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New renewables project highlights SA innovation

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A new renewable energy project in the heart of the CBD is helping Adelaide reach its ambitious goal of becoming Australia's first carbon-neutral city.

With State Government and Adelaide City Council support, the Conservation Council of South Australia has installed renewable energy technology at The Joinery – its community space at 111 Franklin Street – that is helping generate nearly half of its daily power needs.

The centre features batteries designed by Australian company Redflow and solar panels designed and manufactured by South Australian company Tindo Solar.

As part of the project, an electric car is now also available from The Joinery through Australia's largest car share company, Go Get – the first to be used in its South Australian fleet.

Background

The State Government contributed \$33,000 to the installation of renewable energy technology at The Joinery.

South Australian companies involved in the project have included Tindo Solar, energy systems provider Sustainable Works, automotive consulting firm GELCO and The Energy Project.

Redflow Executive Director Simon Hackett has also been leading an Adelaide-based team to turn the company's industrial-strength batteries into the ZCell storage system for homes and small businesses.

Quotes attributable to Climate Change Minister Ian Hunter

Our ambition to make Adelaide the world's first carbon neutral city is about showcasing our expertise in the low carbon economy.

This project is a celebration of South Australian know-how and innovation, and reinforces our position at the cutting edge of renewable energy technology.

I congratulate the Conservation Council for their work in promoting renewable energy use in the Adelaide Central Business District, and their use of local providers for much of the work in this exciting project.

I would also like to commend Go Get for their inclusion of a hybrid electric car in their South Australian vehicle fleet – further reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and helping promote environmentally friendly forms of transport through their car share service.

Quotes attributable to Lord Mayor Martin Haese

The Conservation Council is to be congratulated for the way it has created a community eco hub in an inner city space, bringing together solar with energy storage and South Australia's first plug-in electric car share vehicle.

This is a wonderful example of what we can achieve when we work in partnership, bringing our skills and passions together for a common goal.

The Joinery is a showcase of how a low carbon future could look – with shared working spaces, harvesting and storing energy from the sun, combined with community projects in the heart of the city.



- [Minister for Climate Change](#)