

Senators,

My submission is brief.

The Government has failed to show justification for implementing a means-test which can only hinder the development of the Australian Solar energy industry and the uptake of domestic solar power. The minimal amount of money it has designated for the support and development of this industry compared with the support for energy-generation by large companies with serious levels of emission demonstrates a short-term view and support for larger business.

In its Budget, it set \$150000 as the index figure in relation other Government related subsidies or taxation assistance. There was no given indicator for in this case making the index \$100,000.

I would ask for a review setting the target index at \$150,000. And for significantly increasing the pool of money available for the Solar Panel rebate to give assurance to the industry.

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