

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

## Inquiry into the 2020-21 Budget Estimates



**The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP**  
Minister for Solar Homes



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## Solar Homes portfolio

The 2020-21 Budget invests \$191 million to build on the success of the Solar Homes program and increase our commitment to helping Victorians take back control of their energy bills.

- **42,000 additional solar panel rebates** for households over the next two years, bringing the total over this time to 140,000 rebates;
- Expanding to **17,500 battery rebates** over three years;
- **15,000 solar PV rebates for small businesses** over three years;
- \$2 million additional funding for **workforce skills and training**

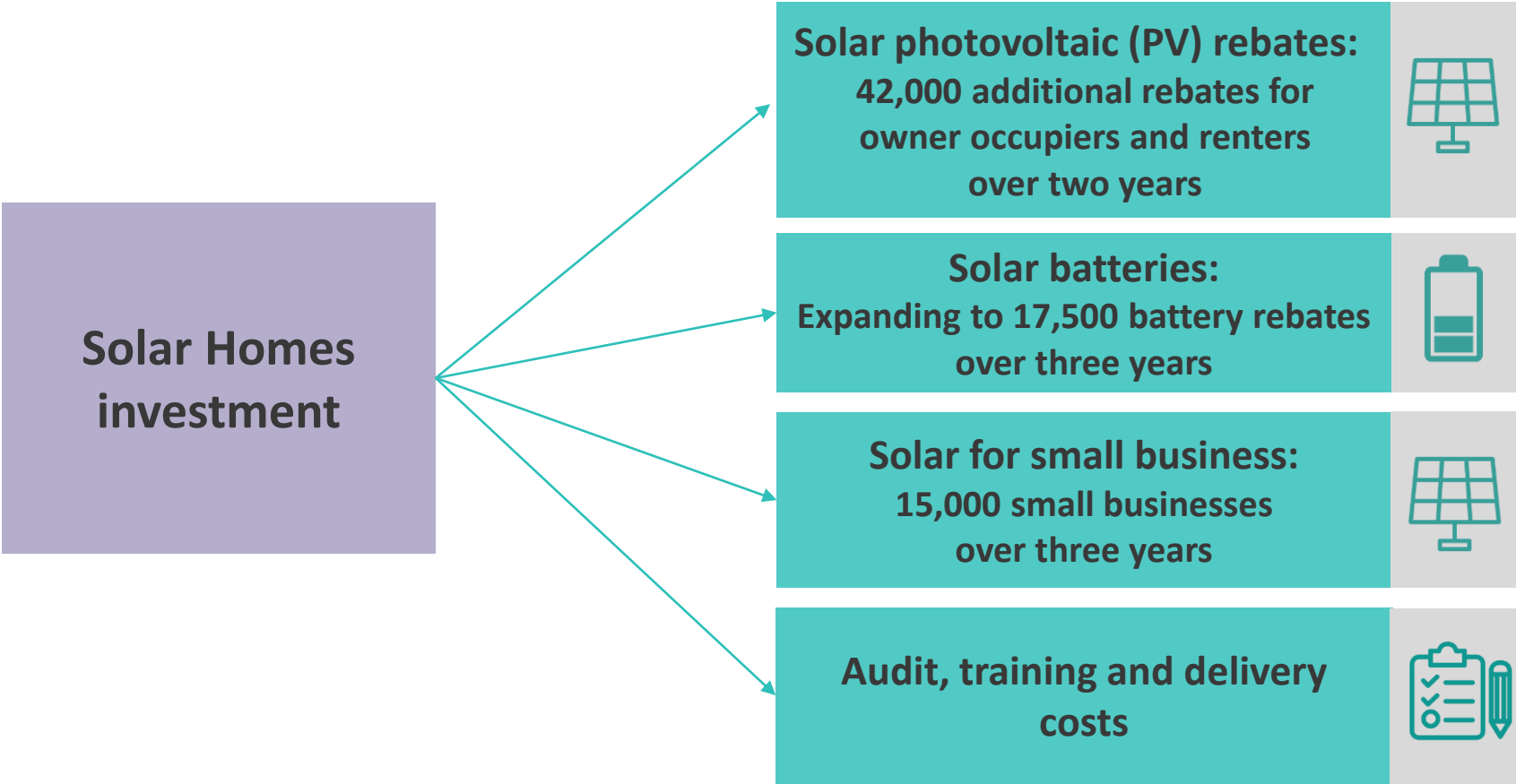


**Solar Victoria was established to roll out the 10-year Solar Homes program, working with consumers, industry, regulators and training organisations to boost access to clean, affordable and reliable solar energy as part of Victoria’s renewable energy future.**

Solar Victoria is committed to:

- Ensuring the highest standards in safety and quality;
- Supporting industry to create new jobs and adding to the over half a million solar installations already on Victorian homes;
- Creating up to 50 jobs in the Latrobe Valley with its base moving to the new GovHub building in Morwell from early 2021.

# Investment in Solar Homes in 2020-21 Budget



## Solar Homes and Victorians

Solar Homes is proving to be immensely popular with Victorians and the program is ahead of schedule

### Solar Homes demographics:

- Two thirds of households report earning under \$100,000 per year
- 407 community housing properties supported to install solar PV systems
- 31 per cent of Solar Homes households are from regional Victoria

### Solar Homes achievements:

- Over 122,000 rebates approved
- Almost 110,000 systems installed
- 646MW of solar PV capacity installed
- \$217 million in rebates paid
- Highest ever month for installations in November 2020
- Almost 900 installers participating in the program in 2020

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