

I am sure the State and Federal Governments intention was not to decimate the Solar installation industry. This will be the outcome by means testing our customers to \$100,000. The renewable energy industry was getting rather excited by your governments concern before the election about serious climate change issues. Rebates had been doubled in the month of May last year and Tafe colleges had an influx of people training to become accredited installers. Yet all this has just been wiped out by a single announcement. To make matters worse the means test took effect at Midnight and thus had customers the very next day saying that they would not go ahead with their Grid connect system.

This cannot be retrieved. We are at the mercy of your government to change this error. A way to do this would be to not means test the PVRP solar rebate scheme and introduce a national Gross feed in tariff scheme so that people will see an economic benefit to installing Solar to feed into the grid. State government schemes of introducing 'Net feed in tariff' are totally out of kilter with World schemes to encourage people to reduce green house gas.

The total Labour package around the country combined with the Means test for the rebate will destroy an industry and put 100's out of a job. Energy distribution is strongly subsidised yet, in its current form, it is the dirtiest polluter on earth.

Regards

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