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Ms Jacque Petrusma MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier
Liberal Member for Franklin

Dear Ms Petrusma

Thank you for your Constituent Question in Parliament on Thursday, 13 June 2024 asked as follows:

I was intrigued to hear about a neighborhood battery trial currently taking place in Queensland. The trial consists of the installation of batteries to power poles and at ground-level to help encourage residents to store the energy they generate from solar panels. On behalf of the many constituents in my electoral of Franklin, can the Minister for Environment advise if any initiatives exist in Tasmania that support residents to store the electricity they generate from solar, and if so, how can the community access this?

In Tasmania, we prioritise energy efficiency initiatives and have a range of support available. We want to ensure all Tasmanians are empowered to manage their energy needs and take advantage of new technology.

To store energy generated from solar panels, a current initiative which would assist Tasmanians with the purchase of a battery is the Energy Saver Loan Scheme. The Scheme provides a practical way to help households and small businesses transition to better energy efficiency by offering no-interest loans to eligible applicants to fund the purchase price and installation of energy efficient products, including batteries.

One of the biggest obstacles for Tasmanians undertaking an investment in energy efficiency measures is the up-front cost, and this Scheme is designed to help overcome that issue and make energy more affordable and sustainable.

For more information, please visit [Energy Saver Loan Scheme | Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania \(recfit.tas.gov.au\)](https://recfit.tas.gov.au)

Again, thank you for taking the time to raise this initiative with me.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Energy and Renewables