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Shops at centre of solar system

MOOROOKA Shopping Centre has become the first retail precinct in Queensland to introduce commercial solar power.

The initiative was part of the major refurbishment and facelift of the centre opened by Lord Mayor Campbell Newman and the Federal Opposition climate spokesman, Greg Hunt, yesterday.

The solar system, which is the first of its kind in Australia, has been designed to show customers the benefits of solar power in real time

via four large LCD screens. Moorooka Shopping Centre owner and Pace Property Investments chief executive Brian Graves said: "The incorporation of solar energy into this shopping centre will reduce carbon emissions and help to set the environment on a sustainable path for the future."

Brisbane-based solar specialist Ingenero carried out the landmark installation which has more than 300 poly-crystalline solar panels mounted on its roof.

Rodger Whitby, the general manager of generation at Ingenero, said shopping centres were ideal sites for the reduction of net black power consumption.



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