

## To The Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

This petition of the undersigned Australian citizens, whom share an interest in Renewable Energy industry and the Environment, draws to the attention of the House the Government's recent introduction of a means test to the Photovoltaic solar rebate scheme, limiting the eligibility of the rebate to households with a combined income of up to \$100,000

The announcement has found many solar installers losing business due to **cancellations of customers who no longer qualify for the rebate**. We fear that without the incentive of the rebate, the **industry will continue to lose business**, resulting in **lost jobs, lack of investment, development and uptake of new solar technologies**. We believe this in turn will cause solar technology to **lose its current status as a viable form of alternative energy**, impairing us from reducing our dependence on **greenhouse gas intensive, fossil fuel based energy** production.

We therefore ask the House to reverse the aforementioned changes to the rebate scheme. As an alternative, we propose that the **rebate amount be increased to \$12,000 for families of a combined income of up to \$100,000**, offer a **rebate of \$8,000 to those of a combined income of above \$100,000** and **increase the available period of the rebate**, to make solar electric systems accessible to **all Australian families**.

If the Government is serious about moving into a sustainable future by reducing carbon emissions and fossil fuel dependence, creating a future for small business, its workers and Australian families, this announcement is saying otherwise.