

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

How can any measures to combat climate change, or positions to establish climate policy be credible without a guarantee for the first in time user of a solar resource to line of site access to the sun gazetted as a property right on their property title - solar rights.

New Mexico established this principle in legislation in 1978 when the then legislators had the vision to realise that New Mexico's then abundant carbon reserves were finite.

A fact - a fifty kilometer by fifty kilometer solar farm sited around the QLD, NSW and SA border would harvest enough energy for Australia's current total energy use including base load.

I implore the Honorable Senators to take a long term vision here, and tax carbon directly at a minimum rate of 5% - complimented by the enactment of national solar rights legislation.

Should you wish, I would be honoured to have the opportunity to discuss this in person before the committee.

Respectfully,

David Schultz