



emPOWER Homes

A Social Homes Energy Support Stimulus Proposal



SUMMARY

The economic challenge of the COVID-19 crisis means more Queenslanders than ever are under financial pressure, and the economic recovery has a long way to go.

emPOWER Homes: A Social Homes Energy Support Stimulus proposal from Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS), Queensland Conservation Council and Solar Citizens is a \$215 million package that would install solar and energy efficient upgrades on social homes across Queensland, saving households up to \$1,100 per year on their energy bills.

The proposal would create more than 1,800 jobs and stimulate local economies during the COVID-19 crisis.



\$215M TO STIMULATE QLD'S ECONOMY

The costed total package is estimated at \$215 million, including:



\$12 million for engagement and energy audits



\$50 million for rooftop solar PV



\$153 million for energy efficiency upgrades

The first \$100 million will be spent as soon as possible to stimulate the economy, with the remaining funds to be spent over three years.

MORE THAN 1,800 JOBS CREATED

This package will see **1,809** good, secure jobs across Queensland over three years in training, auditing, installation, manufacturing and retail.

UP TO \$1,100 IN ANNUAL ENERGY BILL SAVINGS

Each year, social housing tenants who have:



Energy efficiency upgrades will save up to **\$1,100** on energy bills



Solar PV installed will save up to **\$730** per year on energy bills

TARGETED TO THOSE MOST IN-NEED

An estimated **50,250** social homes, **75 percent** of all social housing dwellings, will participate. Social housing tenants across Queensland will be eligible.

The statewide scheme would roll out first in regional Queensland with the option to further prioritise regions most acutely in need of support.

IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLBEING

People will be able use the energy they need to stay cool in summer and warm in winter.

MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND LESS EMISSIONS

Solar capacity in Queensland will increase by more than **50MW**.

Modelling document for the emPOWER Homes: Social Homes Energy Support Stimulus proposal is available upon request.

Contact QCOSS for modelling at [**qcoss@qcoss.org.au**](mailto:qcoss@qcoss.org.au)

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