

## Green Loans Program Submission for Senate Inquiry – Additional Information Personal Details Not for Publication

This is an additional submission to my original submission.

### IMPACT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GREEN LOANS

Since the loans were removed I have had no bookings and I am not in a position to market the assessments as it has no official status and all the marketing material I hold is now obsolete promoting the Green Loans. I am not in a position to pay for new material because I have no knowledge as to what my status will be in the future.

I recently paid for additional ABSA workshops to gain further CPD points. After I paid for this additional training I received the information below from our local council. It has been posted out to every household in my area so how can this afford me the opportunity to actually compete directly against the council's glossy marketing and competitions?

#### CATCHMENT CONNECTIONS

Are you in saving water,  
around your  
home? Would you like to learn more  
eco-friendly gardens?

If so, why not apply for a visit by an expert consultant from the **Future Focus Home and Garden Advisory Service**? This is a free service that has been created by Council to help you live more comfortably and sustainably.

We can provide advice on a range of issues from installing solar energy systems and rainwater tanks, to practical help on designing drought tolerant gardens, organic gardening techniques, conserving energy and water in your home, attracting wildlife to your property and weed identification.

**As part of the service, we are giving away free local plants plus a range of devices to help you save money and live sustainably.**

To find out if you are eligible and/or book in a visit, simply call us on Ph: 9952 8222 or visit our website at <http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/catchmentconnections>

## City of Ryde

City of Ryde Council - Catchment Connections  
Civic Centre, Devlin Street, Ryde NSW 2112  
Telephone 9952 8222 Fax 9952 8111  
<http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au>

Go into our draw to win some of these fantastic prizes

Future Focus is part of Catchment Connections, a three year project that covers the Terrys, Mars, Shrimptons and Buffalo Creek catchments - all tributaries of the Lane Cove River. It is a partnership project jointly funded by the NSW Department of the Environment and Climate Change under their Urban Sustainability Grants program (an initiative of the NSW Environmental Trust) and three local councils: Ryde, Hornsby and Hunters Hill.



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Are you interested in saving water, energy (and money) around your home? Would you like to learn more about eco-friendly gardens?

Apply for our Free Home and Garden Service

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

CITY OF RYDE

City of Ryde

NSW Environmental TRUST

The advertisement features a collage of images related to sustainability: a green plant with water droplets, a shower head, solar panels, a hand holding a spray nozzle, a sun over mountains, a rainwater tank, and a person working in a garden. Logos for Hornsby Shire Council, City of Ryde, and NSW Environmental Trust are also present.

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I am not asking for anything more than the opportunity to complete the assessments as contracted. Having invested real money I want a fair opportunity to be able to recoup my investment through completing assessments. The lack of coordination between all levels of government and ABSA just taking more money from assessors seems to take advantage without providing a fair opportunity to compete.

Can someone in the government please get someone to coordinate what is happening in this scheme at a practical level across all levels of government. The only people losing here are ordinary families.

Companies and assessors found to have abused the system should not be allowed to participate in the future scheme.