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Solar panels a boon for Lakes Creek State School

Lakes Creek is the first of Keppel electorate's state schools to receive solar panels as part of the Palaszczuk Government's \$97 million Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) program.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga today inspected the solar panels, as well as a range of other energy saving measures, such as hot water system timers, sensor lighting and replacing fluorescent lights with LED lights.

"It's fantastic to see this program rolling out across the state, including right here in Keppel," she said.

"With these panels at Lakes Creek SS the Palaszczuk Government is delivering on its commitment to reduce the energy costs of our schools.

"Mount Archer State School is also part of the ACES program and a contract has been awarded for installation of panels there.

"This initiative is also good news for Keppel's local economy with the program expected to support 320 local jobs across the state over the lifetime of the program."

"This program is taking a tailored approach to identify the best energy saving measures to suit local conditions," said Ms Lauga.

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She said ACES will provide approximately 35MW of solar generated electricity, making a significant contribution to the Palaszczuk Government's target of 50 per cent renewable energy use by 2030.

"Once the program is fully rolled out, it's expected to deliver a reduction in state school energy costs of up to 20 per cent.

"It will not only help reduce the energy costs at our schools but will also make a significant contribution towards our Government's target of 50 per cent renewable energy use by 2030.

"This outstanding initiative is showing Queensland state school students and their communities the Palaszczuk Government's strong commitment to a cleaner, greener energy future."

For more information on the ACES program, please visit <https://qed.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/det/building-education/major-projects-and-initiatives/advancing-clean-energy-schools-program>

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