



Community Purchase of Renewable Energy Program (C-PREP)

The City of Victor Harbor's Community Purchase of Renewable Energy Program (C-PREP) has been designed to:

- Reduce or negate ratepayer energy bills.
- Decrease our areas carbon footprint (by lessening reliance on traditional power)
- Promote job opportunities in renewable energy
- Enhance the areas attraction to prospective residents and business.

C-PREP is based on a large number of ratepayers taking an option to purchase a minimum solar panel system of approximately 1.2kWh, estimated to cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. These systems will be grid connected to attract feed in tariffs.

Ratepayers may purchase larger systems which will also be on offer - however it is the initial "system 1," priced at \$1995 that C-PREP facilitates.

Council is currently evaluating Expressions of Interest (EOI) from approved lending bodies, and Zen Home Energy Systems is the contract supplier installer appointed.

Alexandrina and Kangaroo Island Councils have expressed their support for C-PREP. This valuable patronage allows C-PREP to approach the market with a combined population of approximately 48,000 people. If just 1,000 people register for the offer, the system 1 price could lessen.

C-PREP is an initial step by Council into ongoing engagement with renewable energy. Incremental solar panels and wind power with its ability to augment solar power will be the next phase.

C-PREP Program Procedure

- Ratepayer fills out registration form and remits payment of \$75.00 to the City of Victor Harbor.
- Ratepayer advises if finance needed.
- CVH will notify supplier/installer of your registration and have them contact you.
- If finance is needed, CVH will advise the lender partner, Bendigo Bank, who will then contact you.

All agreements and contracts are then handled directly between the Ratepayer and Zen Home Energy Systems. Should finance be required Council will have the Bendigo Bank contact the ratepayer. All finance agreements and contracts are then handled directly between the Ratepayer and Bendigo Bank.

The City of Victor Harbor will facilitate the interaction of the Zen Home Energy Systems and/or the Bendigo Bank – in order to:

- Facilitate timely installation.
- Track the installation rate.
- Measure and record carbon savings.

For further information ratepayers can call Roy Ramage on 8551 0558 or email on rramage@victor.sa.gov.au.

