SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS
NON CYCLONIC REGIONS

The purpose of this building note is to advise that Building Advisory Committee has adopted a policy for the installation of Photovoltaic Panels for non cyclonic regions to facilitate the installation of Photovoltaic Panels on roofs without the requirement to obtain a building permit (Policy No BAC2011/001).

This policy applies to Class 1 and 10 structures in non-cyclonic regions of the Northern Territory (Regions A and B as per AS/NZS1170.2).

In relation to Cyclonic regions (Region C AS/NZ 1170.2) until there is greater certainty, through testing, of the ability of panels to withstand high winds, there will be no exemption from the requirement to obtain a building permit.

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