

15 January 2019



Dear 

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act Request**

I refer to your request dated 17 December 2018 for information relating to Solar PV installation requirements.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information and Meetings Act (1987) and the following response is provided below each question:

**1. *What consents are required if any?***

The installation of PV panels to generate electricity (energy work) does not require building consent, however an owner may apply for building consent if they wish to do so (refer s43 of the Building Act 2004).

An exception to this is if the PV panels also form the roof cladding. As this is considered to be building work, a building consent would be required.

Please note that all work must comply with the New Zealand Building Code, whether or not a building consent is required.

**2. *How much they cost/charge for a consent***

There is no cost for Solar Building Consents.

**3. *The turnaround/completion time for consent processing***

The statutory time frame for a building consent is 20 working days.

**4. *Whether the Council guarantees the turnaround/processing time***

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) guarantees the processing time of a building consent if all the required information is provided at the time the consent is lodged.

**5. *Date the consent came into play/action (if available)***

This is not applicable.

**6. *Any other info of importance for SEANZ members***

The DCC Building Services Unit does not keep information associated with photovoltaic (PV) installations.

**7. *Do you have a link on your website regarding solar power installation regulations.***

There are no specific links available on the DCC website regarding solar power installation regulations, however some information is available if you search solar power. For

example, a question and answer sheet on renewable energy generation is available on the following link,

[https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/335133/Preferred-Options-Q-and-A-Renewable-Energy.pdf](https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/335133/Preferred-Options-Q-and-A-Renewable-Energy.pdf)

Yours sincerely

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