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To: Senate Economic Committee

Re: Delay of RET

I would like to voice my concerns regarding the delay in introducing the proposed RET scheme.

As a small business we have seen a massive reduction in interest in Solar installations. In the last year our business has been made up of 30% Stand Alone Solar Installations 65% Grid Connect and 5% electrical work. At present our phones are quiet, no silent.

We employ 2 full time staff and 4 part timers. If the RET is delayed till next march how are we to retain them?

Alternatively if a viable rebate or RET is passed **urgently** we can build on the momentum and interest that has been created through awareness of Global Warming.

We had a dream of creating a sustainable business (financially and ecologically), based on renewable energy. We are carbon neutral and live what we sell. But how can our employees and ourselves to plan for the future if it keeps changing so abruptly and we are left with so much uncertainty?

Our industry is at "the cross roads". Decisions for the long term future of it need to be made now.

I would like to propose the following two amendments to the Bill....

1. Recycling the phantom RECs created through the Solar Credits scheme
2. Increasing the cap size for solar PV from 1.5kW to 10kW

Regards,

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