

I wish to make a few comments about the new means test for the p-v \$8000 rebate.

This has impacted my business, with 2 out of my current 6 prospective customers withdrawing due to the means test.

More importantly, many of the people who can afford to invest in p-v technology will not invest because of the added cost and because they feel they are being unfairly discriminated against.

It must be remembered that at present, even with the rebate, p-v for domestic users is only marginally economically profitable. The main motivation is to help the environment which is seen to be under real and present threat of global warming.

The government does not appear to be sincere or effective if it discourages richer people from helping the environment.

Additional issue: The \$8000 rebate only encourages people to invest in 1kw p-v systems. I think that if the government could follow the outstanding and proven German system of purchasing 'green' electricity at premium prices then many people would be encouraged to install larger, more powerful, p-v arrays on homes and businesses. This would make rebates and income thresholds redundant. It would mean less paperwork and inconvenient delays in the government's paperwork. It would increase benefits to the environment.

As I live 200 km from Perth, I probably can not attend the proposed public hearing.

Sincerely
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