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Renewables miss out in the Federal Budget but Canterbury-Bankstown businesses turn to solar to save on energy costs and reduce emissions

Regardless of the lack of support for renewable energy in the Federal Budget, local businesses in the Canterbury-Bankstown region are investing in solar to save on power bills and reduce their carbon footprint, demonstrating to other savvy business owners in the area how to improve their bottom line and become more sustainable at the same time.

Thomas Bell, Sales Director of world-leading solar solutions provider Energus, commented that businesses in the area are rapidly embracing solar which is the world's cheapest form of energy.

Energus is a world-leading solar-solutions provider which has been instrumental in helping 14 local businesses and schools in the Canterbury-Bankstown area to convert to solar and save big on their energy bills. Two of these businesses are Motion Asia Pacific based in Chullora and STAR Group, based in Condell Park.

Motion Asia Pacific is an industrial engineering distribution group with 1600 employees across 14 core businesses and 180 branches. STAR Group is a Tier 1 electrical contractor who has been operating for more than 60 years with over 400 employees.

Both of these locally owned and operated businesses have installed solar energy at their head offices, each saving in excess of \$25,000pa on their energy bills.

These outcomes are in line with the objectives of the local council which has been encouraging local businesses to invest in solar and improve emissions and waste management.

The solar installation at Motion Asia Pacific's headquarters alone produces approximately 2.2MWh of energy each week, which according to its solar solutions provider Energus, is enough to vacuum 54,885 metres square of carpet or 7 rugby league fields.

"The decision to switch to solar is part of a long-term goal to reduce Motion Asia Pacific's environmental footprint, which follows on from our transition to LED lighting in 2019," said Motion Asia Pacific's Business Improvement Manager, Gavin Baxter.

"When we considered the rate of return on the investment was less than 2 years, coupled with the Government incentives from Ausgrid on offer at the time, it was an obvious next step for the company."



Meanwhile, STAR Group specialises in electrical, data and communications, high voltage, audio-visual and engineering services. It has delivered a wide range of significant projects, including Crown Resort Sydney, Northern Beaches Hospital and Northwest Rapid Transit Metro Stations.

These projects span across construction, infrastructure, rail, high voltage, technologies, engineering, automation and maintenance divisions. The group services clients across the commercial, defence, education, government, health, infrastructure, mining, residential, hotels, retail, transport, tunnelling and water treatment sectors.

Many of these projects focus on sustainability, which STAR Group's Estimating Manager, Shane Bedwell cites as a critical driver in the company's decision to convert to solar energy.

"In our industry, it is extremely important to be proactive in ecological sustainability. We deliver a large number of projects with an emphasis on sustainability which made the switch to renewable energy the perfect fit for our business. The carbon offsets alone were a huge motivator," Bedwell said.

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About Energius

Energius is the Australian arm of Sunman Energy; a technology company founded by a group of industry veterans delivering the future of Solar. Through the research and development of composite materials, Sunman has successfully commercialized the world's first glass-free, lightweight, and flexible Panel – eArc. Replacing glass completely, eArc brings solar power to markets and applications scenarios that were previously impossible.

About STAR Group

STAR Group is a privately owned electrical, communications and maintenance contractor specialising in electrical, data and communications, high voltage, audio-visual, engineering and wholesale services. STAR Group understands the people power and costs involved in engaging services contractors to successfully develop, redevelop or maintain a building or facility. Its multiple discipline offering, enables customers to reduce this pain point by obtaining all the electrical, communications and audio visual services directly from under one roof.

About Motion Asia Pacific

Motion Asia Pacific is a comprehensive group of industry-focused companies that has been delivering exceptional customer value with passion for over 60 years. The company employs 1,600 people across 14 core businesses, with over 180 branches. The company produces products to keep their customers' plant, machinery and equipment operating safely, efficiently and sustainably.



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