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\$1.1 million solar battery tender helping lead the way in green energy

Cutting-edge energy battery storage will be installed in a series of flagship public city buildings as part of a new project believed to be a national first for a government.

Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis said the State Government has released an expression of interest for a \$1.1 million battery storage demonstration in government buildings.

The initiative links directly with the State Government's goal to make Adelaide the world's first carbon neutral city.

"The battery storage systems will be located at high profile sites within the City of Adelaide, such as the Museum, State Library and Art Gallery of South Australia, which all have existing rooftop solar photovoltaic systems," Mr Koutsantonis said.

"Through this exciting project, the State Government will be demonstrating how integrating battery storage with solar photovoltaics can deliver multiple benefits of greenhouse gas reduction, energy load management and energy cost reductions.

"These North Terrace precinct sites offer a great opportunity to publicly showcase battery storage technology, and public schools in the city could also show the community how solar photovoltaics and battery storage technologies can be combined to provide energy-smart solutions in smaller buildings.

"Battery energy storage is an emerging global market, and storage systems offer particular benefits when combined with solar photovoltaics allowing for solar generation to be better matched to the building's energy demands.

"With a high uptake of renewables in South Australia, including rooftop solar, South Australia is well positioned to be a strong 'early market' for battery storage systems.

"In a state which already boasts 39 per cent of our energy from renewable sources, this demonstration project will provide local experience to help make this a reality."

Adelaide City Council has also announced it will offer incentives of up to \$5000 to city ratepayers who install battery storage devices.

The battery storage project forms part of the State Government's commitment to a Carbon Neutral Adelaide, which was discussed at an industry forum last week titled: *Economic Opportunities for South Australia from Local and Global Action on Climate Change*.

In the lead up to the World Summit on Climate and Territories in Lyon this week, and the United Nations Climate Change Summit in Paris in December, the discussions last week provided local business leaders with an opportunity to inform the development of Carbon Neutral Adelaide and the Climate Change Strategy for South Australia.

Both initiatives will provide a clear policy framework to accelerate South Australia's transition to a low carbon economy and ensure that the South Australian industry and research community is at the forefront of providing solutions to the challenge of climate change.

The battery storage demonstration expression of interest is available for download from:
www.tenders.sa.gov.au