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**FEDERAL LABOR WILL DELIVER COMMUNITY BATTERIES FOR SOLAR IN
BRUNSWICK & COBURG**

Peter Khalil joined Chris Bowen Shadow Minister for Climate and Energy in Brunswick to announce that Federal Labor will deliver a community battery for solar energy storage in Brunswick and Coburg.

Coburg (15%), Brunswick (11%) and Brunswick West (14%) have some of highest solar coverage in the Wills electorate.

In recognition of this strong local interest in the renewables revolution, Labor will allocate a community battery to both Brunswick and Coburg under [Labor's 'Power to the People program'](#).

One in five Australian households have solar but only one in 60 have battery storage because the upfront costs are still just too high.

Community batteries allow households that can't install solar – like apartment owners and renters – to draw from excess electricity stored in community batteries.

Labor will work with the local community, state and local governments, and electricity distributors to finalise the location and other details of the battery.

A potential location includes The Jesuit Social Services Ecological Justice Hub in Brunswick, which already operates a solar-powered biogas system for food production. A battery at this location would support nearby households as well as the Hub.

Halpin Street, Brunswick and McDonald Reserve, Coburg have also been recommended by local organisation the Australian Energy Foundation as potential locations.

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