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To: Economics, Committee (SEN)

As a long time labor voter I am very upset with the federal labor party decision to scrap the policy to support home solar power in regional Australia! As a volunteer firefighter in the CFA and living in the Victorian bushfire region we lost mains power for over 10 days! If we had been able to install solar panels at least we would have had some 230Volt power to meet our emergency needs. With the cancellation of the \$8000 rebate, that planned resource is now beyond our needs!

I now wonder 'Why on earth did I vote labor? Will I ever vote labor again?' I don't think so.

Brumby steals our water, Rudd stops our power! Where are labors' Green credentials?

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