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### **SUTHERLAND COURTHOUSE SOLAR POWERS ITS WAY INTO GREENER FUTURE**

Sutherland Courthouse has undergone a \$1.7 million transformation in sustainability and building upgrades including the installation of rooftop solar panels and an energy storage system.

Attorney General Mark Speakman said the ‘greening’ of Sutherland Courthouse will help reduce emissions and energy costs.

“The installation of the 100 kilowatt rooftop solar system will help reduce the building’s energy consumption by up to 40% which means less impact on the environment,’ Mr Speakman said.

“The new energy storage system will store solar energy from the panels, which can be used when the sun isn’t shining, further reducing the building’s carbon footprint.

“The completed works at Sutherland Courthouse also include major refurbishments to the entire roof of the courthouse spanning an area equivalent to 13 tennis courts, re-painting the courthouse’s 80s exterior and remediation of the sandstone façade.”

Mr Speakman viewed the recently completed upgrades at Sutherland Courthouse today along with the Members for Heathcote, Miranda and Holsworthy.

Member for Heathcote Lee Evans said the NSW Government’s investment in solar and battery storage will help generate significant savings to the local community as well as the environment.

“The government’s commitment to investing in renewable energy in this building translates to savings of up to \$170,000 in running costs over the next five years,” Mr Evans said.

Member for Miranda Eleni Petinos praised Sutherland Local Court’s efficiency in finalising matters.

“In 2021, more than 13,700 local court matters were finalised at Sutherland Local Court, the third busiest courthouse in the Sydney metropolitan area, following the Downing Centre and Parramatta Court,” Ms Petinos said.

Member for Holsworthy Melanie Gibbons said the exterior maintenance work has significantly improved the aesthetics of the building.

“This courthouse has served the community of southern Sydney since 1988 and it is wonderful to see this building revitalised to ensure it remains contemporary and fit for purpose,” Ms Gibbons said.

The sustainability measures now in place at Sutherland Courthouse can contribute towards reducing close to 114 tonnes of emissions per year, which is equivalent to planting 1,687 trees.

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