

To the Inquiry members,

I condemn the Rudd government for means testing solar rebates for the following reasons:

1. I voted for them because their election promises were all about slowing climate change and helping with alternative fuels eg solar. My vote was wasted.
2. Most working families are earning over \$100,000 if both wife and husband work. eg nurses teachers, tradesmen etc and they are the people very keen to put solar panels on their roofs because of the climate change benefit.
3. How can the government justify any thing that slows the development of new alternative technologies. They must have as many carrots dangling so that inventors will be out there trying to create or improve on the energy systems we have. Every engineer, inventor, scientist or whoever should be encouraged to get into creating new energy systems so the government should be offering huge rewards and incentives. Means testing the solar rebate is the exact opposite of what they should be doing.
4. Most of the rest of the world, especially in Europe, are giving householders tremendous incentives to install solar panels on their roofs and feed into the grid. I believe Germany offers twice the retail charge as payment. Our government is behind instead of leading the world as they promised in the election campaign. My vote was wasted.

Please accept my submission to the Inquiry as I am a teacher. My wife and I earn just over \$100,000 together and we've just lost the ability to put solar panels on our roof because of the high price for us. Unfortunately many business people will by manipulating their income get the rebate so this will be inequitable and unfair for us who have few tax breaks.

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