



Call for Expressions of Interest: 380 Solar PoP/15

Invitation to receive and re-use 380 Solar Panels

ACHIA NSW would like to invite interested Aboriginal Housing Providers to submit an expression of Interest (EOI) for the following project:

Project Title:	380 Panels of Power to approx. 15 Homes
Issues By:	ACHIA NSW in partnership with METIO [www.metio.com.au]
EOI Deadline:	Friday 17th January 2025

Project Summary:

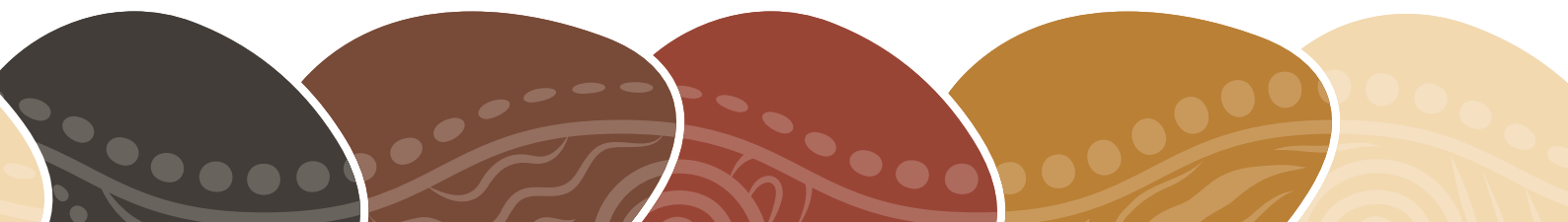
METIO is a social enterprise that supports groups and organisations building with and for their communities. METIO is a Subject Matter Expert (SME) within the ACHIA NSW's pool of SMEs that recently participated in ACHIA NSW's 2nd Deadly Housing Summit, held on 30-31 October 2024 at the Novotel Northbeach in Wollongong.

METIO and ACHIA NSW are partnering due to a unique opportunity (at LOW or NO cost) that is available in March 2025. Here are the details:

- 380 solar panels will be removed from an existing entity
- the panels will be available for delivery after March 2025
- there are a sufficient number of solar panels to power approximately 15 homes across 1-3 LGAs that share a boundary
- the panels have a remaining lifespan of 15 years
- the panels come without other donated infrastructure that is required to make the solar panels operate (e.g. inverters, cabling, installation costs)
- the panels being donated are suitable for use on individual dwellings; they are not suitable for use as a solar bank to distribute power across a community
- ACHIA and METIO are working with a range of community and industry partners with the aim of minimising costs to an ACHP as part of the installation, however, there are likely to be conditions such as all solar panels must be used on properties that are located within 3 adjoining Local Government Areas

A financial contribution from an ACHP may be required to make the project stack up. Any costs will be known in advance and any specific costs agreed to by the successful ACHP before works begin. Associated costs may include the following: acquisition of inverters, installation onto ACHP property roofs, cabling, trade labour etc.

ACHIA and METIO are working hard to minimise any contribution that may be required.



Requirements:

The following is required for an ACHP to participate:

1. Must be a Member of ACHIA NSW
2. Must own 30 properties or less
3. Properties onto which the solar panels are to be affixed must be community owned assets – i.e. the panels must be installed onto Aboriginal Community Controlled assets, not government owned assets
4. If working with a Managing Provider, Owing Providers provide proof that the project (as it has repairs and maintenance implications) has been discussed with their contracted Managing Provider (MP) by way of attaching a Letter of Support from the MP
5. Must identify an Asset Management contact for the ACHP and notification that their role will involve integration with the project rollout team for this project

With written permission, Managing Providers can nominate an Owing Provider partner organisation that fulfils the requirements outlined above.

Submission Process:

EOIs must be sent via email to: admin@achiansw.org.au by close of business, Friday 17 January 2024.

For inquiries, contact:

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Expression of interest form

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Organisation Details

Organisation Name:

Organisation Address:

Organisation ABN:

Primary Project Contact

Contact Name 1:

Position Title:

Phone Number:

Secondary Project Contact

Contact Name 2:

Position Title:

Phone Number:

ACHP EOI Declaration & Key Information:

We would like to express an interest in securing the 380 solar panels offered for our community. Please see the following responses.

1. Our organisation is a Member of ACHIA NSW	Yes	No
2. Our organisation owns 30 properties or less	Yes	No
3. I understand that the solar panels are not suitable for solar bank use	Yes	No
4. We intend to install the solar panels on community owned housing assets	Yes	No
5. The LGA/LGAs in which the dwellings are located:		
6. I understand that certain associated costs may be proposed but I do not need to accept these and can discuss the project further without further commitment	Yes	No
7. I understand that ACHIA and METIO are trying to balance the risk-reward status of this project and that as part of this, the following is currently known:		
A. The panels are second hand and therefore come with no warranty, whereas, almost all new solar panels come with 25 year performance warranties	Yes	No
B. Second hand panels are unlikely to be suitable to propose to a government partner for a funding injection for the purposes of installation/purchase of inverters etc.	Yes	No
C. ACHIA and METIO are actively working on developing a suitable 'infrastructure stack' to minimise the costs of this project and that this may involve other philanthropic and corporate entities contributing to various elements of the infrastructure stack	Yes	No

8. If there was to be a cost, given the risks and rewards outlined in this call for EOI, what would your organisation be prepared to contribute?			
Item	Notes	Cash Contribution	In-Kind
Inverters (20)			
Trades to install			
Cabling/Consumables			
Project Management			
Storage			
Other:			
9. Our organisation's Asset Management contact is as follows:			
Asset Management Contact:			
Position Title:			
Phone Number:			
I agree for the above-named person to negotiate on behalf of our ACHP around potentially securing these solar panels.	Yes	No	
I grant permission to ACHIA NSW to provide the details contained in this EOI to METIO and other project partners (e.g. philanthropic or corporate) in order to progress consideration of this EOI.	Yes	No	
Signature:			
Name:			
Position:			
Date:			

Attached:

1. If a Managing Provider, a Letter of Support from an Owning Provider agreeing to participation in this EOI process and that their assets are being considered for improvement through this opportunity must be attached.
2. If an Owning Provider, a Letter of Support from the Managing Provider stating that they understand and are willing to participate in the EOI process, must be attached, bearing in mind that their responsibilities under the Management Agreement in place will also be affected.

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1. ACHIA NSW Membership Number	
2. Date EOI Received	
3. Next steps	