

To whom it may concern

We were actively considering taking part in this program until the budget announcement. We are a single income family with an income just over \$100K a year – slashing the rebate has now deferred this for us indefinitely, as the numbers just don't stack up for us – we are prepared to consider a 10 yr timeframe for an investment payback on the cost of installation, but it has now blown out to 18.

More broadly – it seems crazy that Australia would not be looking at providing further incentives for this industry to contribute to the energy mix in Australia. Why is it that countries such as Germany can have this sort of foresight (with significantly less sunlight hours per day) and now have over 1 million households with solar panels contributing to home energy needs, freeing up existing power stations to concentrate on servicing industrial customers.

Energy provision requires some dramatic changes in the next 20 years – it is a pity the opportunity presented by solar energy technologies cannot be grasped by this government and Mr Garrett/Ms Wong with the same amount of enthusiasm and financial support as the effort provided for carbon sequestration research.

Governance is a privilege – voters expect you to provide balanced, strategic leadership that will deliver long-term benefits and opportunities for all – not flip-flop about with ill-considered and punitive responses to powerful lobbying by interested parties.

I am a former employee with a major resources company, working for a decade with them in energy intensive operations that included several years with a hydrocarbon division – I fully understand the commercial and political pressures you face. I am a father of three and voted Labour for the first time at the last election, largely on the basis of the promises to act to change this countries management and consideration of the environment – Regrettably, the form to date has been underwhelming to say the least.

I urge you to reconsider your approach and provide greater support and incentives to business and the community to investigate and embrace alternative and renewable energy technologies and opportunities and diversify the supply and security of energy supply in this country.

To pinch Sam P's well known phrase from his lamb commercial –you know it makes sense!

Regards,

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