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Sent: Thursday, 23 July 2009
To: Economics, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Solar Rebate Scheme

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask that the Federal Government put in place a suitable Solar Rebate Scheme that would encourage as many Australians as possible to take up solar PV. The benefits of this are numerous:

- Reduction in green house gas emissions.
- Reduced dependence on the mains grid.
- Increased help to the many Solar companies that will now be feeling the down turn in work with the scrapping of the previous scheme.
- Increased capacity of the mains grid with return power from large domestic systems.

This list is by no means exhaustive.

The previous rebate scheme was means tested, which is a bit ludicrous when you consider the cost of the systems. It appears that there would be many more people in the higher income bracket that would be in a position to install these systems. If the Government is serious about climate change, get as many people as you can to install solar, regardless of income.

It also seems alarming to me that several European countries, including a few Scandinavian countries have a higher domestic solar PV rate than Australia, the sunniest country in the world, seems a bit crazy to me.

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