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NEW SOLAR-POWERED OPPORTUNITIES AT SIR DUDLEY TUTI COLLEGE

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More than 800 students and staff are now benefitting from clean, reliable solar energy at Sir Dudley Tuti College in Isabel Province through the Solomon Islands-Australia partnership.

Delivered by local company Superfly, a new solar hybrid system will provide dependable power day and night, supporting education, safety and essential services for one of Solomon Islands' largest secondary schools.

The system was officially launched by Honourable Trevor Hedley Mahaga, Member of Parliament for Gao/Bugotu, and the Hon Lawrence Hayward, Premier of Isabel Provincial Government, together with the Australian High Commission and the school community led by Principal Dudley Uata.

Australia's High Commissioner to Solomon Islands, Jeff Roach, said Australia was proud to partner with Solomon Islands in delivering clean, affordable energy solutions that were locally led and sustainable.

"The solar hybrid system installation at Sir Dudley Tuti College demonstrates Australia's commitment to supporting expanded access to renewable sources of energy in remote and rural areas," said High Commissioner Roach.

Speaking at the launch event, Honourable Trevor Hedley Mahaga said the investment in Sir Dudley Tuti College was an investment in the future of Isabel Province.

"Reliable solar power will enable brighter classrooms, safer dormitories and dependable services across the campus, giving students and teachers more opportunities to learn, teach and live well after dark, said Honourable Mahaga."

This project was delivered under REnew Pacific, Australia's SBD402 million investment in off-grid renewable energy for rural and remote communities across the Pacific and Timor-Leste. It is part of the Pacific Climate Infrastructure Financing Partnership, a SBD1.92 billion Australian Government initiative delivered by the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP).

🔗 Find out more: <https://renewpacific.com.au/project/solar-powering-healthcare-and-education-in-solomon-islands-malaita-western-and-isabel-communities/>

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Representatives from the Solomon Islands Government, the Australian High Commission, Superfly, the Church of Melanesia, Isabel Provincial Government, and Sir Dudley Tuti College staff and students celebrate the official handover of the Sir Dudley Tuti College Solar Hybrid Power System.



Installation of solar panels at the Sir Dudley Tuti College Chapel as part of the Solar Hybrid Power System.



Hon. Trevor Mahaga, Member for Gao Bugotu and Minister for National Planning and Development Coordination, and Samantha Bell, First Secretary (Infrastructure), Australian High Commission, join officials at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Sir Dudley Tuti College Solar Hybrid Power System.