

Finn Peacock’s checklist for comparing solar power apples with apples:

Price and Conditions	Quote 1:	Quote 2:	Quote 3:
Company Name			
Price			
Include company’s physical address and other contact details?			
Includes ABN?			
Includes Electrical Licence?			
Includes name and licence number of CEC accredited designer who did the design			
Includes full design sketch (panel layout, inverter position)			
Plain English, reasonable length contract?			
Is quoted price the guaranteed final price?			
What STC price is it based on?			
Does the price include a new electricity meter?			
Does the price include grid connection?			
Deposit amount: (note: Pay with Credit Card)			
Balance payable when?			
Timeframe for install?			
Timeframe for final grid connection?			
Estimated power output is given in writing?			
What self-consumption ratio is assumed on any savings calculations?			
Explains your rights under Australian Consumer Law? (legal requirement)			

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Panels	Quote 1:	Quote 2:	Quote 3:
Brand			
Listed here?			
Manufacturer’s Warranty (years): (Note: this is product warranty not the performance warranty)			
Manufacturer has Australian presence/office?			
Good Solar Panel Reviews from customers?			

Note: you can [compare the panels side by side here](#).

Inverter	Quote 1:	Quote 2:	Quote 3:
Brand			
Listed here?			
Manufacturer’s warranty (years)?			
Will be positioned in the shade or cool garage?			
Manufacturer has Australian presence/office?			
1 input per roof area?			
Good Inverter Reviews from previous customers?			

Installer	Quote 1:	Quote 2:	Quote 3:
Site visit before install?			
Assessed any shade properly?			
Looked at fusebox?			
Workmanship warranty (yrs)?			
Installer feedback score:			
Subcontractors or Employees?			
Any good/bad experiences reported on whirlpool.net.au (Google “[company name] Whirlpool”)			

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Racking	Quote 1:	Quote 2:	Quote 3:
Racking Brand is specified? Good Brands include: Radiant, Grace, Sun Lock, Clenergy, Schletter			

Batteries (if applicable)	Quote 1:	Quote 2:	Quote 3:
Size in kWh (energy capacity)			
Power in kW			
Includes backup?			
Which appliances are backed up?			
Can charge batteries from panels during outage?			
If 3 phase, self-consumes across all phases?			
Manufacturer has Australian presence/office?			
Savings estimate in writing?			
Warranty (years)			
Warranty (kWh)			
Warranted degradation (%) i.e how much capacity left when warranty expires			

Note: You can compare [batteries side-by-side here](#).