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Minister for Climate Change  
Hon. Penny Wong  
Parliament House  
Canberra 2600

«Dear Hon Senator

I write in relationship to my concerns regarding the Green Loans Scheme, specifically regarding my ability to be an assessor.

Last year I spent considerable time, money and effort preparing to become an assessor especially for the green loan scheme. I travelled twice 100 km to the training host, Eco Master staying for a week and then subsequently two days. At all times in reading the government Web site and carrying out the training the idea of being a green loans assessor was supported and promoted. In fact one reason why I followed this direction was that assessors were clearly wanted and needed for the program roll out ie I would be supporting a program to effectively improve the environment and ensure wise use of our natural resource.

Progressing work in this area meant that I need to slow down other things I have been involved in. In stepping towards this I have taken some time however the excitement, motivation and possibly income have now been inappropriately taken away. The preventing of those who not yet signed contracts becoming assessors is a blunt and possibly foolish way to proceed as it debases the genuine people wanting to help the environment and who are prepared to take a risk by starting a new business.

At this stage government should address the issue by registering and contracting all who trained and outlaid funds i.e. allow the original program to run its course and let the market decided on the outcome. For those out of pocket to now be barred from recouping lost opportunity and funds is a travesty. Otherwise to be fair, government must repay those such as me who are thousands of dollars out of pocket, questioning the government process and becoming disenchanted with trying to improve the environment.

In my case the current government process means:

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| Training cost | \$2000 |
| Accom         | \$400  |
| Equipment     | \$200  |
| Insurance     | \$1500 |

My time, loss of income and other incidentals are not included

I do hope you are able to resolve the issue in a more appropriate way than currently proposed.

Thank you for consideration of the above

