

To The Secretary, Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts,

Hi my name is Lee Bulanyi.

I won't make this a long letter.

Our first property was remote so our only means of power for more than 13 years was solar.

Our first business which was RF Analyses started out in 1989 repairing and servicing inverters for Australian and international companies.

Our company name is now Solar Inverters and is located on the Mid North Coast.

Since the rebate we have increased our staff levels from 3 to 8 one of these is an apprentice and we were hoping to put on another.

We are now a service centre, wholesaler and importer of renewable energy product.

One of these products is a new grid-connect inverter.

This inverter has just received its AS4777 certification and was under going its test when the Government implemented the means test.

We would just like to say that we are very disappointed with level of the means testing for the renewable energy grid-connect rebate scheme.

We understand why you implemented it but not the reason for the \$100,000. base line.

I think the negative response to it would have been much less if it had been placed at \$150,000, this is a much more realistic figure.

Our company is very diversified. We know that the funding for the rebate was only available for 5 years.

We have been around long enough and seen a few rebates come and go and the impacted that it has on our industry when they run out.

Our business plan is now out the window and will be dramatically affected by this decision.

We are not asking for the means test to be scrapped just for the level to be raised to a more realistic figure.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

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