

FUTURE MADE IN AUSTRALIA



NEW ENERGY APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM

“**The New Energy Apprenticeships Program has elevated my career drastically. I feel like I’m levels ahead of a lot of other apprentices.**”

–Harrison ‘Harri’ Sewell

Australia’s shift towards clean energy is creating new opportunities for apprentices, and the New Energy Apprenticeships Program is helping to support the workforce needed to power that transition. As part of the Australian Government’s a Future Made in Australia plan, the program is contributing to job creation and economic growth, supporting the shift to a net zero economy. Harrison “Harri” Sewell’s journey with Sol Energy & Storage highlights the impact of this initiative.

Harri joined the Newcastle-based solar and battery installation company in 2024 as their first-ever apprentice. “I came to the new energy sector because I could see the growth in this industry over the coming years and that really excited me,” Harri says. Thanks to the program, Harri has been able to develop his skills while receiving valuable financial support.

Through the New Energy Apprenticeships Program, apprentices like Harri can receive up to \$10,000 over the course of their training. This financial help can relieve some of the stress often associated with starting a new career. Since Harri is undertaking an apprenticeship towards an occupation listed on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority list, his employer is also eligible to receive a Priority Hiring Incentive of up to \$5,000 for each apprentice they hire.

A Future Made in Australia plan focuses on attracting investment to make Australia a leader in clean energy, adding value to our natural resources and strengthening economic security, and places a critical focus on job creation.

Australian apprentices can also access mentoring, career guidance, and personalised support, thanks to Apprentice Connect Australia Providers. For Harri, the ongoing support has been instrumental in both his professional and personal growth. “They really make a big effort to make sure we’re OK in all areas of our life,” he says, referring to the assistance provided.

For Leroy Bartlett, director of Sol Energy & Storage, the program has helped strengthen his business. “Harri is the first apprentice that we took on full time. We now have two apprentices, — I think apprentices have been quite an asset to the company.”

Through the New Energy Apprenticeships Program, thousands of apprentices are helping build Australia’s clean energy future. The program covers over 40 clean energy occupations, from solar and hydro energy to engineering and telecommunications, providing essential support to both apprentices and their employers.

“I can see a career in the new energy sector growing into big opportunities,” Harri says, reflecting on the promise of the clean energy industry. “Clean energy is the future.”

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To learn more about the New Energy Apprenticeships Program and a Future Made in Australia plan, visit: futuremadeinaustralia.gov.au



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