

2010 Synod of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney

Resolution 26/10 - Environmental Initiatives in the Diocese of Sydney

Synod –

- (a) thanks the Standing Committee for its report on environmental initiatives being taken by parishes and diocesan organisations;
- (b) congratulates those parishes and organisations which have taken significant initiatives to reduce their carbon footprint (and notes that some parishes are aiming to go carbon neutral);
- (c) notes that a number of parishes have installed solar panels to generate electricity back to grid;
- (d) notes that there are good reasons for installing solar panels on the roofs of our non-heritage listed buildings, namely –
 - (i) it is a way of being good stewards of our environment;
 - (ii) it is a way we can easily lead (not follow) public opinion, and
 - (iii) at the moment there is a window of opportunity where it is likely to be a significant financial advantage;
- (e) noting the rapid rate in which government policy in this area is changing, asks the Property Trust as a matter of priority to provide an accessible guide for parishes on how they easily sign up to participate in government schemes to encourage renewable energy (indicating several options showing costs now and financial returns later); and
- (f) asks the Finance and Loans Board to work with the Property Trust to develop some guidelines to facilitate parishes installing solar panels.