

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to inform you of the tremendous impact on the solar power industry, since the \$100k means test was introduced. I can only speak for our company, but the amount of work we have lost is doing enormous damage to our business.

In the month leading up to May 13, we had quoted 17 customers on a solar power system for their home. Since the decision on budget night, I contacted those customers and informed them of the changes. Of those 17 customers, 14 of them were not eligible for the rebate any more, and none of them have decided to go ahead with installing a PV system on their home. The most frustrating thing is that 7 of these customers had earned between \$100k and \$108k in the last financial year as a total household income, and you could not say that any of them were financially well-off. I would be happy to provide contact details for these customers, and they would be happy to vent their frustration.

I actually support a means test on the rebate, but it should be in line with the Baby Bonus, if the means test was capped at \$150k it would eliminate the section of the community who have no reason to ask for an \$8,000 contribution. Punishing the couples who earn \$50k each is not the answer, and this means that two school teachers in a household would be too rich to apply for the rebate. Clearly this is a ridiculous system.

Please take on board what I am saying, because we are a local installer who deals directly with the mum's and dad's who have been hurt by these changes, and we are well placed to inform you of the impact that this legislation has had on the community, and the solar power industry as a whole.

Cheers,

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