting for six of the top 10 local government areas in number of commercial installations and commercial capacity.

“Sydney’s west is a solar hot spot with businesses in Penrith, Blacktown and Canterbury-Bankstown taking advantage of the benefits,” Mr Harwin said.

“The average small business owner in Western Sydney could be saving up to \$3,570 a year by installing a 10 kilowatt rooftop solar system – that’s how to make overheads work for you.”

Minister Harwin said businesses are making record solar investments elsewhere.

“There is a multi-billion dollar pipeline of solar projects the private sector are backing, which will give NSW a secure and affordable energy supply into the future,” he said.

“NSW is leading Australia’s solar revolution on so many fronts. We have Australia’s largest solar farm at Nyngan and the country’s first floating solar farm at Lismore.”

There are now at least 400,000 rooftops with solar installations across NSW.

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