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Committee Secretary
Renewable Energy target Bill

Re: Submission to the Senate Economics Committee inquiry into the Renewable Energy Target Bill

Dear Committee Member,

We must have the Renewable Energy Target legislation released so we can continue to run our small business. Great Southern Solar is a renewable energy solutions business that supplies and installs solar hot water heaters, solar power generation and wind generation systems. Our business is located on the edge of the power grid in Denmark WA. Our business supports government policy outcomes in the following areas:

Reducing energy consumption
Increasing renewable generation
Targetted programs to reduce peak power consumption.

Since establishment of the business in March 2008 we now have 3 part time employees and turnover is on track to exceed \$1M this financial year.

The crash in REC price (\$13 in the last month) and the reliance of the solar credits scheme on the REC price has had a devastating effect on our business. The sudden closures of the SHCP and the RRP GP schemes have eroded public confidence in all government rebate schemes.

If the RET legislation does not get passed in the next sitting I will be forced to lay staff off until some measure of support and certainty is restored to the industry and the public.

For me this situation is also personally devastating as Australia has the imagination, the skills and the technology to deal completely with climate change but we need firm and forward looking policy settings that reflect the science and the urgency of the threat to our planet.

I and my staff are doing all we can, please do all you can to ensure a quick and safe passage of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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