

Hello

I have written to several Members of Parliament regarding this issue, and not one has told me of this Senate Committee, hence my late response.

I urge you to retract your decision to means test the solar panel rebate.

I am one of the (many) families earning over \$100,000 who now cannot afford the system without the rebate, but could afford to pay the money with the rebate.

This should not be treated as a subsidy to lower income earners, but a step forward for future affordability for solar power.

We had obtained quotes for a solar system to be installed, but delayed this based on advice from Photovoltaic Rebate Program (PVRP) Renewable Energy Branch, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts that the rebate would continue. If we had known it would be means tested overnight, we would have put our forms in, hence still being eligible.

Why does the means test kick in at \$100,000 when other government programs use the benchmark of \$150,000? If you must have a means test, then have it on a sliding scale.

Please consider the long term effects – I believe the solar industry will not be supported with the means testing of the rebate; therefore prices will not decrease so that they become cheaper and affordable to the majority of Australians. Isn't this the basic economics of supply and demand?

There are a lot of jobs in the coal industry (and a lot of government funding towards the industry), but if we have no planet, we will have no jobs. I cannot express how serious my concerns are for the environment.

Sincerely
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