

From: Rob & Leonie
Sent: Friday, 24 July 2009

To the Senate Committee reviewing renewable energy amendment bill:

We are a fairly typical mid –high middle class family living on the outskirts of Adelaide. We are very concerned about the future of both our immediate environment and the earth overall. We work hard to do “our bit” and are prepared to use our own income to assist in furthering what can be done. Already we have installed a 100,000 litre rainwater tank –the rebate for this was \$800 –which went a small way toward the total cost which was \$10,000. This cost will take many decades at current water costs to recover.

We understand that we are in a privileged position and therefore need to use that wisely –not just for us but for the wider community.

We were, until the government changes last year looking seriously at solar energy. However the total disregard for us as a section of the community –simply because we earn more than others made us reconsider. Certainly we know there needs to be some way to encourage those who may not afford solar at all –but we would suggest that those with a higher income ARE in position to consider doing more –and would be perhaps more inclined to do so if their contribution was given reasonable recognition.

The present uncertainty with the new system is no more encouraging –if anything it seems clouded and therefore dubious.

We prefer to use our finances in other ways that will ensure we see where the value is –both for us and the community.

Sincerely
Rob and Leonie Zadow