## **Eye of Africa Guidelines for Solar Power installations**

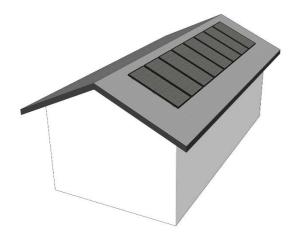
- 1. Find reputable contractors with a good track record and get at least 3 x comparative quotations.
- 2. Analise the quotations by comparing equipment brands (Sunsynk inverters are a good and are a popular brand), the system size, estimated energy production and obviously price.
- 3. NB Compare apples with apples If you do get 3 x quotations, they should all be competitive and similar in price/value if the same brands of equipment are used. We do not advise choosing the lowest quotation if it is much lower than the other prices.
- 4. Make sure the installer provides a COC after the installation has been completed which is an electrical certificate of compliance this is a legal requirement.
- 5. Give the solar contractor a copy of the guidelines to follow or the ARC will not approve the installation.

### **Guideline rules for solar power**

There are two main rules/regulations that are applicable:

#### 1. For residences with pitched roofs:

1.1. The solar panels on the roof must follow the same pitch of the roof – if the solar panels do not follow the same pitch the ARC will fail the submission because the installation will not be aesthetically pleasing. As shown below.





2. <u>For residences with flat roofs</u> – the solar panels can be fitted at an angle to be as effective as possible <u>however the solar panels need to be screened so that they</u> cannot be seen. As shown below.



## **Submission requirements:**

Roof plan with solar panels positions to be provided.

Specify number and size of panels.

Show roof angle if on pitched roof and panel angle if on flat roof.

A diagrammatic section should be provided for all solar panel installations on flat roofs showing the panels and the parapet wall/screen walls heights.

Documentation from the installer with solar panel system specifications, installation notes. On completion C.O.C. to be provided.

# Mandatory notes that need to appear in the submission or the ARC will not approve the solar installation:

- For pitched roofs: Panels must be laid at the same pitch as the roof sheeting/tiles.
- All conduits, wires, pipes, and equipment must be housed internally and not be visible on the exterior of the roof or walls. Only the actual panels should be housed externally.
- **For Flat roofs**: The top of panels must be lower than the top of the parapet walls or brickwork screen walls. If panels are laid at an angle the parapet/screen walls must be raised to the height of the top of the panels in all 4 directions.
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