



Solar panel fitters cite safety

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THE Australian solar panel industry is highly regulated and unlike the insulation industry doesn't attract cowboy installers, says electrician Michael Brewitt.

The Clean Energy Council, for which he is an accredited installer, said yesterday 100,000 solar panels had been installed across Australia over the past 30 years, with no reports of related house fires.

"The only reason fires would happen would be due to a loose connection because of poor installation and wiring," Mr Brewitt said. "There's no risk of fire from the panels themselves because they are pretty solid and come with sturdy pre-fitted leads, which plug into each other."

Mr Brewitt, owner of Velocity Electrical, which installs solar panels for Sun Favours, said certificates of compliance had to be signed with all electrical work involved in their installation.

"It is fairly well regulated, you have to be a qualified electrician to become accredited as an installer, which means you have a certain level of craftsmanship anyway, and most electricians who do move into the solar (business) are fairly conscientious," Mr Brewitt said.

"I also think the homeowners who sign up for solar are fairly aware and like to oversee the installation, so if you are a slack operator these people would be on to you."

Mr Brewitt said fixtures and equipment were subjected to high quality control.

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