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**The Hon Peter Garrett MP**

*Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts*

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## **\$1.2M PUTS THE SOLAR IN ADELAIDE SOLAR CITY**

Adelaide will add new renewable energy into its power supply with the announcement of more than \$1.2 million from the Australian Government to support the installation of solar panels at the Detroit Diesel building at the Keylink Industrial Estate, Rundle Lantern and the Adelaide Central Market.

“I am delighted that more of Adelaide’s icons will be powered by solar technology,” Minister for the Environment Peter Garrett said.

“If we’re going to be serious about lowering our emissions and producing energy in a cleaner way, then solar has a key role to play.

“Adelaide is demonstrating that solar technology can play an important role in generating power across the city for business operations, public art, commercial market places and public transport infrastructure.

“The forward-thinking environmental vision of the Adelaide Solar City consortium and the associated businesses will see Adelaide enhance its reputation as a solar powerhouse.

“South Australians can be proud of Adelaide’s efforts to become more sustainable.”

### **MTU Detroit Diesel Australia facility - Keylink Industrial Estate**

A 50 kilowatt BP Solar photovoltaic system will be installed at the Detroit Diesel building in the Keylink Industrial Estate, generating about 70,000 kilowatt hours of renewable energy each year, the equivalent of 20 per cent of the Detroit Diesel Australia building’s total power needs.

“An observation deck and a dedicated project website will ensure information about the benefits and technical aspects of using renewable energy are available to private industry and the community,” Mr Garrett said.

“The Detroit Diesel photovoltaic system will form one part of an integrated approach to sustainable energy management in the Keylink Industrial Estate. The estate has the potential to become a model of how sustainability can be achieved within the industrial and commercial sectors.”

### **Rundle Lantern**

Plans for a 50 kilowatt BP Solar photovoltaic system are underway for Adelaide City Council’s Rundle Lantern. When the system is installed, it will generate more than enough power needed for this public art display.

“This innovative public art display is not only creatively engaging but will become environmentally inspiring,” Mr Garrett said.

### **Adelaide Central Market**

A 50 kilowatt BP Solar photovoltaic system will be installed at this high visibility site without detracting from the important historic fabric of this iconic building.

“The Adelaide Central Market attracts people from all over Adelaide and will soon be one of the most energy efficient commercial centres in the CBD,” Mr Garrett said.

### **Adelaide Central Bus Station**

A 50 kilowatt BP Solar photovoltaic system of 320 panels was commissioned in February 2008 and has generated more than 94,000 kilowatt hours of electricity – far more than anticipated.

“It is pleasing to see solar technology performing so outstandingly and supporting the public transport system so well,” Mr Garrett said.

### **Golden Grove Recreation Centre**

A four kilowatt solar photovoltaic system has also been installed in the City of Tea Tree Gully by Origin Energy, the lead proponent of the Adelaide Solar City.

“The system, installed at the north-east’s premier indoor arts and recreation centre at Golden Grove, is in the heart of the Solar City catchment area,” Mr Garrett said.

Adelaide Solar City is part of the Australian Government’s Solar Cities initiative. The program helps households, businesses and the wider community better manage their future energy needs and will help to build a low-pollution future for Australia.

For more information about the Australian Government’s Solar Cities Program please see [www.environment.gov.au/solarcities](http://www.environment.gov.au/solarcities)