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Ms Kristie Johnston MP  
Independent Member for Clark  
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly  
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Dear Ms Johnston

Thank you for raising your question in Parliament, on behalf of your constituent, regarding incentives for the installation of rooftop solar and battery storage at not-for-profit aged care homes.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to improving energy outcomes for all Tasmanians, including facilitating the uptake of consumer energy resources (CER) and energy efficiency measures. We have a long history of delivering support in this space through our Energy Saver Loan Scheme (ESLS) and its predecessor, the Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (TEELS), which provided interest-free loans of up to \$10,000 to Tasmanian households, small businesses, and community groups over the five years the programs ran for.

Both programs were highly successful and led to the establishment of a robust network of Tasmanian businesses and installers across the state. Access to high-quality local knowledge and businesses helps improve accessibility and cost-competitiveness of CER to all Tasmanians and I would encourage your constituent to reach out to these businesses to explore what options are best suited for them.

Whilst the long-term benefits of installing CER are well-known, I recognise the upfront cost of installing CER can be challenging for households and businesses, especially for not-for-profit businesses. Low-interest loans continue to be available for Tasmanians through Brighte, our partner for ESLS, along with other financiers. For individuals on low-incomes, NILS Tasmania is an option and through this year's budget, we are continuing to support the Energy Saver Subsidy through NILS, which offers a 50% subsidy on energy efficient appliances and heat pumps.

At a national level, the Australian Government's Small-Scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES) continues to be available, lowering the cost of rooftop solar to consumers and small businesses, along with the Cheaper Home Battery Program, which provides a discount of around 30% to households and businesses installing a small-scale battery system. These are both programs your constituent may wish to investigate.

Looking forward, the Tasmanian Government is currently considering new opportunities to continue supporting Tasmanians in this space, building on the learnings and successes of both TEELS and ESLS. Work is also being done to examine how Tasmania can effectively implement significant national reforms that are intended to pave the way for the universal adoption of clean, efficient energy resources for consumers. Collectively, these reforms form part of the Consumer Energy Resources Roadmap, which sets out an implementation plan to unlock CER at scale across Australia.

As our energy system continues to transition, the Tasmanian Government will continue to consider ways that we can support Tasmanians in this space, and that the right settings are in place for CER to deliver the maximum value to our electricity grid and to our households and businesses.

Thank you again for raising this matter on behalf of your constituent and I trust this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC  
**Minister for Energy and Renewables**