

First Name	Last Name	Submission
David	---	<p>I understand that the Federal Government want's to take the transition to renewables slowly, but this doesn't mean that they should not put out courageous and ambitious targets. Even if we don't reach those ambitious targets, it at least gives us something useful for which to strive.</p>
nina	hagan	<p>Let's get real and push forward to a green energy sector. I want my world, and the world we leave for our kids to be cleaner, and more environmentally secure than it is now.</p> <p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
JOHN	DANIEL	<p>It is deeply frustrating. The Coalition has obfuscated for far too long.</p> <p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>As a matter of urgency, please act decisively.</p>

Margaret Hilder My family and I live on a smallholding in Little Hartley. When we built our house, we budgeted to instal rooftop solar - enough for our own needs, and some extra to put some clean energy into the grid. To afford this, we had to re-jig our plans, and do without our planned guest room and garage.

So we figure that we're doing our bit for clean energy, especially when my daughter has to sleep on the sofa whenever we have an overnight guest. Now it's time for the government to play its part, and help Australia to go renewable as quickly as possible. We need ambitious targets, and a Homegrown Power Plan that sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy by 2030. We have the capacity to do this, and renewables, combined with storage via batteries, pumped hydro, etc, can deliver the power we need . . . but only if the government is prepared to make and support an ambitious plan.

The current NEG is no help here, since it doesn't support renewables or the people who want them. The NEG's lacklustre, low renewable target threatens to halt Australia's solar rooftop revolution. Instead, we need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar, rather than a plan that continues to reward handsomely the producers and retailers of dirty energy.

We need a plan that encourages genuine competition and innovation, rather than pandering to the big conventional energy retailers. This needs to be a truly national plan, including all states and territories.

So I'm urging you to do your job as government for ALL Australia's people, and to create a, real, innovative NEG that will support and encourage an early move to renewables.

Bob Anne Lamb Devine Thank you.
We have solar and love it Renewable power is the future .
To Whom it may concern,

National Energy Guarantee renewable energy target is way too low.
Please respect our environment & future generations & show a higher target for clean energy.

It is time to get priorities in order.
Big mega companies should be leading the way with renewable energy , upcycling & compostable bioplastic.

Shane McGovern Thank you,
Anne Devine.
I have solar and believe in renewable energy.
Unfortunately the government seems to want to stick with digging up resources and does not want to propel Australia to the forefront of new technology.
South Australia seems to want do the right thing against the criticism of our federal fools who are just fiddling while Australia slowly slips down the global ladder.
The NEG is a disgrace that enshrines the use of fossil fuels and delays any introduction of new technology.
Please include all Australians in the decision where the country should be heading instead of self interested politicians and there business friends who helped put them in power.

Jan	O'Leary	<p>At a time when all countries around the world need to take drastic action to halt climate change before it is too late, we now have news that the Energy Security Board has published a paper of the National Energy Guarantee recommending a target so low that it will actually stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia. This proposition is dumbfounding.</p> <p>Clearly a policy is needed which will support renewables, not the opposite.</p> <p>The targets are far too low and must be dramatically raised.</p> <p>The policy should encourage competition and not further entrench the power of the big retailers.</p> <p>It is actually the responsibility of governments to endeavour to limit climate change. To date in Australia that responsibility has fallen to households like ours and now industry is coming on board. That is an appalling situation. Government must govern and do so with the future in mind. If not there will be no future.</p>
Fiona	Kanera	<p>As a solar power owner & customer, I know that we need an energy policy that will support renewables.</p> <p>The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, and the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – at 28-36% the targets are far too low.</p> <p>We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>What about WA & NT? A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
Alison	Greenhalgh	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>As a solar owner and firm believer that solar power can reduce emissions and lead to cleaner air I am writing to express my concern over the low targets this incompetent, backward thinking government has set and puts the business into the hands of big business putting a lot of small businesses under stress. Personally our bill is \$200 less each quarter from just 7 panels, and we will have more panels installed.</p> <p>All roof tops should have solar to reduce the amount of fossil fuel burning, we owe it to future generations to reduce emissions and for ones not put greed and personal interests first.</p> <p>Regards Alison Greenhalgh</p>
Josh	Smith	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>When will government stop pandering to the coal lobby and the big 4 energy retailers? It's been shown by numerous reports it is possible to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030. The governments NEG will intentionally stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia, and therefore it should be dumped. Much like the prime minister.</p>
satish	sethi	<p>Hi Mr. Turnbull - climate change is here whether you like it or not. You support the business community instead of the people who vote you in. I want to protect the environment for my grand kids and I want you to listen to ordinary people like me. Please support the generation of electricity via other means instead of coal, oil and gas.</p>

Robyn	Berrington	<p>We have roof top solar on our house, and have done for many years. We did this not to save money, but in an effort to help fund the renewables sector, and reduce climate change impacts. We each need to do this, in Australia and throughout the world, and what better place to start. The government needs to support private people and small business in reducing and eliminating our reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
Merv	Fennell	<p>The Chairperson and Members, Energy Security Board.</p> <p>I am concerned that the National Energy Guarantee is too strongly influenced by vested interests including the Minerals Council of Australia and the big energy generators, and powerful lobbyists.</p> <p>The future of Australia and the planet will require a substantial shift to renewable energy and the NEG does not recognise this strongly enough.</p> <p>I am deeply troubled by the duplicitous portraying by the Prime Minister, the deputy PM and Energy Minister, of the destruction of the South Australian transmission infrastructure by an extreme storm event in Spring 2016 as being due to renewable energy production. The future increase in severity of storm events have been predicted by scientists to be a result of climate change due to prolonged and increased use of fossil fuels.</p> <p>Renewable energy including solar, wind and battery storage have increased in efficiency and become more affordable, and this trend will continue if supported strongly by the NEG.</p> <p>Energy security is inextricably linked to the nation's and the planet's future climate and well-being.</p> <p>I believe, for the future of the planet and for future generations, a stronger emphasis on renewable energy in the NEG is required.</p>
Carolyn	Lee	<p>Australia needs a long-term vision, focused on renewables, not fossil fuels. I urge the Australian government to take a stand on this issue, for the sake of our country's future.</p>

Meike Mueller To the Energy Minister:

The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.

The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.

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A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.

I have invested in Solar for the second time on my own houses because I care for our planet and I think every house in a country like this should have solar.

Whereas the first time I was rewarded with a reasonable 44c per kw fed back into the grid. The second time I am getting a measly 10c and pay 25c to buy, ridiculous!! It's not only totally unfair but a rip off! Make it worthwhile for homeowners to have solar, please!

Kind regards
Meike Mueller

Gareth O'Brien Real targets will save our planet. Fossil fuels are finished and pandering to their salespeople will lose you votes, if gaining you money. We all know it's corrupt. The emperor isn't wearing a stitch.

Annette Jones I am a VERY concerned voter, angry at a VERY sneaky government trying to push this through!

The NEG will stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia, it is doing nothing at all for renewable energy for Australian households, instead focusing only on business. The NEG aims for 28-36% renewable energy by 2030 when the public now all know, and the Homegrown Power Plan sets out how, we can get to 100%.

We badly need a true, national energy plan that puts us on the path to 100% renewable energy as quickly as possible. As it stands, the NEG will slow down renewable energy and entrench the power of the big retailers. Not only that, it doesn't even take into account WA and the Northern Territory as shown by the Climate Council's report.

Can you support your constituents and help make sure that the NEG doesn't go ahead?

We need an energy policy that will support renewables. The NEG doesn't do this. Your policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers against the household consumers, and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.

The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how Australia can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track as the targets are far too low.

The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution.

With our climate, we could have led the world in solar businesses and our consumption. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible and affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.

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I've done my bit and invested in solar now it's time for the government to do their

Lawrence Roberts As a retired person from a coal mining district and one who has occasionally physically mined and been involved in Geophysical and Geo-chemical exploration in the hard rock sphere Politicians really do not want to get on the wrong side of history.

It can be argued that that consecutive governments in the commonwealth have in fact been a break on progress. The causes for this are not easily transparent but can be calculated by the real stagnation of the economy.

Steve Gregory I have invested my own money to install 4 different solar arrays over the last 8 years or so, in order to save using coal generated electricity to heat my water, power my home and export extra power to my community. It is NOT acceptable to continue to use coal powered stations to generate our needs, whilst polluting our earth. Australia is the sunniest country in the world and also a very windy place as well. We NEED to be using this type of renewable energy NOW!! Build the big batteries for community use, and help house-holders afford battery set-ups for their homes, so less and less of us rely on dirty coal-fired power. No amount of carbon capturing will ever be as clean as solar and wind. Embrace it now and empower our nation.

Colin Macgregor Dear Sir/Madam,
I am concerned that the NEG is unlikely to build the flexible and efficient energy market that we need. If it sets low targets for the introduction of new technologies, it is unlikely to create a market which forces prices down while at the same time introducing the cleaner power that is so clearly needed in a time of increasing climate instability.

The commissioning of the large Tesla battery has had an immediate impact on prices by forcing the gas power generators to bid in a greatly lowered prices during peak periods. This demonstrates that the cutting edge technologies will create a more agile and in time more efficient grid with less need for large coal and gas stations ticking over waiting for

brief peak load periods. When members of the government call for extending the life of the Liddell coal-fired powerstation, many would ask what understanding the government has of the unreliable service record on this obsolete facility.

Last year I invested in a solar array for my domestic rooftop. I have been impressed and delighted by the amount of energy which I pump into the grid. The NEG needs to build in mechanisms which encourage the small scale investors to expand the solar capacity enormously across the country as it is one of Australia's great untapped resources. Combined with the forthcoming battery revolution, the domestic generators can make a significant impact on developing a leaner, more efficient electricity grid.

Regards,
Colin Macgregor

Mark

Shields

The NEG as it stands is a disgrace, it is simply representing the interests of the fossil fuel industry and its wealthy vested lobby groups. THE NEG DOES NOT REPRESENT THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY POPULATION!

There is nowhere nearly enough competition in the domestic power marketplace as currently supported by the federal government. There are still too many subsidies for filthy polluting power companies, when it is clearly evident that renewables are now much cheaper to produce and have far less carbon emissions.

NEG renewable targets are so low, a small country like Australia will never meet Paris Accord targets unless we raise our expectations.

In a decade or so, it will be quite clear that the population of Australia utterly rebuked it's own government's negligent attitude towards lowering carbon emissions and undertaking a serious alternative energy policy; And in the face of governmental belligerence and hypocrisy, we citizens, NOT THE GOVERNMENT, will have turned this filthy ignorant corporate/governmental corruption around!

Hopefully by then, there will also be a new Held-To-Answer retrospective policy, wherein the people of Australia get to place arrogant, negligent and self serving members of parliament to account for their lack of Due Process and Duty of Care: If we're lucky, by then capital punishment will be reintroduced (only for cases of "Known Official Deceit") and new politicians will be placed under much more rigorous scrutiny.

In the meantime, I hope against all reality, that the most ignorant dullards ever seen serving in federal parliament might just be able to pull their fat, egotistical, hubristic heads out of the sand and recognise how useless and insignificant they have really been in the overall picture of developing a new Australia, amidst an undebateable challenge which is Climate Change.

Max Coulthard I am writing to you about the National Energy Guarantee (NEG). I am not sure it has been made clear enough to you about the importance of jobs the renewable energy industry has created and continues to create. There are now more people employed in the renewable energy industry than in the major energy companies and their related entities. Also renewable energy jobs are growing fast and need to be supported rather than ignored. It was my impression that this Government was interested in the economy and creating "jobs, jobs, jobs". Was this just rhetoric or is there a real interest in job creation? When you read about Scandinavian countries reaching close to or even at 100% renewable energy levels with many European nations pledging to achieve similar targets you really can only wonder what is wrong with our Government willing to lag around such low level targets.

Further as a company director of a local Lithium Iron Phosphate battery manufacturing company it is sad to see such promotion of inferior international products at the expense of local product. After working hard for the last 6 years with engineers from the redundant car manufacturing industry creating batteries that cannot explode or catch fire or in-fact cause any harm to see "power batteries" or "polymer" prismatic or satchel batteries being touted around one can only wonder why safety is not considered important, particularly when it relates to peoples homes. I see the power companies are willing to promote such "cheap and cheerful" products. This is disappointing. I am pleased that at least the Government essential services we work with are smarter than that. Can we afford to rely on electronic technology to keep us safe when employing inferior or inappropriate battery structural forms or chemistries (or both!!!). Would it not be better to rely on better batteries such as stainless steel cylindrical cell batteries? It is time you widened you advisory net and looked at a range of potential energy futures. As a past Monash Academic who taught Strategic Planning, it is clear our Government has a way to go in energy planning. The first step is you need to think bigger and be more visionary of a future that will help heal the heating planet we now live in. The time to act is now. Please consider our children and grandchildren and the world they will live in more than is currently the case. Your

Jean Christie I am writing to ask the government to create an energy policy which supports renewable energy.

The National Energy Guarantee does not encourage renewable energy or promote competition.

Please review your current policy so that our environment is protected and our costs decrease.

Yours sincerely,

Jean M. Christie

Andrew Martin Please reconsider the effect of the NEG on renewables. I believe you have the settings quite wrong here.

Chris Reis Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am concerned about that the NEG as published results in the following points:

- The NEG will not adequately support on going renewable energy project development.
- The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.
- The NEG appears to limit the installation of private solar installations on households. As Australia is leading in this area it appears a very unwise thing to not support continued leadership.
- We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.

A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.

- Energy Policy must take into account the long term welfare of the Australian community, and thus work to dramatically reduce our societies unsustainable impact on the environment for my and all children's future benefit. In the long run you will all be held to account for your decisions.

Regards
Chris Reis

Robyn MacDonald We need an energy plan that is urgently moving towards utilizing our abundant clean, renewable energy, to reduce CO2 emissions and mitigate the ever-increasing threat of climate instability. We need vision and determination to effect this essential transition to a sustainable future. The NEG does not support this.
Yours sincerely
Robyn MacDonald

DANIEL SULLIVAN I think you need to think about us and our problems and not your own personal problems that is why you were elected.

Ruth Butler Keep the average Australian and Australia in mind when making your renewable energy decision.
Not only for present time but for the future. Your decisions can't be all about a fast dollar and the big companies.

Jorg Koplín This summer proved again that Solar can provide ample of electricity if the focus is there. Solar and battery storage are the way to go.

Hana Robinson Although I still cannot fathom our Governments lack of commitment to reducing the carbon emission that we are releasing what baffles me more is that it makes no business sense what so ever!

When it comes to powering households, , schools, hospitals, shops and all general places of work we should be using 100% renewable energy sources. Let's the oil for our cars so we can get to work, for planes so we can take vacations and ships so we can still trade.

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I live in hope that maybe one day our government will begin to lead this country in the right direction and not be a complete embarrassment.

Alan

Distelthreec NEG Submission.

I had hoped that the NEG when given more time to flesh out the plan with more details that there would be something that would serve us all very well, after all "National Energy Guarantee" sounds like what we want and need, except for guaranteeing lower pollution.

But you can't put everything in a name, so we waited for more detail.

Finally we have more detail for the boffins to examine and their reports come across as deeply concerning.

I will summarize the criticisms that I have read.

1. No pollution guarantee just as we all feared. This makes most Australians very annoyed to say the least. It is though the Climate change does not exist to the architects of the NEG. If any of you still feel that way then take a hard look around for yourself and/or use observations of others to inform you. I for example watched 4 Corners today and the people from business they interviewed made it abundantly clear the BAU is not an option. Harsh things were stated about what will happen to CEO and Boards that continue to ignore climate change. They will be sued by their owners when the business hits the wall due to Climate Change.

Do you still think you will get away ignoring Climate change and the commitments Australia ha made to reduce the pollution that is the root cause?

2. Related to the previous point is the observation that there is no effort to encourage more Renewable Energy despite the fact that their cost is already lower than fossil fuel based generation and STILL falling. And furthermore, despite the fact that Australians 3:1 in favour of renewable energy.

What are you thinking. Do you want to take on 3 quarters of the population by supressing the development of Renewable Energy. If so you won't win because the cost is coming down and before long all roofs will be covered with panels and increasingly they will be panels with higher efficiency and long life as well as being cheap and all backed up with small powerful batteries and systems that can go off

Julie

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My concerns are that this policy will give the big energy retailers more power which automatically means less competition or no competition. We need a government that is going to take us forward not backwards there is nothing positive about about slowing or stopping future

David

Clarke

The NEG is just what the abbreviation suggests, negative. It seems to be primarily aimed at helping the coal industry and crippling renewable energy. It should never be passed by parliament.

Robert

Jenkins

We need to use solar and wind energy, as well as harnessing Tidal power.

The money needs to be spent on building the infrastructure to make tidal a reality!

Harnessing the movement of water will yield abundant supplies of baseload energy!

Jill Middleton Our governments should ALL be strongly supporting an efficient and expeditious transition to the use of Renewables including solar for provision of our community's power generation needs (residential and commercial). There are plans already available which, if followed and supported, could achieve this such as the "Homegrown Power Plan"

The proposed low and slow renewable energy target does NOT support this. It can only benefit a few very big corporate players (and their adherents), while disadvantaging householders and small businesses.

In addition, the continuing adverse climatic and environmental effects of the encouragement to continuing current patterns of obtaining and using non-renewables will have ongoing grossly deleterious direct and indirect effects on the population of this country and the planet generally.

This country is ideally positioned to become virtually solely dependent on truly renewable energy sources.

No form of coal based, mined oil based or mined gas (including coal seam gas) based is or could be renewable.

The Renewable Energy Target for Australia must not be set so low and slow.

Ian Warway The NEG doesn't do near enough; we need an energy policy that will support renewables.

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We have solar roof top power and contribute to our own power needs. We've invested in solar power not to make money, but to do our bit to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. I believe it's time the government did the same.

Paul	Shaw	<p>The NEG will stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia. It is designed with a target so low that it makes the policy worse than doing nothing at all on renewable energy.</p> <p>The NEG aims for 28-36% renewable energy by 2030 when we know, and the Homegrown Power Plan sets out how, we can get to 100%.</p> <p>Right now, we need a true, national energy plan that puts us on the path to 100% renewable energy as quickly as possible.</p> <p>As it stands, the NEG will slow down renewable energy and entrench the power of the big retailers. Not only that, it doesn't even take into account WA and the Northern Territory!</p> <p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables.</p> <p>The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
Ros	Chandler	<p>We need an energy policy that will support renewables. The NEG doesn't provide this in fact undermines sound energy policy.</p> <p>The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>We have installed solar panels and this has benefited us economically and contributes sustainable renewable power to the grid and helps lower carbon emissions. Supporting not undermining renewable energy is an essential environmental and economically sound policy for Australia and the planets future.</p>
Mick & June	Duffin	<p>We are in our seventy's and pensioners when we retired we put solar roof panels on yes the expense for us was an issue but we knew with no future income from work and increase in electricity it made sense to install. The sun is there and our climate is getting warmer why not harness that energy it is free (the power company's are still making an income from the consumer). Lets face it the coal and gas in the ground has only a limited life span. Cannot the powers that be think of us the ordinary people of middle and low income of this country and not the big end high income earners and company's that can afford the increase in power bills. Renewables are the way into the future not of coal and gas.</p>

Elizabeth Hutchison The NEG is not working to promote renewables in Australia. It's low target does not support the solar industry and encourage householders to install solar panels. The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy and with the effect climate change is already having (Four Corners 5/3/18) this should be an urgent goal for the government.

We need an NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY which benefits all states and territories and not be there for the big energy retailers to maximise their profits.

We have installed solar panels and done our bit- now the Australian Government should do its best by the people of this country

Gilbert Grace To
The Chair
The Energy Security Board

To whom it may concern,

The only way forward with energy is to promote decentralised power. Large infrastructure projects run the risk of becoming white elephants or in the case of coal fired power stations stranded investment once the full ramifications of their externalities, material and financial, are realised. If power is a service and not a commodity households and industry could then take responsibility for reducing consumption. It is over consumption of scarce resources in search of mystical "growth" to service debt and fiat economies that is pushing the world into potentially irreversible climate change and collapse.

Support household power generation by all means necessary to reduce the gold-plating of poles and wires, subsidy. Support proper returns for power generation by household solar. Introduce legislation similar to that for phone towers to use available rooftop resources for power collection. Be more imaginative and progressive as custodians of Australia's economy.

Eileen Sneath The NEG target of 28% to 30% renewable energy by 2030 is ridiculous and ineffectual.

Essential services should NEVER be, or have been, privatised.

In Australia (and the rest of the world) we are already feeling both physical AND ECONOMIC detrimental affects of global warming - in the of extreme weather events being experienced. This was foreseen and warned about at least 40 years ago: with no feasible action by whatever government in power.

When will Australian Member of Parliament unite in addressing this urgent and MOST IMPORTANT issue?

Essential services of any country should NEVER be or have been privatised.

Sincerely

Eileen Sneath

David Allsop Dear Energy Security Board

Having had solar panels on my roof since 2008 I know how the whole community benefits from roof top solar. The NEG does not do enough to encourage more people to install solar panels on their homes.

The target for renewable energy outlined in the NEG are too low and should be raised.

Please revise this proposed policy and make it a real national policy. One that we can all be proud of. Not one to make us cringe with embarrassment.

Thank you

David Allsop

Burwell Dodd The NEG sets laughably low renewable energy targets. Please get real, and start making 21st Century renewable and climate change sense.

Greg Edwards I support installation of rooftop solar ahead of dirty coal fired power stations. There is no such thing as clean coal!!

AGL says they can replace the power capacity supplied by Liddell coal Fired power station (which is pre colour TV) through a mix of power sources excluding coal fired generation

Pamela Reeves The NEG is woefully inadequate because it does not support renewable energy and the targets are too low. The rest of the world is moving to renewables, but Australia's government is refusing to acknowledge their importance. In fact, renewable energy is far more reliable, readily available and cheaper than coal fired power stations and has, during the past summer, has been able to kick in quickly and provide power when the aging main systems have failed in NSW and Victoria. The NEG does not allow for more competition, instead supports the big retailers.

I have had PV on my roof for over 7 years and my power bills have been substantially reduced. It is only fair that more people are able to install PV on their roof or support wind farms but the NEG would not do this. My energy provider, when I do have to buy electricity, is not one of the big retailers because it sources that power from renewables.

The NEG should be so much better than what has been presented to us. It is disappointing to have such ineffective policy and confirms the Federal government has not dealt with unaffordable electricity bills, increasing reliability risks and an uncertain future carbon emissions policy that it promised to do.

Joanne Spangaro I am writing in response to the consultation paper on the National Energy Guarantee.

I wish to make the following points.

1. This consultation paper should be promoted much more widely in order to ensure that implementation reflects the views of all Australians, not just energy providers.

2. The proposed is very much too low. A 28-36% renewable energy target by 2030 represents what will happen from business as usual given the decreasing costs of renewables, rising costs of coal and Australian appetite to make the shift

3. In fact a target this low may slow the growth of renewable energy in Australia due to the signal it sends investors.

4. Australia is a wealthy enough country with plentiful resource for renewables which should punch above its weight rather than drag the chain on the global energy transition.

5. Without a rapid transition away from fossil fuels towards renewables the planet is headed to catastrophic climate change which will destroy agriculture, the oceans, habitat and our lifestyles as we know them. The language of "meeting our Paris commitments" is an unhelpful distraction as this is too low a bar for this country to use as the benchmark

6. I have had a 2.5 kw system on my roof since 2009. It has drastically reduced my energy bills, even without the feed in tariff . Supporting solar roof top is an obvious way to support the needed transition to renewable energy and Australians struggling with energy price rises.

7. The renewables target should be set at 100% by 2030. This is in line with other

michael Lever Please give more emphasis to solar and other renewable as a long term solution to our energy needs, Fossil fuels are polluting and at best only a short term solution. i will not vote for any party that promotes or protects fossil fuels.

Kathy Bannister I think the evidence from Europe and specifically Germany is clear. Governments who support solar and other renewable energy can win favour with electors by putting power back into the hands of citizens with roof top solar. There is story after story of people and associations saving up to \$10,000 per year on roof top solar on buildings. We need the national energy guarantee to enable more and more citizen investment in renewable energy and specifically solar energy. I have solar energy on my roof and with still being mindful of my power use I can be in credit or when the need arises. My system puts energy into the NT grid. Please leave the scope and encourage citizen investment in renewable energy today.

The intervention of lithium batteries to ensure storage and a power reserve that can be called on at times of high demand means there is an new opening for commercial exploitation of renewables and smart manufacturers of fossil fuel generated power must surely be investing in the elements of solar for sustainable financial reasons.

Please ensure that the NEG has an inspiring threshold for renewable energy to kick start this new economy.

Yours sincerely
Kathy Bannister

Graeme Parncutt I spent \$6,000 odd to put solar panels on my roof. I didn't do it just to save money - I did it mainly to save the planet for my grand children. Now there's so much talk about the cost of electricity - and I don't care if the cost goes up.....if the extra cost pays for the infrastructure we need to get the whole country into solar. We've got lots of coal, and I reckon we should leave it where it is. In the ground. Don't burn it here. Don't export it.

We are so lucky to have all this sunshine. We should be leading the world in harnessing it, and leaving our fossil fuels in the ground.

Barbara Davis We need a much much more ambitious renewable energy target to encourage investment and jobs in solar and wind as well as lower our emissions.

Kay Phelan Please show some leadership.

The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.

The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.

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A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.

Moira Williams We know Australia can get to 100% renewables by 2030. This is what the climate science demands and countries across the world are leading the way.

The renewable targets in the NEG are way too low and will in fact stall growth in the renewables sector, destroying jobs in the process.

The NEG should lead to more competition on the energy market, not less. This policy as it is currently written will embed the power of the big retailers.

Robin Price I think the Government should make better use of our advantage as the sunniest continent on earth and encourage the rollout of rooftop solar.

Surely there is an opportunity for the major energy suppliers to become a part of this to everyone's advantage.

Robin Price

Gabriela Mueller My submission re National Energy Guarantee

Dear Sirs

The NEG will stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia. It is designed with a target so low that it makes the policy worse than doing nothing at all on renewable energy. The NEG aims for 28-36% renewable energy by 2030 when we know, and the Homegrown Power Plan sets out how, we can get to 100%.

Right now, we need a true, national energy plan that puts us on the path to 100% renewable energy as quickly as possible. As it stands, the NEG will slow down renewable energy and entrench the power of the big retailers.

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I had solar panels put up on the roof of my house ten years ago and am currently having my existing system expanded. Thousands of Australians are doing the same and having solar power installed.

It's embarrassing that the Australian Government is still supporting fossil fuels instead of powering ahead with renewable energy while everyday Australians are leading the way to a renewable energy future.

Paul Slade Australia has more sunshine and potential for solar expansion than any other country. We should be leaders in this field and an example to the rest of the world. Concise energy target policies that enable households to contribute to this ideal are essential for future energy policy in Australia.

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Ian Simons We need a policy that supports renewable energy
Hi, I believe that the NEG will slow down renewable energy adoption, and entrench the power of the big retailers with the extraordinary profits that they make. Not only that, the NEG doesn't even take into account WA and the Northern Territory. We need a truly national scheme that is good for renewable energy developments and considers the future of the planet on which we live.

Jane Routley The National energy Guarantee doesn't support enough renewables. There are plenty of ways we can go entirely to renewables in a few years but the NEG sets targets too low to make that happen. Its crazy with all the sun that we have in Australia that the government is not encouraging more rooftop solar with a policy that makes rooftop solar affordable and accessible to all Australians.

I've invested in Solar power and find that it makes a significant saving for all my power bills.

Richard Parncutt We need to really promote renewables and not pretend to do so.

Tania	Kromoloff	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables.</p> <p>The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution.</p> <p>We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
Kerry	Pengelly	<p>To whom it may concern, I have solar panels on my roof, because I'm interested in a clean green future. I've done my bit now it's time for the government to step up and make a real commitment to a renewable future instead of locking in the current system. The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar. Yours sincerely Kerry Pengelly (14 Millstream Court, Buderim QLD 4556)</p>
Campbell	Mercer	<p>Hi, I've invested in solar power and now it's time for the government to get on with it and do their job. The NEG targets are underwhelming and recklessly low if we are to avoid catastrophic climate change. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible and affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar. The NEG entrenches the power of the existing large retailers rather than promoting more competition and the NEG needs to be truly national and include all states and territories.</p>
daniel	endicott	<p>The NEG will stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia. It is designed with a target so low that it makes the policy worse than doing nothing at all on renewable energy. The NEG aims for 28-36% renewable energy by 2030 when we know, and the Homegrown Power Plan sets out how, we can get to 100%.</p> <p>Right now, we need a true, national energy plan that puts us on the path to 100% renewable energy as quickly as possible. As it stands, the NEG will slow down renewable energy and entrench the power of the big retailers. Not only that, it doesn't even take into account WA and the Northern Territory</p>
Kylie	Jones	<p>I live in Rockhampton in Central Queensland. Its mainly sunny here, like most parts of Australia. Such potential for solar. It seems absurd not to take advantage of solar power in a country like Australia, yet the Australian government is not supporting solar and renewables enough. I chose to put a solar photovoltaic system on the roof of my home years ago, to do my part for the environment. Many people cant afford to do this and rely on government initiatives to make it more affordable.</p> <p>Please support renewables and put Australia on track to 100% renewables with a national energy policy that supports all Australians with high targets and assistance for more affordable solar.</p>

james	bowra	<p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
Ray	Stone	<p>I have mains power connected, and also have a stand-alone solar system (which does not feed into the grid). I can run selected appliances on this when the grid goes down.</p> <p>If the government continues to cause prices of power to rise due to ongoing poor decisions, relating to obsolete infrastructure and supply, and failing to realise the advantages of distributed renewable energy supply, I will consider disconnecting from the grid. I'm looking forward to charging my future all-electric vehicle with my renewable energy alone, without any of the power passing through any meter.</p>
Wendy	Swaine	<p>We want to keep Australia beautiful</p> <p>by</p> <p>Saving the</p> <p>Great Barrier Reef and the great Artesian</p> <p>Basin by saying NO to the adani mine and YES to Solar and renewable energy</p> <p>Many Australians can't afford to pay their power bills and that is an essential service</p>
Chris	OBRIEN	<p>Looking at the latest 4-Corners report into the impact of climate change on the economy should make the government review its stance on climate matters, because circumstances are about to overtake politics here. Any politician who refuses to heed the warnings raised by business and economists will lose the support of their most powerful business allies. Wake up Canberra, support renewables and stop the doomed politicking.</p>

Edwin Dawson Dear Energy Security Board,

I have discovered, to my dismay your recent consultation paper on the National Energy Guarantee, and how its very content and parameters reveals the motivations of its authors.

Here in Australia, we are blessed with tremendous access to bright sunlight, endless coastline and bountiful landscape where we can deploy renewable energy and get tremendous positive effects from it.

Unfortunately the NEG is not poised to take advantage of this situation. The rather sarcastic definition of "consultation" seems to be cornering the discussion with the indentured network operators, who want to make the most of their sunk investments in archaic, polluting forms of energy generation.

Propping up these operations by allowing them to set agenda for Australian energy generation is not in the national interest beyond a very short near-term window.

We need to change policies to immediately start taking advantage of our unique landscape characteristics that give us an advantage in deploying renewable energy.

We need to change policies encourage competition among electricity providers and to look forward to the imminent scenario of a deployed smart grid, where the most nimble and responsive operators can be rewarded by providing a superior quality of service to electricity consumers. Where the origins of the energy consumed can be distributed across widely deployed rooftop solar, small-scale batteries and micro-grids.

We need to change policies to immediately put concrete plans of action in place to set a trajectory that leads to 100% renewable energy generation in Australia.

Douglas Stetner We need an energy policy that encourages renewables and DISCOURAGES fossil fuels.
Follow the Homegrown Power Plan.

I have solar, and will buy more solar to power my next vehicle which will be electric. We need battery and renewable investment.

Sue Williamson I am seriously concerned about the poverty of the proposal for the National Energy Guarantee. This government is giving such poor leadership in the area of Climate Change and use of energy, while at the same time being blind to the leadership that is taking place among big business and small consumers.

In many ways communities and small consumers are leading the way that we all should be taking. We have solar panels on our roof that generate enough power for our daytime needs. At this stage I cannot afford to install batteries but I will one day soon. There are many people like me, and many who have already left the grid. Small community power generation and local businesses will be the way of the future, not large energy retailers with expensive inefficient networks.

In addition to my private investment, I have invested in the community retailer Enova, which aims to harness local energy generation and support local communities. I have also put money into a solar investment scheme in the Shoalhaven where investors provide the up front loan capital for small businesses to install solar power to meet the energy needs of their businesses and repay the loans over time.

The current government NEG undermines these efforts, doesn't even support renewables, and has targets that are far too low. I am totally frustrated and disappointed in this lack of vision and opportunity.

Cheryl Duffin To whom it may concern,
I believe the NEG target is TOO Low. We need an energy policy supporting Renewables. In one of the sunniest countries in the world, solar panels should be more accessible to low income families and renters. We have ignored " climate change " to almost the point of no return. The time is NOW We need strong leadership to make strong renewable policies. There's also so many jobs that could be created. I am a renter on a low income and I choose to buy GREEN power from Powershop, because I can't afford solar roof panels.
Yours sincerely Cheryl Duffin

Heather Lane we need a national energy policy that promotes and supports renewables, that supports solar rooftop energy with a high renewable target.

Katharine McLean The current renewable target is ridiculously low. We need to have strong action against climate change and the impending dire economic and emotional hardship we will all face with the climate changing so dramatically. Roof top solar is a great way to lessen our carbon footprint and to increase jobs for Australians. I've invested in Solar power-18 panels on our roof and its made a huge difference to my energy bill and I feel great knowing that I am doing my bit for the environment.
Katharine McLean

Therese	Geissberge	<p>To the Energy Security Board, Regarding the National Energy Guarantee: I know of no-one who thinks this is O.K. We should be leading the way in renewable energy, especially given Australia has so much sunshine we can easily make better use of. If the rest of the world is heading that way then why on earth should Australia be sticking with the outdated and unsustainable. There are many Australians who can see beyond your shortsighted, unethical, unsustainable and expensive plan and have given up on you and are getting off the grid. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar. Battery storage systems are already showing they can handle the task and they are only going to become more efficient and economical. It's time for the Australian Government to come out of the dark age of fossil fuels. Yours sincerely, T. Geissberger</p>
John	Dark	<p>Stop consulting with the very people who have the most to lose from renewable energy. Unless they make a legal, binding commitment to the complete elimination of fossil fuel energy by (date) and the promotion/subsidisation of renewables, they must have NO SAY. Honestly, it's like asking US gun manufacturers their opinion on reducing the gun death rate. Oh, wait ...</p>
Ian	Oxley	<p>Its about time the government started thinking about the average Australian who makes this country great instead of looking after the big end of town. We need to support renewable energy. It has been proven to benefit all citizens by adopting the newer technologies to provide energy. Stop all the sniping and stashing the under the table payouts and pandering to the big end. All the plundering of the little bloke has to stop. WE VOTE and you will all be living off your pensions soon as we are fed up with the kindergarten politics, sniping and gossiping has to stop in governments, look after the people who pay your wages. Solar is the way to prosperity not lies and sniping. act your ages and get on with governing properly.</p>
Marilyn	Snider	<p>Renewable energy, including solar is what we, the people of Australia want. Setting low targets with parties who stand to profit from non renewables energies, is putting wealth into the pockets of few at the expense of Australia's population. Our health is suffering, our crops are at the behest of rapidly changeable weather and fires burn our earth.</p>
Ron	Mosman	<p>With Australia being the sunniest country we should be leading the world with renewable energy. Instead, this government is throttling the entire renewable industry! Continuing to push coal in particular and all fossil fuels in general, this government is blatantly ignoring the science on climate change, fostering enormous profits for mostly foreign-owned fossil fuel companies at the expense of Australians, and increasing greenhouse gas emissions rather than decreasing them, making a mockery of Australia's commitment to the Paris agreement.</p> <p>I urge that this government should rethink its attitude towards renewable energy in Australia, for Australia.</p>

Margaret McDonald I bought solar panels approx. 9 years ago in the belief that we could harness the energy of our sunny weather. Sadly, the latest attempt of the government has not addressed the energy crisis with the NEG(which does not include all states!) A policy is needed that makes solar power more accessible & affordable so that many more Australians can help to get to 100% renewable energy in the foreseeable future.
Our country is gradually being controlled by large companies that are mercilessly cutting out small companies in many areas of business_ energy being just one. Consider the benefits to all Australians if renewable energy targets are set to encourage people to invest in solar power and not submit to the demands of big energy retailers.
Yours Sincerely, Margaret McDonald

Ananda Disanayake As a residential power consumer and the owner of a supplementary solar panel system, I'm disappointed that your energy policy does not give sufficient importance to renewable energy. I believe that your renewable energy targets are very low.
The Government also needs to encourage the residential consumers who invest in solar panels.
For the sake of our environment and the future generations, I appeal to you to give more emphasis to renewable energy.
Thanking you,
Ananda Disanayake.

wendy hebbard I am a great believer in renewable energy. It is comes from the sun it's free. Our Power bills have decreased since we installed solar panels. Even in Germany which has only a fraction of the sunshine that we do. the majority of their power comes from solar and wind ..
if we continue to burn coal and if we do nothing about global warming we will not survive. The economy will eventually run down -there will be no economy -Not probably in my lifetime but I have grandchildren and great grandchildren. Will they say to me ?_ grandma why didn't you do something ?
Let's throw off the blinkers and get serious about climate change. the cost of something that would be better than ruining world.
that we have to bear in the cause of saving the world.

I have grandchildren and great grandchildren. Are they going to say to me --
"grandma why didn't you do something

George McInnes ?
To NEG I have been following the discussions for renewable energy for over 40 years .MY house has had hydronic heating for over 30 years What does it take to convince you that it is here to stay? I can only plead with you to invest more in encouraging and promoting Solar and other forms of alternative energy ? I would appreciate an answer from you but realise you don't seem to care

TERESA CUONO Australia's solar rooftop revolution has to be absolutely supported by energy policy that will support renewables. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.
A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.it's time for the government to do their job.

Richard	Powell	<p>My wife and I are close to 70 years old and have watched the power industry for many years. At one stage I worked for an electricity county council in NSW, so have a little insight into the industry.</p> <p>We have so much solar, wind and hydro potential in Australia that it beggars belief that our Govts pursue the use of coal. Yes it was a magic boom when first discovered, but we now know, like smoking and asbestos cement, that it is wrong to keep exploiting this resource when there are now so many viable alternatives.</p> <p>If governments continue to ignore the wishes of the general public they will be turfed out. Make no mistake, the lessons learned from the recent marriage plebiscite have shown people that the individual can make a difference. Indeed the hard liners in the govt have shot themselves in the foot, maybe even the heart, by showing people that they can make a difference.</p> <p>Australians are looking for long term thinking from governments and will not allow this useless short term politics to prevail - we are sick of it and those polities who play that game. You'll all be turfed out if you don't look at long term goals in all facets of life.</p> <p>There are so many solutions for renewable energy supply, water in the Murray Darling, hydro power which can revolutionise this country - get out of our way because the bulldozers driven by the citizens will simply run you over.</p> <p>Richard</p>
gaby	jung	<p>"Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NEG. We MUST achieve 100% renewable energy in Australia (and the world) ASAP if we are not to be guilty of intergenerational theft. We must not dump a seriously disrupted climate on future generations. The NEG doesn't consider this imperative; we need an energy policy that will achieve 100% renewables. The NEG seems to just entrench the power of the big retailers who appear to be deliberately delaying to transition to renewables. The NEG MUST NOT go ahead in its present form. Thank you."</p>
Jill	Kramer	<p>The Turnbull NEG is just not good enough. We have two separate solar units on our roof and we are saving money. The government needs to include all states working together. We need this to bring us up with the rest of the world. Countries like Netherlands and Germany are using solar and other natural things like wind and they are way ahead of Australia which is a DISGRACE</p>
Wal	Knowles	<p>SUBMISSION REGARDING NEG</p> <p>I have had solar panels for eight years. This has helped reduce my Quarterly Electricity Bill, but it has not yet paid itself off. I have helped reduce the Carbon going into the atmosphere and I am thinking of expanding my solar panels. Please give more consideration to Solar Panel home installers and those employed in this very clean and environment friendly industry, that is costing the Government nothing but benefitting all Australians.</p>

Miriam	English	<p>It is clear to everybody that this government is sabotaging the renewable energy industry. Setting an unrealistically low NEG is intended to stunt investment in renewables, leaving the way open for their paymasters to continue to reap record profits at our expense, regardless of the damage to the climate. (Australia produces more greenhouse gasses per head of population than any other country on Earth.)</p> <p>I think this is a case of this government shooting itself in both feet. Increasing numbers of people are aware of the value for money that renewables represent and the great number of jobs available in the sector, and a majority of people already understand the danger fossil fuels pose to the climate. This government, by allowing corruption to dictate policy has signalled its demise.</p> <p>I would ask for the Homegrown Power Plan to be adopted, but I know this government isn't listening. It ignores Royal Commissions, inquiries, and submissions to consultation unless they say what the government already wants. They will adopt this absurd and destructive NEG, regardless of what we ask or demand.</p> <p>Such a pity! They could have done so much to build Australia into a forward-looking nation that had resilience leading into the future, but, no. They stick with dirty, 19th Century technology that blind Freddy can see we will have to abandon, leaving us floundering.</p> <p>What a lost opportunity! What a blatant display of corruption! This government has no shame at all, sacrificing our children for quick money in their party coffers.</p>
Hester	Goedhart	<p>The NEG will stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia. It is designed with a target so low that it makes the policy worse than doing nothing at all on renewable energy. The NEG aims for 28-36% renewable energy by 2030 when we know, and the Homegrown Power Plan sets out how, we can get to 100%.</p> <p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>Right now, we need a true, national energy plan that puts us on the path to 100% renewable energy as quickly as possible. As it stands, the NEG will slow down renewable energy and entrench the power of the big retailers. Not only that, it doesn't even take into account WA and the Northern Territory!</p> <p>Now I'm sure we can do better than that, let's move forward and save our future.</p>
Janet	Cropley	<p>You can't hide behind a consultation with the corporates who benefit from your your coal paid for policy</p> <p>Get real. Be honest</p>

marianna reid how about consulting with a broader section of the population that all use energy to run their households. Also make the growth of households with solar included in your consulting to get a true national energy plan happening

Jasper Lee The NEG does not provide concrete enough measures to help Australia meet our climate obligations under the Paris Accord. The government should not be looking for retroguard tactics that entrench existing retailers (who are predominantly coal based) into slowing/delaying inevitable renewing of their energy fleet to more agile and dispatchable renewables and storage. It also fails to send a concrete market signal that Australia is open for large scale capital investment in new energy production and storage, industries that provide far more jobs in more innovative fields, and have a high impact in rural and regional Australia.

With the disapproval of many state governments (on both sides of politics) on joining the NEG, it is a clear signal that the Federal Government's policy is incomplete, fails to install confidence and does not provide adequate market mechanisms to improve our environmental outcomes and affordability outcomes for energy. Only a price on carbon or emissions intensity scheme can provide transparent market led mechanisms that would effect sweeping and rapid change to the energy sector

Kate Consterdine Please support renewable energy technology and installation. The NEG's low renewable target is grossly inadequate. I have reduced my power consumption considerably.....and therefore reduced carbon emissions by the installation of a solar hot water system and solar panels. I did this when there was an incentive. It seems now that the Turnbull government is turning its back on supporting renewables and is, instead, hanging on to fossil fuel technology of days gone by. Australia is not being 'the clever country'.....it is being a dummy thanks to the current government's clinging onto the dinosaur age.

PETER PAULL I am so disappointed in your lack of vision and lack of courage. The NEG doesn't set the scene for a better energy policy; we need an energy policy that will support renewables.

The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.

The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low, and the five year limit to change is laughable.

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A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.

The NEG with limits on renewables flies in the face of innovation and free enterprise!

Alek	Zander	<p>Why can "Third World" countries and countries from Europe, e.g. Germany, have a thriving renewables programs but Australia can not? Northern Europe doesn't get the sunshine we do, and developing countries do not have the economic clout. But what they do have is initiative and drive and aren't hampered by vested interests holding back their economy for the benefit of a few.</p> <p>When I was young, during the late '70s, my father installed a solar hot water service. With access to local fallen timber for the fire, we rarely used electricity for cooking, heating or hot water. The system readily paid for itself in only a few years and this was in a southern location where winters were relatively damp, cold and longish. But it was how a family on a low income could get by.</p> <p>I purchased a solar hot water service and a PV system nearly 10 years ago. Both have paid for themselves, but the PV system less so now that the Big Power companies do not pay pittance for the power I generate. Talk about the Government giving away my investment. Still, it does pay, and like hundreds of thousands of other ordinary Australians I am voting for the renewables industry by investing my own money in the future of this country.</p> <p>It is such a pity that the Commonwealth Government is determined to sell out ordinary Australians so that they and their immediate supporters can get rich at the cost of the future of Australia. Please!, do not let them get away with this sell out! Please!, do not let them get away with their corrupt policies! Please!, support the Renewable Industries of Australia!</p> <p>Look at how much ordinary Australians have put on their rooftops, look at how much small to medium businesses have invested in renewable technology. Then ask yourself, "what do Australians really want?" rather than "what is it that the fossil energy moguls want?"</p>
Mark	Liebman	<p>Every year just gets hotter and hotter and the power to help stop this is in your hands. Yet you just don't want to face the horrific reality of what is going to happen if you don't act decisively to get us off coal now! Not in 50 years, not in 20 years but by 2030. I don't want my son to die of starvation because the earth is too hot to grow any food. If it gets that hot we will hold your government responsible. If you think I will sit around idly and let that happen then you are wrong. So think again and think harder about doing what is right for our future not for the coal lobby.</p>
Lloyd	Thomas	<p>It is abundantly clear that science has proved that global warming is being caused by the burning of fossil fuels and is on track to be an existential threat to life on earth for our children and grandchildren. How is Australia going to cope with its share of the millions of refugees displaced by sea level rise in Asia and the Pacific?</p> <p>Climate change is already affecting food production by conventional means and this will force us to invest in more and more intensive production techniques using climate controlled hydroponic farms. This requires more SUSTAINABLE RENEWABLE energy.</p> <p>The Federal Government must get serious about reducing greenhouse gas production by all means possible. The fake policy introducing the NEG ie Nebulous Energy Guarantee merely kicks the can down the road. Remember that we the electorate ARE NOT STUPID.</p>
Colleen	Carmody	<p>We need to go renewable energy and especially encourage solar on individual roof tops to take advantage of our natural resources. Set an emissions trading scheme and increase our renewable target to 50% by 2030</p>
shirley	roiter	<p>Our household was one of the first to install solar more than 40 years ago so we can vouch for the effectiveness of renewable energy. Nothing has changed in half a century, so let us give Australians the opportunity to benefit from our bountiful sunshine</p>

Bobbie	Wessling	i have put 3.5klw of Solar panels and i beliefs they should also be on large roofs servos factorys to suply cheap and inviramentaly safe power to all Australian.
Jane	Herbert	<p>The National Energy Guarantee is going in the wrong direction. And you are not consulting with the very people who want to make the change to renewables work for Australia. Consulting with the big energy retailers is talking to the very people with vested interests who have the most to gain making sure Australia DOESN'T follow the rest of the world in making a renewably powered world a reality. You need to talk to the people who already have rooftop solar and know how effective it is and those for whom the current energy costs are unaffordable.</p> <p>The proposed targets are laughably small. South Australia already is able to generate 30% of its power from wind energy. And don't counter with the baseline energy requirement argument, it just doesn't wash. If the government invested in rooftop solar, solar farms, wind power and battery options, making them affordable for everyone, our energy requirements could be satisfied, without the huge costs that make a powered home unaffordable for so many. Other countries with less consistent sun than Australia have done it already. New options such as local community mini-grids feeding from rooftop solar, and evening out peaks in demand, could go a long way to easing demand on ageing infrastructure. More realistic feed-in tariffs would encourage people to become involved, instead of the power companies taking our solar power and on-selling it to us and others at more than three times the cost to them.</p> <p>The government needs forward thinking planning, not planning just based on keeping their big industry contributors happy for the next election cycle. The people of Australia are sick of that mindset, and want innovative solutions for our future. If the government sticks their head in the sand and only does what their big industry cronies want, millions of citizens will leave the grid with their own battery options, and the power infrastructure will be left without the support it needs to continue effectively.</p> <p>We need you to work with us, the people, and not bring in the NEG which will only hinder Australia's future, not advance it. Private energy companies who rely on old technology to make their profits are NOT the people you should be talking with</p>
Helen	Hussey	<p>I am 71 years old. Seven years ago, before I retired, I invested in rooftop solar panels and 2 heat pumps, to take responsibility for ensuring that I could pay for my power and heating, when I would have less income. . My investment provided work for Tasmanian installers. I also made the choice as I am concerned about the environment.</p> <p>We need an energy policy which supports renewable electricity with a decent feed in tariffs for people who are prepared to invest in Solar.</p> <p>Kind regards, Helen.</p>
Helen	Leckie	Of course this sunny country should have a NEG that supports effectively the growth of renewables. The target is too low. We need a policy that makes roof-top solar more affordable for householders. This is the future. Damp grey countries in Europe have embraced solar (especially Germany). Why not us? For us and for our children.
Lisa	Fusinato	<p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.</p>

Kevin	Duckworth	<p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>I have had a 5kw. solar system for 7 years now and my Solar Import has dropped from \$0.26c. to \$0.06.3c. and now is at \$0.11.3c. there should be an even stronger Solar Import to at least Half what the Retailers a selling it back for.</p>
Nick	Taylor-Fick	<p>We have solar panels and believe that our small contribution is beneficial towards the overall aim of reducing CO2 emissions. We need an energy target that allows many more rooftop providers to contribute. It defies logic to impede this area unless of course it's the Governments aim to support the big end of town? Help the renewable market, help create more jobs in this area/ its a no brainer!</p>
Kirsten	Balding	<p>Australia has plenty of sun. Climate change needs to be slowed before there are irreversible and life threatening environmental changes. What better way to reduce CO2 emissions by reducing our dependence on coal based power and adopting renewable technologies. Future proof the country by allowing choice and supporting renewable power sources. This is called innovation. There are action plans which have been developed that show it is very feasible. It is immoral that the little people have to suffer, paying more, and being more affected by climate change from extreme weather just so the big end of town can make a buck by selling coal. Mitigation of climate change from coal emissions is insufficient. It will cost our society less in the long run to be proactive and adopt existing low emissions technologies. Take a long term view, and don't listen to the vested interests of the coal industry. Support renewable technologies NOW.</p>
Bernard	Gittins	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>The current Australian government has been captured by the coal sector and big energy companies. Our climate is in trouble and you put your popularism and election funding ahead of all else. Clearly solar and batteries have a huge future release there potential and restore our faith in a government for the people.</p>

Anita	Gibson	Dear Energy Security Board members
		<p>I am writing to provide feedback and express my concerns regarding the Energy Security Board National Energy Guarantee Consultation Paper. The currently proposed National Energy Guarantee (NEG) falls short in several areas. The most concerning area is the lack of support for renewable energy sources, both with regard to direct investment in the construction of new renewable energy projects (e.g. wind and solar farms) and with regard to changes in policy to better support the integration of renewable energy sources (both large-scale and rooftop generated) into the electricity supply system.</p> <p>Considering that the primary intention of the NEG is to "to deliver more reliable, affordable and cleaner energy to Australian consumers" (Energy Security Board National Energy Guarantee - Consultation Paper Fact Pack), the lack of support for renewable energy is very concerning. New large-scale renewables are critical to creating new energy jobs and increasing power supply to reduce skyrocketing energy prices.</p> <p>The low-end projection of only 28 per cent renewable energy in 2030 is well below what current modelling indicates the Australian people want, especially if there was greater support and integration of rooftop solar power. The 'Renewable Energy Jobs: Future Growing in Australia 2017 Supplement' report shows that if the NEG were to go ahead with this low-end projection of only 28 per cent renewable energy in 2030, it would result in 6,600 fewer jobs in the entire electricity sector, compared to 'business as usual'. In addition, the modelling indicates there would also be 20,000 fewer jobs, compared to 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030, which is the target required to meet Australia's Paris Climate Agreement commitments.</p> <p>Under the current NEG, regional Australian towns and cities, especially those in my state (Queensland), are at risk of missing out on major economic boosts, with the construction of new large-scale renewable wind and solar projects plummeting</p>
Vic	Bugeja	<p>The best example of why the NEM is totally out of step with reality is me. I have paid very little for my electricity needs because of my solar panels. It is the best way to start, no not start, but to continue AND improve the opportunity for more solar rooftop installations.</p>
susan	de pater	<p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
John	Giordano	<p>The NEG is a 'copout' the policy generates massive profits for the big guns at the expense of the ordinary wage earner or retirees. It's about time the focus was on the middle/low income people of this country. So the generators are privatised and that's where the profits stay but when it comes to the risk or any tax offset losses, well that is socialised amongst the community. I've installed 5.4kw of panels with another 2.4Kw to come, 7 days a week and I'm paid a pittance for any feed in, what a joke.</p>

COLIN FITZSIMON With 5kw solar systems (20 panels) now costing around \$4000. any home with a roof sloping to the north should be encouraged (perhaps subsidized with low interest loan) to install panels which will be paid off in 3-4 years. Better still, a battery around 9.8kwh costing in the vicinity of \$10,000 would supply the average energy efficient home and reduce grid peak demand.

Adoption of a national building code to encourage house roofs, sloping to the north is also suggested.

Greg Roberts We are very annoyed that the Government has not consulted with the community on a National power plan. It seems to have only talked with the big power organisations, which are mostly locked into coal/fossil powered energy.

Our submission is as follows:-

We must have need an energy policy that will support renewables strongly!

The NEG is weak on renewables - probably deliberately!

The policy clearly continues to give the power to the big retailers. It should lead to more competition, but the NEG doesn't do that.

We like the Homegrown Power Plan. It sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy quickly. The NEG doesn't do that – the targets are far too low.

The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.

A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.

We have had Solar Power installed for many years. We could see back then that there would be a strong move to solar energy - and this has proved to be the case

My question is to the Australian government - if ordinary people could see that solar power was the future, why is the Government determined to slow down Solar's rate of progress. Is it a lack of intelligence? - or a deliberate political act?

The people, and the world, are rapidly supporting the move to Solar Energy. Why isn't the Australian government joining in??

Greg Roberts

Zoran Strajnic We need an energy policy that will support renewables. We put our money in solar panels to help out national renewable energy and with government help am am feeding in solar energy into the system at 9 cents per KWh and buying it back at price which is tripled the price I was selling it to the grid. This is highly unethical and Origin energy is just finding excuses not to install nete metering. Now it's time for government to do something as well. No more coal mines! We need renewable energy. The list government can do is to give significant incentives so people can install batteries for their solar systems. Time for action is now or we have to wait for next election and change of government.

George	Dion	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I am really upset about how the broken electricity system has been run, for the benefit of those such as AGL, who are bragging that they want to get to One Billion Dollars profit in the near future... this profit comes to them as pensioners and the low earners are scared to turn on their power due to the HIGH power costs that are driven even higher but our Govt that wants to kill renewable energy just to support the OLD and outdated coal fired power systems...</p> <p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>I and we all wish to see the NEG Not go ahead as it makes a mockery of our modern and scientifically proven solar power, not to mention CLEAN power as opposed to the toxic pollution from burning Coal... thousands have died and more are suffering from air pollution and you refuse to see it.</p> <p>I can only draw the conclusion that the govt is trying to fool us and is making a fool of us, by trying every way possible to promote DIRTY coal driven power and destroy the clean SOLAR power industry... So much dear Govt for saying we need and will create jobs... nonsense over 40 000 jobs can be created in the Solar power industry and you are preventing this from happening... WHY</p>
Karen	Hising	<p>Also please don't use the excuse which is a total lie, that the SA power failure was caused by renewable s because it was NOT caused by renewable s, this was a proven fact BUT you all still try and fool the masses, by referring to the SA power</p> <p>The National Energy Guarantee (NEG) is pathetic - we need an energy policy that will support renewable energy.</p> <p>The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition - the NEG does not enable that to occur.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the targets of the NEG are far too low.</p> <p>The very low renewable energy target of the NEG threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible and affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar energy for their properties.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>I installed solar panels on my roof five years ago to not only lower my power costs over time, but to produce clean energy for others to use. I have done my bit, when will the Government do their job properly. We have so many renewable options available to us</p> <p>- let's get on with it!</p>
susie	edmonds	<p>Hey...it's not that hard...For goodness sake...how much more evidence do you need to realise just how important renewable energy is...???</p> <p>Let's just get it done now and show the world how smart we are for a change...</p>

Vivienne	McNeil	<p>The big retailers do not represent the interests of the vast majority of power users in Australia, and a more democratic consultation process is required. A cheap, reliable and efficient NEG policy cannot be realised without open competition from renewables, and, in fact, these should be supported in view of Australia's competitive advantage in solar, which could lead to new export industries.</p> <p>It is essential that the NEG policy should be agile and flexible, in a changing political, social, scientific and climatic environment; therefore targets need to be adjusted in a short (say 1 year) time frame. The NEG targets for renewables are far too low, putting us out of step with the rest of the developed world.</p> <p>We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>•A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
Dianne	Regtop	<p>You know the NEG DOES NOT CUT IT. I have solar panels and expect to move towards 100% renewables not remain enslaved by big energy companies. Just get it done</p>
Alan	Isherwood	<p>We need an energy policy that will support renewables. the NEG doesn't do this. Any policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should be kept in public ownership and control. The NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The targets are pathetically low. The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right trajectory to do that.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar. A national energy policy should be inclusive and include all states and territories, rather than being limited to those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>My family and many other responsible people invested in solar over 12 years ago in the interests of a just transition from fossil fuel based energy to renewable energy. The technology is available now to do this and it's high time that the government followed the lead of millions of Australians and properly supporting renewable energy before even more damage is done to the Great Barrier Reef and the rest of the planet.</p>

Peter FOSTER-B Dear Energy Security Board

Australia is the "Saudi Arabia of sunshine" and with the parts per million of CO2 steadily climbing (well beyond 400 ppm) bringing the world ever closer to a tipping point where global warming will be out of control. This means that most of us will soon find that we are living in an unlivable place.

Therefore the NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.

I understand all about short-termism and how it is built into our genes and where we discount the future in favour of NOW but it is now really important to plan for the future and this means your future too because if you don't you will shortly have your Kodak moment and will become totally irrelevant, as will all your shareholders with you.

Think beyond saving your pants. Think about saving mankind as only a few breeding pairs are likely to survive.

NEG power at any price tells me..."power corrupts and ultimate..."

Make no mistake we are sleep walking to oblivion.

Yours faithfully

PETER FOSTER-BUNCH

Margaret Humphrey I have invested in 41 solar panels which feed to the grid. Along with other solar users, I have saved energy companies having to build more infra structure and power stations and thus help to keep down electricity prices.

However, more people need to be able to afford renewables. The NEG is a lame duck if it does not encourage more home renewables.

Australia can do better.

Leonard Bolin Dr Margaret Humphrey I strongly urge the government to double or possibly triple their renewable energy target from the current 28-36% by 2030.

I'm in the process of design for construction of a house and I fully intend to make maximum use of renewable energy to power, heat and cool it.

nadine wantz The I am writing to you to express my concerns about the publication of the consultation paper on the National Energy Guarantee (NEG)

As currently presented, the NEG doesn't cut it; The NEG will stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia. It is designed with a target so low that it makes the policy worse than doing nothing at all on renewable energy. The NEG aims for 28-36% renewable energy by 2030 when we know, and the Homegrown Power Plan sets out how, we can get to 100%.

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Meredith	Brownhill	<p>Australia will benefit from a national energy policy that directs energy policy & usage to 100% renewable energy ASAP.</p> <p>Climate Change science frequently informs us of the urgency in taking action ASAP.</p> <p>Australia has international responsibilities to meet renewable targets.</p> <p>The National Energy Guarantee fails in these regards and will in fact retard the growth of renewable energy and the economic growth of the renewable business sector. It will retard employment growth in the electricity sector.</p> <p>The NEG fails to support and encourage home installations of solar. It should already be close to mandatory for every rooftop in the country to be have solar panels.</p> <p>Please support citizen solar initiatives plus the solar business industries and DO NOT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE DECLINING COAL INDUSTRY.</p>
Alison	Lyssa	We need a national energy policy that makes it urgent and binding for us to get to 100% renewable rapidly.
Paul	Vella	The NEG has failed, it does not create competition amongst energy retailers, prices have not come down, in fact this government has failed altogether on anything that is renewable.
Kate	Clayton	As a home solar owner, I am doing my bit to invest in a renewable energy future. I am asking you to do the same and rethink the NEG, it isn't good enough. We need policy that makes solar more accessible, more affordable and encourages all Australians to get involved.
Virginia	Bowe	The NEG does not support renewables. It supports the big retailers leading to less completion and higher prices. We need to encourage rooftop solar and other renewables to achieve lower prices and less emissions. I put solar panels on my roof last year. It has made a big difference to my electricity bills. The Government should encourage renewables.
Geraldine	Bagwell	<p>we urgently need a lot more renewable energy esp solar - on homes !!!</p> <p>much less exp and easier than snowy hydro. can be used by the generator ie me! or my neighbours if you facilitated that process easily and cheaply.</p> <p>the NEG is an extremely disappointing approach to renewable energy and should not go ahead as is!!</p>
John	Poxon	<p>Dear Mr Turnbull, or whoever in the LNP reads this. I am disgusted that you continue to promote the profits of the fossil fuel lobby and electricity generators in preference to the interests of ordinary folk. Political donations aren't everything. You should be more statesmanlike and consider the long term prosperity of this country and its citizens. I have invested in solar PV systems at two premises I own and in both cases the investment has been very worthwhile, although I accept from the viewpoint of companies generating energy from fossil fuels, that it not the case. Your continual efforts to obstruct the development of renewable energy systems is obviously - transparently an effort to prop up your fossil fuel mates and those who generate power from fossil fuels. History will not view your efforts in a positive light and ultimately, you efforts will fail. When we next go to the polls, your will pay a price at the ballot box for your failure to act responsibly.</p>

Eileen	Chapman	<p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that. •The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. •The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar. •A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market. <p>Although I am a pensioner, a few years ago I installed solar power from my savings to make a personal contribution towards reducing emissions. This commitment has also helped to lower my electricity costs.</p> <p>It is time for the Government to step up and support the solar industry and to consult with all consumers nationally, not just the big retailers whose profits are their main interest.</p>
Helen	Broadhurst	<p>I am an older Australian, dismayed at how energy prices have skyrocketed, seriously impacting us ordinary people.</p> <p>PLEASE bring some faith back by including renewables as a major, major part of any policy.</p> <p>The pollies must think we are very stupid if they really believe we believe them when they mouth policies that obviously support big business and existing broken power provision.</p> <p>Sincerely, Helen Broadhurst</p>
Fiona	Woollard	<p>As a government you need to encourage renewable energy investment. NEG is not going to do enough towards this. I borrowed money to put solar panels on my roof and our government needs to listen to the individuals who have done this. Please dont pander to the Big energy retailers. Think long term and act now</p> <p>Many Thanks Fiona Woollard</p>
Sid	French	<p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy. This should be supported, not the NEG which is a cop out giving power to big producers. I will vote on this issue.</p>

Carole Goldsmith The NEG doesn't get it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables.

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The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. Increase the target to 100%

The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar. A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.

We have had solar panels on our unit's roof for around five years and benefit from the sun by having minimal cost bills of around \$20 - 70 for the quarter reduced even further by a 45 % reduction in the costs as we pay by direct debit.

Let's aim for 100 % renewable energy from solar, wind, water, hydrogen, hydro and other renewable power.

Do not lag this country behind and strive for 100% renewable energy.

Best wishes

Carole Goldsmith
International journalist - renewable energy and business

jeff coulter we all need to support our renewable energy industry as much as possible and be leaders in this area, not stragglers. the gate was well open for us and our dithering governments have continually failed to produce a solid positive framework for business to invest and employ from. the coal lobby and industry cannot be continued to be our main consideration when developing energy policy. Renewables are the future, move with it.

Felix Ebeyer Hi Energy Security Board,
We see again how the customer doing the right thing with clean energy is getting fixed up again, why do you always want to move the goal posts, instead of 100% renewals by 2030 you are wanting to lower the figure why, do you not know there are a lot of solar customers who vote for governments who stand by their promises, Thanks Felix Ebeyer

keith petersen To Whom it may concern, For too long the government has been dragging its feet on renewable energy and particularly renewables for home owners. The NEG target is miles lower than it needs to be and gives the big retailers all the power which is very bad for Australians (remember us ? the people you work for) solar power should be available at a fair price to all Australians. The more Australians with solar roof top panels the better off we are in so many ways. These policies should cover Australia wide not leave any states out as we are one country it makes no sense not to include everyone. I myself have solar roof panels and am currently saving up to buy a battery. My contribution like many others takes pressure off the energy network and is safe and clean, making Australia a better healthier place. For a long time now we have been paid a pittance for the power we put back to the grid which is sold back to us for triple the price and more. Please take into consideration the Australian people and not the corporations for once. regards Keith Petersen

Greg and Ka Douglas My wife and I had solar panels installed several years ago.,since then, despite the ridiculous prices charged by the fossil fuel energy providers, our power bills have gone down. All Australia needs an Energy policy which supports renewables, the NEG falls down badly in this respect. It only entrenches the big retailers and will have a drastic effect on home solar power, which needs to be more affordable and accessible. The NEG offers recklessly low renewable energy targets. The government needs to do much better than this.

Brock Harrison I feel that it's important that a range of voices are heard during the consultation stage. As a consumer of electricity and the father of two vibrant teens I'm concerned that the government is ignoring the people they are elected to represent. It is in everyone's best interest that Australia, and the world, divests from polluting fossil fuels and start investing heavily in renewable energies. With the amazing leaps we've seen already in this sector (even after the carbon tax and other stimulus ideas were cut buy the LNP govt.) it would be folly to ignore the amazing possibilities.

Let's go green now before it's too late.

P.S. Energy prices have risen steeply even after the carbon tax was repealed!

Greg Mason The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.

Robert Ellison Dear Sir/Madam,
I submit the following key findings of the Ernst and Young modelling, commissioned by the Climate Council, in the hope that the National Energy Guarantee be scrapped or better still reflect the considerable need for a clean future through vastly increased renewable energy strategies and targets. Those key findings are below.

The Energy Security Board has projected that the NEG would result in 28-36% renewable energy by 2030. When compared to business as usual, 28% renewable energy in 2030 would mean:

6,600 less net jobs in the electricity sector than business as usual (8% lower employment). This reflects fewer jobs in large-scale wind and solar farm construction and operation.

Less net jobs in the electricity sector in NSW (around 3,500), Queensland (around 600), and South Australia (around 300).

2. The NEG projection was also compared to 50% renewable energy by 2030, this is considered the minimum required for Australia to have a credible climate change policy. When compared to 50% renewable energy, 28% renewable energy in 2030 would mean:

20,000 less net jobs in the electricity sector compared with 50% renewable energy (32% lower employment). This reflects fewer jobs in large-scale wind and solar farm construction and rooftop solar.

Less net jobs in the electricity sector in: New South Wales (around 9,000), Queensland (around 4,000), Victoria (around 2,800), South Australia (around 2,300) and Tasmania (around 300).

3. The 28% renewable energy NEG projection would result in negligible large-scale wind and solar construction from 2020 onwards.

As large-scale renewable energy projects are generally located in regional and rural areas, these areas would be impacted the most. The modelling projected no

Brian	Richards	<p>As a citizen of this great country, Australia I am deeply concerned that our Australian Government is not encouraging the use of solar power. The benefits to our environment and economy are so obvious. I would be greatly concerned and this certainly would influence my voting at elections if the government is being influenced by big business and vested interests by not supporting us citizens with our power costs & care of the environment.</p> <p>We want to see a responsible govt. with breadth of vision not shortsightedness.</p> <p>Brian Richards</p>
cliff	Hosking	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I am writing to encourage you as a politician to encourage you to use your influence to raise the proportion of energy provided by renewables. To me it's a no-brainer - in a country like Australia where there is so much sunshine and with a widely distributed population it would seem sensible to encourage sourcing power close to where it is needed as possible. Thus solar and wind must be encouraged by raising our percent of total power provided by renewables. This has many advantages - a government whose mantra is jobs and growth will be adding to the workforce in the electricity generation area. There will be minimal contribution to the global CO2 load in the short term and a major reduction in the long term. Large scale wind and solar projects can be decentralised providing employment outside of the Capital cities.</p> <p>Do it!!!</p> <p>The NEG should be striving for close to 50% by 2030 which is quite achievable with the right policy levers being pulled</p>
Helen	Wilson	<p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>We have a responsibility to preserve our environment for future generations. In Australia, there is no excuse for not using our plentiful renewable energy sources to their maximum advantage. The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>

Trevan	Johns	<p>This morning i listened to a podcast of the science show on ABC RN. I had no idea of the background to SA's power problems. Its very interesting to note that the lack of coal stopped trains in SA during WW2. Coal, or rather the lack of it held SA development back - They even offered a ten thousand pound reward to anyone that found coal in SA. 1870's i think. They have now moved away from their dirty brown coal and are now world leaders in renewable energy. It beggars belief that the current coalition government, led by someone that once supported solar and wind power, can exclude all the private residents trying to improve things with rooftop solar. Why not support the SA initiative and help roll it out nationally, instead of supporting the four major suppliers and their stranglehold on us all? The stored power route SA is adopting is the way to go. My solar installation is saving me money and i am looking forward to micro grids and other smart solutions, to reduce the crippling power charges we have to pay the big end of town.</p>
Darryl	Whiteside	<p>We need a full renewable energy report that includes small renewable energy companies, house hold repersenatives,all forms of renewable, Wave,Solar ,Wind, hydro Solar and batterage storage all inclusive in the report , not just the big end of town as been the case untill now.</p>
Janet	Pitty	<p>We have had a solar hot water system for over 25 years, originally in a house in Sydney and later here in Bega. . We have solar panels and plan the use of electricity in the house to avoid using grid power as much as possible. If we were not already far too old to still be around we would probably indulge in batteries and become independent of the greedy irresponsible power companies. It is long since time for the LP/NP coalition to use their brains and realise that Australia has to play its part in reducing dangerous coal-fired power use. It is only one world after all.</p>
Denise	Fitzgerald	<p>I have invested in solar panels in the last year because I believe that we need to do everything to reduce the effects of global warming. The current Beast from the East in Europe is the result of warm air over the North Pole. What other unknown consequences will there be from our continued reliance on fossil fuels? Please consider all factors, not only the short term economic, when making decisions in this space.</p>
Chris	Andersen	<p>Any attempt to inhibit the expansion of renewable energy will guarantee the abandonment of our families support for this government.</p>

bruce paterson Submission on the NEG

I see a renewable energy requirement in two ways:

1/ Heed is taken of the warnings from science, and every provision is made, either by financial incentive or legislation, to transition our grid to a zero carbon output as soon as is at all possible. This is done as a necessary insurance. Cost is not a major consideration, as it is simply a unavoidable requirement.

2/ 100% climate change denial. Pretending that coal has a long term future.

There is no halfway point. You can't 'partly' believe the science. You either understand it, and the necessary implications, or you put your head in the sand and pretend it'll go away.

Unfortunately the NEG as it stands, in trying to be fair to all parties, fails mostly in approach 1, but tries to pretend there is a halfway view, that you can say you understand the implications and necessary actions of climate change, but then do little about it.

The NEG has an completely insufficient renewable target, and is constructed so that this target perpetuates.

The NEG also insists that bids for energy supply must include dispatchable reserves. This should not actually be a requirement of individual energy suppliers at all, but more an integrated approach where sufficient dispatchable power is built into the system as a whole. For example, other suppliers could provide only large scale storage to the grid, but at a much better geographical location for that storage than say a solar-only supplier. It should not be encumbant on each individual supplier to provide storage; this could lead to an ultimately very inefficient grid. For example, batteries are great at storage, but suffer from limited lifetime, high maintenance and still high effective cost per kWh stored. Old tech pumped storage (perhaps of seawater), comes in at much lower cost, but may only be economic at large scale and in certain locations.

Sam Small Renewable energy targets need to be increased. We need to clean up our act so future generations can live without pollution and filthy air quality as we can see in places around the world already. Just take a look at China. Not only cities but the whole world is warming thanks to lack of renewable energy. Don't be behind in these important issues. Australia set an example for the rest of the world instead of following their inevitable trends towards a greener future.

Carol Wicks The NEG's low renewable targets are a joke. It's the Turnbull Government and the 4 BIG ENERGY COMPANIES getting together to stifle renewables - the common sense alternative. People and the environment before profits and pollution. Please vote against the NEG.

Helen Clemens We are in the 21st century with a federal government firmly buried in the past and fettered by its ties to old industries. Change the awful vision, support renewable energy and technical innovation. Recognise the urgent necessity of change in energy sources (and elsewhere) to enable Australia to flourish in the 22nd century. Promote market competition in energy (it's supposed to be in your DNA). Stop tilting the balance in favour of pollution. I have solar panels, not because of the rebate but for my grandchildren's future. Please raise the bar - go for AT LEAST 50% renewable energy by 2030. If you don't, the market will anyway, and you will decline further in relevance and trust.

Anne	Cleave	<p>I am very concerned about the proposed NEG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables. - The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that. - The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low. - The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. - We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar. - A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market. - I have solar panels, it was a big capital outlay but they have already paid for themselves. <p>It's time for the government to face facts and realise renewable power is the future - start to embrace solar and wind power and set targets and policies that encourage renewable energy.</p>
neville	hunter	<p>Do whatever can be done to stop this sell out of the people top expensive and dirty coal and the BIG retailers, who generally only add over 15% to the bill and do little else bar act to protect and enhance their profits. Nothing is considered that will emphasise reducing carbon in the atmosphere. Nev</p>
Gavin	Nicholson	<p>At a Federal level I am displeased with attitude of the Government towards the Renewable Energy Target. The National Energy Guarantee is the latest in a string of inadequate policy positions. Australia needs an energy policy which strongly supports renewables and sets high targets for moving away from non-renewable forms of energy.</p> <p>I have invested in solar roof top power to reduce the burden on the grid and reliance on coal fired power stations. The Government should be helping and not hindering these sorts of initiatives and maintaining a highly competitive environment for power generation and retails sale.</p>

Karen England My last bill came in \$890 for a house with two adults living in it! I am earning \$52,000 p.a. I have a mentally disabled son and am over 70. How do you think I can a) pay the bills like that, and b) get solar on my house in time for my old age when I will need it? You only look at what the rich are doing and are out of touch with the rest of us.

Your NEG plan is typical for your party. I suggest you watch the farmers on Four Corners tonight and see how useless you have been and what a lack of leadership you are demonstrating.

Your plan has the following issues:

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Karen England
AND I VOTE!!!

A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.

Dan Laws Dear Board Members,
I urge you to seriously consider the environment, the economics and the will of the electorate when considering a revised NEG!
The way of the future is alternative energy and if you want to be recognised by posterity as the people who stood in the way of progress like luddites you will ignore this advice.

Yours

Dan Laws

Georgina Bracken Voter.
We need energy target that supports 100 percent renewable energy
NEG does not support renewable energy .
We need a plan that is inclusive of all states and territories - not only those on the National Energy Market .
I have invested in solar but it seems there is no incentive or support for individuals who are trying to reduce their dependence on government energy suppliers.
Australia should be a leader in renewable energy
NEG is a failure -with apaulingly low targets and does not support renewables.
Wake up and policies that support people not entrenched power retailers.

Noel	Woodall	<p>I have recently funded solar installation to my Firms office. Prior to this I have installed solar installation to my home. I have invested in solar both for economic as well as social reasons.</p> <p>The systems I have installed has greatly reduced my dependence on the large electricity suppliers.</p> <p>It seems that the cost of energy continues to climb with alternate energy providing the only brake on the brake on the cost of same. The current NEG policy proposal falls well short of the target that can be achieved with the right Government support. The target also fails to take into account the impact of climb change on our climate.</p> <p>Now is the time for Government to stand up and been counted in supporting the growth of alternate energy!</p> <p>The time is now to set ambitious targets for the growth of roof top solar. This is an opportunity that must not be missed.</p>
Sylvia	Cooper	<p>The NEG isn't a good energy policy to support renewables because it entrenches the power of the big retailers rather than lead to more competition.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, rather than the NEG where the targets are far too low.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p>
Frank	Simpson	<p>We have done our bit by investing in solar power, now it's time for the government to do their job.</p> <p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>The Energy Security Board has published a consultation paper on the National Energy Guarantee (NEG) and I submit that:</p> <p>The renewable energy target up to 36% by 2030 is too low. We should aim for 100% renewable by a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p>
Bill	Gresham	<p>Thank you</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NEG.</p> <p>We MUST achieve 100% renewable energy in Australia (and the world) ASAP if we are not to be guilty intergenerational theft. We must dump a seriously disrupted climate on future generations. The NEG doesn't consider this imperrative; we need an energy policy that will achieve 100% renewables.</p> <p>The NEG seems to just entrench the power of the big retailers who seem to be deliberately delaying to transition to renewables.</p> <p>The NEG MUST NOT go ahead in its present form.</p>
Doug	Stuckey	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>THE NEG could be the platform that supports renewables for households to assist in the slow pace of salary improvement.</p> <p>Surely it would make sense to promote renewables to the public, rather that watch the big four energy companies continue to invest in poles and wires which will become obsolete in the near future. The ROI of energy companies is slated to ensure high profits.</p> <p>When will the government wake up to this. I believe that there will be a change of government if the current policies continue.</p> <p>Dr Doug Stuckey - Sunshine Coast</p>

Elia	green	<p>I have solar power on my home roof, and most of the time make more power than i consume. It seems such a simple idea to harness power from the sun when we have so much here in Australia. We are looking at putting in batteries so we dont have to deal with the big 4 dirty energy producers.</p> <p>The NEG will stifle the growth of renewable energy in Australia. It is designed with a target so low that it makes the policy worse than doing nothing at all on renewable energy. The NEG aims for 28-36% renewable energy by 2030 when we know, and the Homegrown Power Plan sets out how, we can get to 100%. The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p>
Robert Marie	Gray Scholes	<p>Please do something for the good of the people, not just your greed.</p> <p>As climate change progresses it is increasingly obvious that Australia needs a national renewable energy plan that really works. The energy target in the NEG is far too low to be effective.</p> <p>As an owner of solar energy, I put a considerable amount of the power I generate back into the grid, and the adoption of the Homegrown Power Plan would enhance the efforts that I, and many others, are already making. We do this because we are concerned citizens willing to make a personal investment. As our government, you have a responsibility to shoulder your share of the burden.</p>
Simon	duff	<p>I urge you to give serious consideration to backing the Homegrown Power Plan as one of the ways for Australia to become a fully energy-renewable country.</p> <p>We live in a country rich in renewable energy and a utility grid that is outdated and in need of desperate overhauling which is going to raise the cost of electricity even more. Incentives for renewable energy should be improved and at worst maintained but definitely not reduced. Every person in Australia wants to embrace renewable energy so LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE !!!</p>
Dom	Niemeyer	<p>The NEG doesn't cut it; we need an energy policy that will support renewables</p> <p>The policy should not entrench the power of the big retailers and should lead to more competition, the NEG doesn't do that.</p> <p>The Homegrown Power Plan sets out how we can get to 100% renewable energy, but the NEG doesn't put us on the right track – the targets are far too low.</p> <p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution. We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>If you have solar – tell your solar story and how you've done your bit by investing in solar power, now it's time for the government to do their job</p>
Lisa	Toby	<p>The NEG's recklessly low renewable target threatens Australia's solar rooftop revolution.</p> <p>We need a policy that makes solar more accessible & affordable and encourages more Australians to take up solar.</p> <p>A national energy policy should be truly national and include all states and territories, not just those on the National Energy Market.</p> <p>Just get real once and for all</p>