

Re: Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]

My husband and I are in the middle of renovating our house and were very keen to install a photovoltaic cell system to curb our greenhouse gas emissions. We already buy as much 'green' energy as our supplier offers, but would like to do more. The rebate would have made it an economically viable opportunity for us to install a system. However our household earns over the means tested \$100 000, now we must pay the full amount and in all reality I doubt we can afford to push our budget that far. It is worth remembering that it is most likely to be people who are on higher incomes that are going to be in a financial position to be able to afford such an expensive outlay anyway. It just seems absurd to me to take away any incentive to such people. Australia is so vulnerable to climate change. It just doesn't make sense for our government to sign the Kyoto Protocol and establish a carbon emissions trading scheme, and then with the same hand remove a rebate which gives individuals the power to do as much as we can.

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