

To whom it may concern

I would like to thank the Federal Government in introducing the Green Loans Scheme. I thoroughly believe the Scheme educated people and encouraged everyone to think about what measures they can take to minimize their emissions and become more sustainable and also lower their home energy bills.

I truly believe this is a worthwhile Scheme and should be continued.

My contract as a Home Sustainability Assessor became effective as from October 2009.

Since then I have completed numerous home assessments for enthusiastic householders. I have really enjoyed my work and thought I made a difference to everyday people.

My qualifications are Certificate IV in Residential Drafting and Diploma of Architectural Technology and my HSAS training was performed by Archicentre.

I resigned from my State Public Service Position to become full time Assessor as of January 2010.

I was disappointed to hear the scheme was abused by large companies and poor assessments and as a private assessor took pride in providing to House Holders my 2 hour assessments.

Since the amendment was announced to end the Interest Free Loan component of the Scheme my bookings have stopped.

The effects of bad press and no financial incentives to make changes to their homes have made the promotion of the Scheme very difficult to sell.

I would suggest to the Committee that:

- Reinststate the Interest Free Loan
- Cease all rebates for: Insulation, Hot water etc
- Cease any other rebates or subsidies involved in energy efficiency items
- The Home Sustainability Report will be the only means by which House Holders will be able to qualify and apply for an Interest Free Green Loan to obtain suggested items such as: PV, Insulation, Hot water, Window Shading, Ceiling Fans, water tanks etc.
- Provide additional training for Assessors

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