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### Flicking the switch on Australia's largest private sector rooftop solar system

Sydney Markets today officially 'flicked the switch' on Australia's largest private sector rooftop solar system on a single site. The expansive system is made up of 8,594 solar panels, with a capacity of over 3 megawatts.

\$8.9 million as well as 12 months of planning and construction was invested by Sydney Markets to make this solar system possible.

Sydney Markets CEO, Brad Latham, said this is the latest addition to Sydney Markets' renowned sustainability programs.

"We are very proud of our environmental achievements - over the past 17 years Sydney Markets has been a leader in waste recycling achieving upwards of 70% recycling of all waste onsite, which not only benefits the environment but also saves our company over \$1 million each year," Brad said.

"This solar system will enable us to generate sustainable energy, as well as drastically reduce our carbon footprint. In order to extract the same amount of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere 676 hectares of trees would need to be planted each year."

The solar system will provide approximately 11% of Sydney Markets' annual site power consumption. It is equivalent to powering 730 households each year.

Chairman of Sydney Markets, John Pearson, said although today's launch marks a significant milestone, there is the capacity to go even further.

"Sydney Markets has additional roof capacity to more than triple the generation of this solar system. We may continue to build upon and expand this system to meet our future energy needs," John said.

"We are committed to reducing waste, decreasing our carbon footprint and prioritising environmental conservation and sustainability."

The solar system was today officially launched by Senator, The Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Federal Minister for International Development and the Pacific and The Hon Anthony Roberts MP, NSW Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing and Special Minister of State.

#### About Sydney Markets:

- Sydney Markets is one of the largest food distribution centres in the Southern Hemisphere, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The site at Flemington spans 43 hectares.
- Each year, Sydney Markets trades around 2.5 million tonnes of fresh produce with a value in excess of \$3 billion and we are home to over 5,000 workers.

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