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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications & the Arts
P.O. Box 6100,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA
ACT
2600



Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: GREEN LOANS PROGRAM

I write to you as a Home Sustainability Assessor (HO52733) who has been greatly affected by the Green Loans programs near collapse.

In early October 2009 I was contacted by the Manager of Queensland Country Credit Union in Weipa to see if I was interested in becoming a Home Sustainability Assessor and he forwarded to me the details of what was involved.

I booked myself into a course with ABSA held at Jupiter's Casino on the 09, 10, 11 November 2009. This involved me leaving my family in Weipa on the 08/11 and returning on 12/11/09. The course cost me \$1890.00 with airfares being \$498.70 and the accommodation \$772.00 a total of \$3160.70. On top of this I had to pay 12 month membership to ABSA - \$660.00, \$24.95 for a police check, Public Liability Insurance was \$880.00. This brings my total out lay to \$4725.65 - a lot of money for the very little return I have had.

By eliminating the Green Loans component of this scheme has been detrimental to me. I live in a remote mining town in Far North Queensland where there are no water restrictions and about 90% of the town work for the mine and therefore receive an electricity subsidy. The \$10,000.00 interest free money was what I used to get assessment bookings. Now all I have to use is how to save them a little money of their already subsidized electricity account or what water saving devices they can have installed in their homes which none of them really care about because we have never had any water restrictions. Home owners were very interested in the interest free loan so they could make environmentally friendly changes to their homes such as solar HWS, air conditioner upgrades, updating tired fridge & freezer units etc.

I hope you can come up with a suitable solution so this scheme can keep running. I am hoping to continue my work in this new and exciting field.

YOURS SINCERELY

ROBYN FLEMING

Assessor Number: HO52733