

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts
Department of the Senate

Dear Senators,

I fully support the contents of this Bill and urge the Senate to pass this Bill. If you genuinely believe the science on climate change and the catastrophic consequences of not eliminating our greenhouse gas emissions then I shouldn't have to urge you to support this Bill.

It has several strong features:

It is a national scheme rather than ad hoc state schemes;

It proposes payment of renewable energy on gross amount produced rather than nett amount. The nett payment is particularly unique to some Australian state schemes and is another example of states appearing to do something without doing virtually anything at all...a case of one hand clapping in support of renewables. The example of Germany should demonstrate that the tariff should cover gross generated amount if you sincerely wish to support renewable energy.

The scheme would apply to not just solar PV generation but to all renewables including wind, biomass and geothermal.

I invested in 10 solar panels almost 10 years ago. At the current rate it will take me 25 years to break even...simply because I was prepared to invest to secure our environmental future while the governments of this land dithered and prevaricated. I urge you to act decisively now because we have already wasted too much time,

Yours Peter Meloy