



Why do we need to Solar Our Learning?

- Energy costs are an increasing burden and too many schools and early childhood centres are missing out on the benefits of bill-busting clean energy installations.
- Solar and batteries for all schools and childcare centres can save schools money, reduce childcare costs, and employ thousands of people - it's a win-win-win.
- This is Australia's largest clean energy proposal that will benefit every community in the country.

Solar Our Learning will:

- Slash school and childcare energy bills, freeing up funds for learning resources and childcare places
- Save large schools \$114,000 in energy bills per year, and small schools or childcares \$12,400 - \$14,600 a year
- Create at least 6,870 renewable energy jobs in all regions of Australia.
- Save millions of tonnes of carbon emissions per year

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Dear Federal, State and Territory leaders,

*We call on all governments to work together to **Solar Our Learning**, by funding solar and batteries for every school and early childhood centre in Australia (with means-tested grants for privately-owned schools and for-profit early learning centres).*

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<p>Thanks so much for helping get more parents involved in Solar Our Learning!</p> <p>How to use this form</p> <p>The easiest way to use this form is to have a conversation with someone about the campaign and invite them to scan the QR code.</p> <p>That will take them to the open letter online, and let them see what else we do and other ways they can take action.</p> <p>It also reduces follow up work for you!</p> <p>Otherwise, when a form is completed, email a photo of it to info@parentsforclimate.org so we can add those details to the list of signatories.</p>	<p>What's this campaign about?</p> <p>Problem: All children deserve high-quality early education and care. But rising energy costs are cutting into early childhood centre budgets that could otherwise pay staff, and reduce costs to families.</p> <p>Early education and care centres have better things to spend money on than power bills. While bigger chains like Goodstart and G8 are already installing solar and saving money</p> <p>Barriers like insufficient staff time, unwilling property owners, lack of access to reliable information, and upfront costs mean most centres don't have the capacity to organise clean energy upgrades, even though it would save them money.</p> <p>So they're paying more for energy than centres with more capacity - that's unfair</p> <p>Solution: More clean energy keeps our kids safer, now and into the future. And the benefits of high-quality early education are huge, both for kids and parents.</p> <p>Rooftop solar saves money for everyone, paying for itself in under three years, but too many providers are not in a position to install it.</p> <p>At a time when energy bills are putting pressure on early education centres everywhere, we would encourage all state and federal governments to invest in rooftop solar for all schools and early learning centres.</p> <p>Benefit: Australia's 9,000 school rooftops alone have the potential for 950MW of solar - that's the capacity of a Snowy Hydro generator. But we can start building it right now, without the long approvals required for large projects.</p> <p>And adding solar to the 16,000 early learning services will not only add even more grid capacity, but save them money they'd rather spend on staffing additional places for kids.</p>	<p>Who are Parents for Climate?</p> <p>Our Story We are Australia's leading climate advocacy organisation for parents, carers, families and all who care about a safe future for kids. We educate and empower our supporters to make the climate safer for every child. Founded in 2019 by six regional, rural and urban mums in four states and territories, we've grown rapidly to fill a critical gap in the climate movement. We are a parent organisation, run by parents for parents.</p> <p>Our vision A safe climate for our kids to thrive</p> <p>Our mission We're on a mission to empower millions of Australian parents to champion climate action within their communities, the media, business and politicians.</p> <p>Who we are Parents for Climate is a nationally registered charity. Our charitable purpose is the protection and enhancement of the natural environment and the provision of information and education about the natural environment, particularly in relation to climate change.</p> <p>Our core team of staff, Board and volunteers work remotely. However, we are locally active and nationally connected with over 17,000 supporters, and local groups in every state and territory. We represent families from across the political spectrum, in every Australian electorate, and from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.</p> <p>Find out more at: https://www.parentsforclimate.org/about</p>
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