

To Whom It May Concern

I write with respect to this inquiry from two perspectives.

Firstly as a homeowner (mortgage payer). To means the test the rebate on a gross household income of \$100,000 means that many households who were previously in a position to afford installing PV panels (with the rebate), will now have to find an extra \$8,000 to do so. Households earning less than 100K who qualify for the rebate, still have to find 3-5K, however these are the households who are already struggling with the high cost of living today and unlikely to have the spare cash to do so.

Our household earns over 100K, however we are by no means wealthy. We were however prepared to find the extra 3-5K to help reduce our carbon footprint. An extra 8K is too much, and this is the case I find with most of my peers who are also considering solar.

Secondly, as a renewable energy student and business planner. I have recently completed the grid-connect install and supervise qualification, and was in the process of developing a business plan with a partner to provide grid-connect services to residential customers. We had 8 households lined up to kick our business off. All 8 have now pulled out due to this means-test decision. We consider ourselves lucky that we were not further down the road with the business - established businesses have been hit hard by this decision, which goes against many of the promised intentions of the government during their campaign.

I understand that the PV rebate system was very popular and heavily subscribed too. However instead of simply having a cutoff at a certain income, why not has a sliding scale? i.e. <100K are entitled to the full rebate, >200K are not able to qualify, with linear sliding scale in between. This then allows more households access to subsidies, increases the uptake of solar, and reduces Australia's CO2 emissions.

Its time for the Aussie government to get serious with reducing our emissions. The rest of the world laughs at us. We are not world leaders, not even followers. Its an embarrassment to us all, and I am deeply disappointed in the governments approach to date.

Thanks for the opportunity to respond.

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