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Mildura Development Corporation is continuing to work extremely hard to achieve large scale solar developments for the Mildura region.

“Renewable energy is on the cusp of vast expansion both in Australia and overseas and it is a very competitive market place.” CEO of Mildura Development Corporation Anne Mansell said.

Information obtained by Mildura Development Corporation through attendance at the recent Clean Energy Council’s Solar Flagships Forum and the All Energy Conference, indicates that both large scale developments and rooftop solar will increase dramatically to form part of the renewable energy target of 20% by 2020.

“With both Federal and State Government capital grant funding available, our region has a tremendous opportunity in marketing our advantages for large scale solar along with taking a leadership role in supporting rooftop solar and renewable energy developments for the commercial sector.” Mrs Mansell said.

“We have recently applied for funding for our wine and processing sectors to undertake an energy audit which will also suggest strategies to encourage further energy savings and assist in minimising costs.”

Mrs Mansell said that Mildura Development Corporation has made a number of positive contacts interested in the Mildura region for large scale solar developments as well as commercial photovoltaic arrays.

“We have the climate, the solar radiation measures and the temperature. Mildura Development Corporation is continuing to investigate the financing and policy options that will encourage both utility scale and commercial applications of solar. There appears to be a number of positive attributes associated with feed in tariffs for longer term industry development, however there are a range of models used across the world in establishing renewable energy. It is with this in mind, along with how we can value add at a local level, that we will be represented along with Mildura Rural City Council on a study trip to the USA to understand and appreciate the solar developments that have taken shape there. California is a leader in solar policy and sustainable development. The representatives will also have the opportunity to spend time with Boulder City Council where Nevada Solar One is located.” Mrs Mansell said.

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