I have been working towards investing in solar hot water and power. As the owner of a hot water cylinder that is 32 years old I would like its replacement to be sensible environmentally. Our family will not be eligible for a rebate however with a mortgage and 4 children the costs of solar conversion will be difficult for our budget. For a visionary government your support of the coal industry rather than investment and support of renewable technologies is prehistoric and disgusting.

Solar energy is being expanded and used successfully in other countries. With the acceptance and emphasis your government has placed on the current environmental crisis it seems incredible that you are virtually ignoring a program that will impact investment and invention in the solar industry. While removing rebates from many that would have been able to invest, the government has not put sufficient in place to ensure the industry maintains pace with world technologies (as it has with the coal industry). Surely by encouraging the solar industry growth will produce competition, economies of scale and a cost effective outcome.

It appears big industries are still running governments.

I voted for a government that gave me hope that commonsense, independence and fairness would be paramount, and that we would be moving urgently to address climate change on as many fronts as possible.

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