

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Western Power to lead \$73.5m Perth Solar City project**

Western Power today signed a \$13.9 million agreement with the Australian Government to help deliver Australia's seventh demonstration Solar City in Perth.

Western Power has been selected to lead the program which involves the installation of smart meters, solar hot water systems and photovoltaics (PVs). One of the key objectives of the program is to engage the community and encourage behaviour change in energy consumption through energy assessments and education.

Western Power's Managing Director, Mr Doug Aberle said the overall program, worth \$73.5 million would bring together industry, business, governments and communities to rethink the way they produce, use and save energy.

"Western Power will establish Australia's newest, and largest, Solar City program, delivering a range of discounted energy efficient products and services to over 106,000 homes within the six member councils of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council," Mr Aberle said.

This includes the Town of Bassendean, City of Bayswater, City of Belmont, Shire of Kalamunda, Shire of Mundaring and City of Swan.

"The Australian Government's Solar City program is trialling practical and creative ways to be smarter about how we use energy.

"The information we collect will help Australia develop more sustainable energy solutions both now and in the future.

Western Power is recruiting a range of product and service providers to help in the delivery of the Perth Solar City program.

More details on the program will be announced at the official launch in Perth later this year.

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