

Good morning, afternoon or perhaps evening,

I feel compelled to make a submission to the enquiry as I feel the decision to means test the rebate for PV solar cells is a bad decision that has put party ideology ahead of the public interest. What ever happened to the pro solar stance expressed in opposition?

If the government was really concerned about the impact of global warming they would be putting PV solar cells on every suitable surface to ease the need for coal generated electricity.

I was prepared to spend \$15,000 to install the PV cells on my house but without the rebate this will blow out to \$23,000, which when added to a mortgage with an interest rate of nearly 10% ( who would ever had thought that was possible again) it is now not feasible. If the Government thinks that the "rich" earning over \$100,000 were only going to install the PV cells with the view to reducing their energy costs they are wrong, the cost of the cells even with the rebate will take years to be recouped. The people who were going to install the cells were going to do so for the environment and the government rebate make the idea feasible.

Without the rebate the PV cells are longer feasible to the majority which is a pity as all of the community would benefit from the reduction in global warming coal generated electricity.

I have previously emailed my local member (Anna Burke) about this but I haven't had the courtesy of a reply, which is amazing given the brochures received from her during lasts years election indicated she would be our voice in Parliament.

Let's just say I'm one pissed off member of the public who was trying to do the right thing for the environment but due to petty ideology combined with increased interest rates this will now not be happening.

Good luck with your enquiry but I doubt you will manage to get either Rudd, Swan or Gillard to see any sense unless Garrett manages to regain his once powerful environmental voice.

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