



The Anglican Church of Australia
THE DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

Protection of the Environment Canon 2007

The Diocese of Ballarat supports the principles of the Protection of the Environment Canon but does not have a commission to provide leadership in how we improve our water and energy efficiency. Initiatives to encourage the use of solar energy have had limited impact in part due to the inability to deal with energy providers on a group basis.

The level of use of rural churches and halls can limit the viability of solar energy although rectories can and have benefited from the installation of solar panels. The construction (slate and bluestone) of churches and halls can also make it difficult to reduce reliance on gas heating or grid electricity because of heritage or financial considerations.

We have however offered low-cost loans to encourage energy efficiency projects and one parish has been authorised to use the proceeds of a property sale to fund a range of initiatives to improve energy efficiency. We are also currently investigating ways to reduce the environment footprint of our Diocesan Registry.

Peter Jarvis
Registrar

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