

Submission Re **Inquiry into Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008**
[No. 2]

My husband and I are both extremely keen to convert our existing home into the most energy efficient, low carbon producing home we can afford.

We began our investigations about six months ago, and gained information about the installation of solar panels. After looking through all the information provided to us from the company, and then deciding to proceed, we discovered that unfortunately we would not qualify for the federal government rebate due to our combined earnings of over \$100,000/pa.

We are both nurses and actually end up earning *just* over the means tested threshold due to working shift work (for example, I work 3 out of every 4 weekends, and regularly do 10hr night shifts and afternoon shifts finishing at 10.00pm). At the end of each fortnight we certainly don't have money left over.

We were quite devastated to miss out on the government rebate, as we worked out we could not proceed with the installation without this rebate.

I am sure there are many people who are in the same boat as us. We certainly are not 'wealthy', and would like to do our bit towards reducing our carbon footprint.

Cheers

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