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**Message from the CEO**

My vision is for every home in Canberra to be double glazed. I have been harping on about this since 2006 and it still amazes me how many new homes have single glazed aluminium installed because they are the cheapest window and door that you can buy. Well, my question is, why aren’t you leaving the insulation out of your walls and ceiling? The window and door openings are a missed opportunity to have a fully insulated home.

The benefits from insulating your home properly are that you will:

1. Have a more temperate home which gives you immense comfort
2. Your heating and cooling bills will be reduced
3. Your home will be quiet and serene

We have been pulling windows out of existing homes since 2005 and we have so many happy home owners. They regret not doing it early. They have added value to their home, increased their energy star rating and have noticed a drop in their bill by a significant amount.

I operate a unique business in Canberra that gives amazing local service to home owners and future home owners. We are not a supplier, we are a business that works with you on your behalf to find the best match of windows and doors to your home. We take the burden off you and gather quotes, organise your order, delivery, installation and any after sales service calls. All of our products are Australian made.

Our clients always comment on the individual service that they receive from us and many have become friends of our team.

Do yourself a favour today, invest in yourself and your home and change your windows and doors to double glazed ones. Our windows and doors will make a difference, we guarantee it. Book in a free consultation with myself and reap the rewards.

Karen Porter

[PHOTO OF KAREN]

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**About double glazing**

**Energy efficiency of your home.**

One of the things we pride ourselves on at Solace Creations Double Glazing is our ability to help clients reduce their energy bills and increase their home’s energy ratings.

Energy bills are set to rise over the next couple of years making it even more vital for home owners to take control of their power usage. There has also been an increase in demand for sustainable resources for heat and cooling in the home. Double glazing can decrease your use of your heater or air conditioner and support other eco upgrades being made to your home, such as solar panels.

Ways to put yourself in a better position include:

* Insulating your home
* Installing solar panels on your roof and going off the grid
* Installing solar hot water systems so that your hot water comes from the sun and not your pocket
* Changing your lighting to more efficient lights
* Changing your appliances to those with better ratings
* Sealing your home to stop the draughts
* If building – strategically placing your home on the block.
* Insulation checklist:
* Walls insulated
* Floor insulated
* Ceiling insulated
* Windows insulated

**Canberra is cold in winter and Hot in summer, doesn’t mean your house has to be.**

*As Australia’s only inland capital city, Canberra takes the crown as the coldest of the states and territories. And with a relatively large transient population in the form of young public servants, and politicians and their staff, Canberra often finds itself home to underprepared non-natives caught out by, and complaining about, the bitterly cold winter.* So how does double glazing help us to handle the cold Canberra winter? Unlike old-fashioned single glazing that provides no insulation at all, double glazed windows and doors act like the batts do in your walls.  It lets the lovely warm sun in and traps it in your home.  It also keeps the heating that you are paying for in your home.

Canberra can be very hot in summer and some nights are very uncomfortable. Canberra has extreme temperatures -[how hot does Canberra get?](http://www.bom.gov.au/act/?ref=hdr) Your home can feel like a sauna and it is hard to sleep at night! The average maximum for a Canberra summer is between with January sitting at around 28 C.

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**What are the key performance criteria to consider with double glazing?**

Light transmission is a percentage measure on how much daylight enters a building. Glass is the only product that effects how much daylight enters. The higher the percentage, the higher the amount of daylight is entering.

U Value measures air-to-air heat transmittance (loss or gain) due to thermal conductance and the difference in indoor and outdoor temperatures. As the U Value decreases, so does the amount of heat that is transferred through the glazing material. The lower the U value, the better the insulation.

Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) is the ratio of directly transmitted and absorbed solar energy that enters into the buildings interior (when compared to an open space). Solar heat Gain includes directly transmitted solar heat and absorbed solar radiation which is then re-radiated, conducted or converted. **Frames we offer**

* Standard Aluminium – metal window frames conduct heat and cold, reducing thermal efficiency. Standard aluminium frames tend to conduct about 30% of heat and cooling through the frames compared to uPVC.
* uPVC- Self-insulated frames to support the double glazed unit. Various eco balance studies have been undertaken internationally to compare the materials used in window profiles. These have shown that, in window profile applications, PVS has a good ecological balance when compared with wood and is a higher performing product than standard aluminium.
* Thermally Broken Aluminium – Thermeco offers a very high quality frame suited to both residential and commercial and large window and door openings.

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**Opening types [Diagrams next to each style]**

* Tilt and Turn- tilt and turn windows combine functionality with security. Hinge allows the ‘turn’ position to provide maximum air flow and the ‘tilt’ position is great ventilation without risking security. They can easily be opened and closed with one hand and can be deadlocked if needed. The multi-point locking mechanism compresses the rubber gasket from all sides creating an airtight seal which will improve sound insulation, heat/cold insulation and security of your home.
* Casement – Casement windows are perfect if your home has limited indoor space. Option for winding casement or push out.
* Awning – Awning windows are a very popular option for those with little indoor space. Winding mechanism or push out option.
* Sliding- Sliders use rollers for smooth and effortless operation. Multiple locking points and an interlocking system between the sashes achieve greater security for your sliders. Brush seal system creates greater sound and weather insulation.
* French – French doors are durable and secure. Each door has 6 different locks improving the security of your home and decreasing your insurance premiums. The combination of double glazing and rubber seals make the doors draught-proof and sound-proof.
* Bi-Fold – bi-fold doors allow you to have large uninterrupted open space, leading out onto your patio, garden or pool area. Bi-fold doors can be customised to your needs with 3,4,5 or 6 panels in various configurations. Rubber seals maximise insulation and multiple point locking, accessible with one handle.
* Tilt and slide – tilt and slide windows and doors are a space saving solution if you have little room inside your home and still want to benefit of having the ‘tilt’ position. They can be opened fully by sliding or tilted inwards for efficient ventilation. Tilt and slide windows and doors achieve a better insulation than standard sliding windows and doors.
* Stacking – A stacking door maximises your open space. It is compact when open, allowing your blinds or curtains to be in any position you wish. Our stacking doors use rollers for smooth and effortless operation. Multiple locking points and an interlocking system between the sashes achieve greater security and weather/sound proofing.

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**Services we offer**

Existing homes

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New homes

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**Why Solace Creations**

Solace Creations has been selling and installing uPVC Double Glazed Windows and Doors since 2006. This provides us with more experience with uPVC in the Canberra market

Top 8 reasons why you would want to deal with us:

1. We are here in Canberra at the beginning of your journey and we will also be here at the end. We are at most 30 minutes away from your home and we can attend to any concerns quickly;
2. We use some of the top interstate and overseas manufacturers to make your windows and doors and we act on your behalf to get the right windows and doors for your home. We have a personal relationship with each of our manufacturers which means you get the benefit of dealing with a friend in the business.
3. We only use licences builders for your installation; this means that you get people who are very experienced in replacing windows and have the skills to do a great job for you.
4. If you use your own builder then we will hold their hand during the installation to ensure they are installing to our standards and this is a free service
5. Our frames are delivered without glass which makes it easier fo ryour builder or our installer to put the frames in properly without the hinderance of glass. The glass is coordinated by us to be available “just in time”.
6. We have a lovely shoroom at Fyshwick for you to see and play with the different ranges that we offer
7. We offer consultations at our office at Fyshwick for new homes and will help prospective home owners to maximise their insulation through our double glazed range.

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