

To the Australian Government,

You now have an opportunity to make direct, beneficial changes to the way our electricity feed in tariff system works in regards to co-generation systems like solar power. To change to a **GROSS-METERING** feed in tariff means that Australia will finally catch up to the vast majority of solar powered Countries that reward investment in clean energy solar power.

Australia is far behind the rest of the world on this issue and is not only losing credibility on a world stage but our integrity is damaged due to our lack of commitment to climate change.

The government should be applauded for its steps in reducing carbon emissions with the introduction of the "Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) and the expanded "Renewable Energy Target (RET) to 20% by 2020, but this alone is not enough.

We need action now to support the citizens of Australia who wish to do their bit for climate change by investing in a clean energy future and purchasing a solar power system thus greatly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The health, well-being and prosperity of our families depends on emerging clean energy industries like the solar power industry. In Germany 40 000 jobs have been created in their solar power industry. Australia has far greater solar availability than Germany and the potential to significantly reduce our reliance on carbon based fuels is great.

On a personal note I have invested not only my life's savings into re-skilling in the solar power sector and setting up a business to install solar power, but the last three years I have dedicated to educating myself in the area of sustainability and renewable energy, having gained a Certificate 4 in renewable energy at Swinburne TAFE, amongst other qualifications, whilst running my electrical contracting business.

This solar industry needs the support of the Government.

A Gross feed in tariff will complement the existing schemes like CPRS and RET and will reward an investor in solar power fairly. The gross tariff will also be an incentive not only for larger domestic and commercial solar systems but for large scale solar installations on factories, farms, councils and shopping centres thus reducing their burden on the environment. Such a scheme will stimulate the economy, job growth and help create a healthier, cleaner environment for all to live in. Gross feed in tariffs are the best policy to drive the Australian PV industry towards a sustainable future.

Thank you,

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