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**RE: Green Loans Program**

To whom it may concern,

We initially had confidence in the Green Loans scheme and were quite excited about the 'Energy Efficient Homes' packages the government had put together to encourage home-owners towards energy efficiency.

Our company put two people through training in preparation for the 'Green Loan' scheme that was set up. Along with insurance and registration fees the cost to do this was over \$6000.

With the latest announcement of a cap on assessors, it has completely halted our involvement in the Green Loan scheme, despite all the resources we have put into it. In some way there needs to be a reimbursement of part if not all of the costs undertaken from companies such as ours now severely out of pocket to limit the financial blow we are feeling.

These schemes were designed not only to help towards energy efficiency, but also help create jobs and assist Australians through a global financial crisis... however the government's schemes did NOT achieve this and have in fact made it financially harder for businesses and individual Australians.

ALL the "Energy Efficient" packages and schemes it appears have been fraught with mis-management by the current government and not well thought out at all, however why should small businesses such as ours bear the cost of the incompetence of those such who put the package together?

Regards,

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