

**From:** Garry Hicks  
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In response to the attached media release from Conergy,

Silcar Pty Ltd is a national company with offices in all major cities. Our company has been involved with solar installations across Australia for the passed 9 years. We have had our designers and installers obtain the correct accreditations to allow our company to trade meaningfully in the Australian solar market.

Being a national company our focus is not particularly on the domestic market but aimed more at the commercial and industrial markets. With the SHCP plan being scrapped along with the means testing, the promise of an "improved" REC's scheme opened up potential new markets for our business. We have a strong marketing budget and resources ready to focus on the solar industry as a whole. Unfortunately all the positive practices we have in place as well as potential customers have stalled as the current legislation continues to bounce around in Canberra.

PV solar is a sustainable, economic positive industry within Australia.....don't let it stall or sit in limbo whilst potentially losing quality Australian companies because of government bureaucracy.

Regards,

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## Let the pollies know you want YOUR solar

Conergy, a global leader in the manufacture and distribution of renewable systems, is calling on Australians to let their elected politicians know that they want to go solar – and they want the Government and the Opposition to get on with passing the legislation to support them in doing so.

Twelve months after the last debacle with our national solar policy when a means test was introduced without consultation and without warning, the much spun ‘Solar Credits’ program is floating in limbo - unlegislated, uncertain and very unclear whether it will actually become a reality under law.

“Last year the Australian solar industry was promised no surprises and ongoing certainty- twelve months on the ‘Solar Credits’ program, due to commence in mid 2009, has not even passed Parliament,” Rodger Meads, Conergy’s Managing Director said.

“They scrapped the older scheme early, with 6 hours notice to industry, with a promise that we had a great new system to move to – to put it simply, we don’t – we have none.

“By making so much noise last year about the means test decision we really did help to drive the take up of solar PV across the country by being so public about the many, many benefits of the technology,” Mr Meads said

“We are now hoping that those people who have installed the technology, and those who want to, but are now unsure whether any assistance will come their way from Government will be active in making a submission to the Senate Committee reviewing the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009*.

“Submissions to the Inquiry close this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm and can be simply emailed to [economics.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:economics.sen@aph.gov.au) – this is your chance to let them know that we want the politics out of this and the practical support in place,” Mr Meads said.

“Let the pollies, of all persuasions, know what further delays and uncertainty will do to solar businesses and for the homeowner’s important and valuable decision to go solar,” he said.

“We have no idea whether the Bill will be passed after it has been hitched to the highly problematic Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) legislation, whether the solar credits scheme will actually backdate rebates and what the price of REC’s will be if and when the legislation is passed.

“And this is what they call a smooth transition down in Canberra!” Mr Meads said.

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### About Conergy

Conergy AG is one of the leading solar enterprises in Europe, and with over 70,000 solar systems installed also a global market leader in the field of solar system integration. Listed since 2005 on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the group pursues a global growth strategy: it produces, installs and plans solar systems for its customers in more than 20 countries. The Conergy Group is represented by branch offices on five continents.

Conergy Australia supplies a broad range of solar thermal, grid connect & off grid solar as well as small wind power solutions for individual homes, small community projects or large commercial and industrial applications through a dedicated network of professional installers and dealers. With head office in Sydney and other sales and warehouse facilities located in Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth Conergy Pty Ltd offers the biggest range of quality renewable energy products through its comprehensive dealer and installer network around Australia.