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RET encourages Solar

Local economic development association, Mildura Development Corporation has welcomed the passing of the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Target legislation. CEO Anne Mansell believes this will provide significant assistance to the potential development of solar power resources within the Mildura region.

"The RET encourages opportunities for small scale solar development for local households and businesses. The Department of Climate Change has a number of fact sheets available which outline the process of Renewable Energy Certificates and Solar Credits that will be available for small scale solar. I would encourage anyone interested in installing solar systems to access this information at www.climatechange.gov.au." Mrs Mansell said

Mrs Mansell said that with the Federal Government's Solar Flagship program providing \$1.6 billion for large scale solar and the Victorian Government's \$100 million Large Scale Solar Program, the region has a number of opportunities for further large scale solar development.

"Mildura Development Corporation is excited by the opportunities that large and small scale solar developments can provide to the community. The commitment by Solar Systems to the region in constructing a 154 MW solar photovoltaic power station is very welcome and we are working hard to encourage the development of a large scale solar power hub." Mrs Mansell said.

Policy developments such as the Renewable Energy Target will promote confidence to invest in the renewable energy sector.

"The Mildura region is best placed in Victoria for solar power developments. We have the climate, sunshine hours and access to the National grid. Solar power provides us with an opportunity to diversify the local economy and introduce new employment prospects." Mrs Mansell said.

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