

**Agency number:** 663  
**Agency title:** School of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering  
**Start date:** 2006  
**End date:**  
**Creation:** CL05/82

**Abolition:**

**Administrative history note:** The Centre for Photovoltaic Engineering (CPVE) within the School of Electrical Engineering became an independent budget unit by 2000, carrying out an effective and active research program. The ARC Key Centre Centre for Photovoltaic Engineering which had been established in 1999 operated under the umbrella of the Centre for Photovoltaic Engineering. One of the main activities of the Key Centre was to establish teaching activities in the field and to establish a school. Teaching activities in the pioneering Bachelor of Engineering program in Photovoltaics and Solar Energy Engineering began in 2000.

In 2005 the CPVE was the Program Authority for two undergraduate programs and one postgraduate coursework program. While the CPVE was accorded the status of a school within the Faculty of Engineering this was not the case elsewhere in the university, for example the Library did not set aside a book purchasing budget for the Centre and the Centre Director was not included in forums and meetings for heads of schools. In addition later in 2005 the ARC Centre of Excellence which was located under the CPVE was due for its mid-term review upon which continued funding depended. It was felt it was important that significant progress in establishing a school should be shown as well as clearing up the confusing administrative arrangements of having a Centre within another Centre. The proposal to establish the School of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering was considered by the Standing Committee of the Faculty of Engineering on 29 April 2005, the Policy Advisory Committee on 14 June 2005, and Academic Board on 5 July 2005. Upon Recommendation of the Academic Board Council at its meeting on 25 July 2005 resolved CL05/82 1. That Council approve the proposal to establish the School of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering, effective 1 January 2006. (file 2005/1542)

**Unregistered preceding agencies:**

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<b>Superior agencies:</b>	<b>Period of relationship</b>
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