

Hello

My name is Steve Hopwood & I am an electrical contractor in Orange New South Wales.

Recently I completed my accreditation as a Solar Array Grid connect endorsement to my electrical qualifications with the view of expanding my business into the renewable energy sector

After completing my course and gaining my BSCE licence to install grid connect power systems the new government in there wisdom as a supposedly environment friendly (as they canvassed in there election promises) decided to apply a means test of \$100000 per annum per house hold on the grant system introduced by the former coalition government.

I cannot understand why any one would try and wipe out an industry which is perhaps the cleanest and best options for defeating global warming(cutting carbon emitting fuels) particularly after promising so much in there election lead up by omitting probably most of the grid connect market(\$100000 plus incomes). It seems does not make any sense to take away a market which would probably make up about 90% of installs when the Rudd government is telling us that they are committed to reducing greenhouse emissions. It seems Kevin Rudd is living with the fairies if he thinks people will be gullible enough to think he is committed to reducing global warming .

Thanking you for your time.

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