



A step-by-step guide to getting solar for your apartment.

Until recently, Technology and getting an installation approved have been barriers to success. With SolShare, the approval process is now the barrier to overcome. Collect the info in step 3 to ensure Sunstrata can provide a proposal within four to six weeks.

Let's begin!

Step 1- Call SunStrata for a pre-feasibility discussion.

Step 2 - Based on this conversation, notify the owner's corporation and all relevant stakeholders in the building that you are looking at installing solar onto the building. Collect all email addresses necessary to distribute the proposal to the owner's corporation. Notify everyone that a vote is required and set expectations to have this vote in 4 to 6 weeks from the email date.





Step 3 – Collect the following info for Sunstrata to develop a proposal:

1. **Main switchboard key** – if the MSB (main switchboard) room is locked, we need the key – to develop a proposal, we need access to the main switchboard and meters
2. **Common power bill** – if there is a common power bill for the building, we will need to see it to develop a proposal
3. **Apartment power bills** – ideally, 4 to 6 electricity bills for apartments in the building, and if you know someone who is using a large amount of power, please get that bill.
4. **Owner's corporation's email addresses** – We will need to get the proposal to everyone in the building at the same time





Step 4- Sunstrata will come to your building and do a site survey to determine the cost of installing solar with SolShare onto your building.

Step 5- Develop a proposal - email all stakeholders discovered in Step 3 with a link to a video presentation that everyone can watch on their own time.

Step 6 - Set a meeting to answer any questions based on the presentation – the purpose of this meeting is to decide whether to call a special resolution to approve the proposal formally.

Step 7 -At a special resolution meeting, the owner’s corporation formally approves the Sunstrata solar proposal, and we move to installation.



Legislation has changed the approval process for strata.

On 16 February 2021, New South Wales passed the *Strata Schemes Management Amendment (Sustainability Infrastructure) Bill 2020* (“**Sustainability Infrastructure Bill**”). The Bill amended the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015* (NSW) (“**SSMA**”) by reducing the voting threshold required by owners of corporations to approve the financing and installation of sustainability infrastructure within their scheme.

Ordinarily, changes to the common property of a strata scheme require a motion to be passed by a special resolution (where not more than 25% of the votes cast are against that resolution) and registration of a by-law. However, the new provisions introduced by the Sustainability Infrastructure Bill reduce that threshold for sustainability infrastructure resolutions.

The Revised Approvals Process.

Sustainability infrastructure resolutions may be passed by a special resolution so long as less than 50% of the votes cast are against that resolution.

