

# Ordinary Council Meeting

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Tuesday 23 July 2024



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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER**

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st Floor Randwick Town Hall, 90 Avoca St Randwick on Tuesday, 23 July 2024 at 7:00pm

**Question with Notice – response from Director City Planning**

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## Question with Notice No. QN6/24

**Subject:** Question with Notice from Cr Olive - One year update on the number of PV rooftop solar, battery storage and gas in new dwellings

### Question:

In June 2023, as per resolution CP16/23, Council resolved to “keep statistics on the number of new dwellings that do and don’t add PV rooftop solar, battery storage and gas to their property.”

One year on, what are the results of these statistics?

### Response from Director City Planning:

The data on PV rooftop solar, battery storage and gas connections for new dwellings is not currently readily available as it is not accurately captured during the development assessment process via the NSW Planning Portal or through Council’s processes.

To respond to this question, the staff have manually reviewed the BASIX certificate for each development application lodged/assessed comprising new residential accommodation over the past year to identify those that have installed solar panels, batteries and included gas connections. Due to the BASIX framework, comprehensive data on the energy saving provisions cannot be accurately captured.

An analysis of the development applications approved for new residential accommodation and a summary obtained from a review of the accompanying BASIX certificates is outlined below:

**Table – Applications for new dwellings in Randwick LGA approved between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024**

| Inclusion        | Yes      | No         |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| PV rooftop solar | 57 (78%) | 16 (22%)   |
| Battery storage  | 1 (1.4%) | 72 (98.6%) |
| Gas connection   | 56 (77%) | 17 (23%)   |

It is noted that in many instances the accuracy of this data may be limited as PV rooftop solar and battery storage can be added post construction without any need for planning approval. Therefore, there is a potential for underreporting solar and battery installation.

To expand on this data and to assist in providing an overview of the installation of energy saving provisions, the Clean Energy Regulator between May 2023 and May 2024 recorded that at least 944 rooftop solar systems had been installed in the Randwick LGA. This total capacity for these installations was 9,138kW. To note that these are all installations on new and existing dwellings.

The information on the installation of battery data is unable to be ‘pulled’ for the Randwick LGA. However, in 23/24 Randwick Council provided 91 rebates for the installation of batteries.

As outlined above, there is no readily accessible data or ability for Council’s to generate reports on the installation of energy saving provisions and gas connections within new developments. It is suggested that Council request that the DPIE further refines the sustainability questions asked of applicants and make this readily available to Councils so we can run reports and analyse trends.

**Submitted by:** Councillor Olive, East Ward

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