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Australia has multiple world heritage sites and highly unique ecosystems that are at the mercy of climate change. The direct impact of burning coal for energy has huge effects on ocean acidification, temperatures and sea levels. Ecotourism is a massive industry, if the Great Barrier Reef or Daintree rainforest are damaged due to climate change or local mining pollution, the industry will fail and have a significant economic impact on these regions and Australia. I personally visited NSW and QLD for eco-tourism and was disappointed at the lack of renewable energy implemented across these regions. I have visited during the winter time and the amount of sun is a vast resource across the Eastern coast. Funding renewable energy projects that allow homeowners and businesses to install solar panels will have a lasting impact by progressing a new industry, combat climate change, preserve the natural Australian resources and provide a more stable energy grid through a network of solar panels. I hope that Australia will look at the economic opportunities of renewable energy to preserve the eco-tourism, natural habitats and combat climate change.

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