

I would like to add my voice to all protesting the Federal Governments means testing of Solar Panel Rebates.

I believed that the Rudd Government's commitment to Kyoto and climate change generally would see an increase in environmentally friendly energy rather than reduction. The alternative energy industry could, and should be a shining light in Australia, with our abundant sunshine we should become a world leader NOT a world lagger.

Australia should be instigating policy and legislation to promote a sustainable growth in the industry, but with the removal of the rebate from 13th May, 2008, as a BCSE accredited installer, I have seen a reduction in the acceptance of the alternative energy uptake.

I don't understand how a Government that is supposed to be committed to climate change can remove this incentive and not be aware of the consequences.

I would suggest that if a means test is required that it be lifted to equal the baby bonus or higher to \$200,000.00. By far the better way to go would be to make the gross Feed in Tariff as just setup in Canberra, to be mandated across the whole of Australia.

I wish to register my protest at this poorly thought out decision and urge you to pressure the government to reverse its decision as a matter of urgency.

Regards

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