

Electrify Waiheke presents the Waiheke Solar Partnership

Thinking of getting solar? Not quite sure where to start? [Join the Waiheke Solar Partnership!](#) Electrify Waiheke is helping interested homeowners through the solar installation process by connecting them with qualified installers, enabling volume discounts and providing help along the way. Read on to find out more:

Electrify Waiheke presents the Waiheke Solar Partnership (WSP), which aims to build and aggregate demand from community homeowners, then use collective procurement and installation to make quality solar installations accessible, affordable, and a positive experience for our residents. We are supported by local funding partners and resident contributions, and we take our responsibility to our community seriously.

WSP Lead and local resident Barry Coates couldn't be more enthusiastic about the opportunity the WSP presents: "Waiheke is a close-knit community where taking action is often best achieved collectively. The WSP represents an opportunity for all those residents who are interested in lower cost, self-generated, and lower emissions power generation to take action towards a more positive energy system which is less reliant on fossil fuels. We hope we can bring as many of you along the journey with us".

Electrify Waiheke, alongside local partner organisations and volunteers, are leading outreach, education, and advocacy to drive participation. This is supported by a communications campaign, newsletters, dedicated email lists, social media and community events. The programme aims to build a cohort of residential customers intending to install solar within one year – we're currently at approximately 50 households with strong interest and are hoping to get well over 100 interested households in the next 12 months to install solar through the WSP.

The Partnership is currently engaged with potential suppliers in a detailed Request for Proposal process, and hopes to begin facilitating solar installations from January 2027. The Request for Proposals gathers more information on the standards, price, capabilities and ongoing servicing from potential installation partners. These are the key issues identified so far in the criteria, agreed after consultation with current homeowners interested in solar.

"We'd really love for as many people to benefit from this as possible" says Electrify Project Coordinator James Siddle, "ultimately we want solar on our residents rooftops, and with approximately 470 installations across the island up till now, there's still a significant opportunity to expand this across the motu in the coming years. Chances are that you either know someone with solar or have seen solar out there, so if you're interested in getting it yourself, please [sign up](#) or get in touch with us for more information".

Residents can sign up with the WSP through [this form](#), or for more information please email electrifywaiheke@wrt.org.nz



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