

Inquiry into Save Our Solar

1. I approve the means testing on solar rebate if it means that more households will get the rebate because of this.

2. Since the rebate I have tried to find the finance to become solar powered. The difficulties are that the initial cost seems to escalate and the amount is still difficult for the aged pensioners. What exacerbates this is the amount of the rise in electricity costs. Despite minimum heating in the home it is a large part of one's income. Should the amount of the installation that I needed to pay be no more than \$5,000 for full solar I would have it tomorrow both on practical and altruistic grounds.

I have talked to others in my age group and there are many here in Tasmania, and they are all wanting to convert to solar and finding it of times too difficult.

After hearing the science show on the ABC and of the marvels of the solar heating being developed and used in Europe I am inspired and have hope that the more ethical choices to power our world are on the way.

Keep working on Solar and other natural minimum carbon footprint sources of power - would not it be good for Australia to lead the world in this and export the power created and stored besides using it widely.

I heard from a friend in the Middle East that they were considering being the major creators and exporters of solar and other natural energy sources though.

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