

Danielle King and her son Ryan, 9, on their roof with panels in Brighton.

Power to save money

' IT'S been a year since Danielle King paid an electricity bill.

Ms King and husband Roger invested in solar power panels about a year ago and have never looked back.

'We decided to get solar panels to minimise energy bills and I like the idea of using our own power," Ms King said.

The Brighton parents of Ryan, 9, have a 1.5 kilowatt system on their roof. "It generates six kilowatts a day. We no longer have an electricity bill we have to pay. We get a monthly bill which is actually a credit," she said. "Our bills before we got the panels probably would have been \$1800 a

year."

Ms King said she would recommend solar panels to her friends and family. "The green credibility, it is nice generating your own power, you don't feel guilty turning too many things on. From a financial perspective, it protects your home against rising energy prices."