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BIOGRAPHY

Roy joined the City of Victor Harbour four years ago, following five years with the Department of Industry and Trade. Prior to that Roy spent 20 Years with IT as Apple State Mgr /IBM. Roy holds a Business Certificate of Studies from RMIT (Melbourne).

ABSTRACT

Can Regional Councils be Energy Producers?

A solar retrofit program saw 800 houses in the City of Victor Harbor and a further 1,000 houses in neighbouring precincts, install a minimum set of 1.02kWh roof mounted solar panels. The City of Victor Harbor can now drive a megawatt of power off its roofs and, under federal law, can, in 2011 register as an independent power company. The economic impacts are far reaching and continuous. Solar technologies combined with domestic wind turbines afford immediate and continuous economic growth while offering insulation against the parlous state of traditional energy suppliers. The added benefit is a massive reduction in carbon footprint.