

Solar Sunshot Program to support Australian PV Supply Chain

The Government today announced the establishment of a PV manufacturing hub to replace the coal dominated industries of the Hunter Valley. The Prime Minister Anthony Albanese spoke about investing “in the path from pit to panels”, which was underpinned by the Government’s announcement of a \$1bn support program in the form of production credits and grants to a solar supply chain in Australia. Today’s announcement builds on the APVI’s recent ARENA-funded project [Silicon to Solar: Foundations for Solar PV Manufacturing in Australia](#), which examined the opportunity for Australia to establish viable, relevant, and timely local manufacturing along the solar PV supply chain. The APVI will continue to work with the Government, ARENA and industry to develop a sustainable PV industry in Australia.

The Silicon to Solar study was undertaken by APVI in partnership with the Australian Centre for Advanced Photovoltaics (ACAP) and with assistance from Bright Dimension, ITP Renewables and Deloitte Financial Services. Advisory Board members with extensive experience in PV manufacturing and industry development have guided the work: Mark Twidell, Mark Bonnar and David Jordan. Funding was provided by ARENA, with industry contributions from AGL, AspiraDAC, Siemens, Energus, SunDrive, 5B, and Tindo Solar.

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