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Submission for a Senate Committee Inquiry to:

Green Loans Program

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to make a few points about the ending of the Green Loans Program.

I am an ABSA assessor and believe a new similar system to the Green Loans Program would be beneficial.

I found that clients that I spoke to which conducting an assessment were able to learn from my experience and become excited and interested on learning ways to save electricity and water. I spent a week away from home and work to conduct the course to become accredited to this program. I also spent a large sum of money on the course, insurance and loss of income for a week while in Adelaide for the course. I actually live in Mildura.

I have not conducted an assessment for some time now which has lead to a reduction in income which I was expecting from this program. I would not have spent all the time and money on becoming an assessor had I known that I would only earn a small amount from the program and only pass my experience on to a small amount of people.

I believe the program should be restarted. The booking system needs to be changed so that assessors can book online instead of calling which can result in a loss of valuable time. Letters and materials sent to clients who have an assessment should be sent quickly while the information I have discussed with them is still fresh. An information pack or list of major ways to save electricity usage (maybe on a fridge magnet) should be sent to clients so that it is always close and in the back of their minds.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this inquiry and I do hope that this program is re-released soon so that I can begin working again.