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Dear Sir

I am writing to you about the Federal Government rebate. I am a currently trading as a small solar energy designer and installer in country WA. I feel very strongly towards climate change and helping our planet becoming a "greener" place in the future. So my partner and I have started up a solar energy company to help inform people about energy saving and solar energy systems .

Before the 2008 budget was released I would on average have four customers a week contacting myself for information on solar energy systems but after the 2008 budget was released I have had customers cancel orders also not one person has contacted me about solar energy systems.

1kw solar energy systems in WA currently take about 25 years to repay themselves and this figure includes claiming the maximum rebate , this means solar energy is not the best financial investment for low to middle income families.

I was lead to believe that the New Labor Government was eco - friendly and took a strong view against climate change but, by not making the rebate available to all Australians they are certainly not eco - friendly.

I cannot understand why you would want to punish people who are prepared to spend their own money on saving our planet.

Yours Sincerely

Simon Barclay