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To whom it may concern,

Re: Review of the Renewable Energy Target

In relation to the current review of the Renewable Energy Target, I would like to offer my thoughts from a small renewable/sustainable retail perspective.

I have been operating my retail business on the Sth Coast of NSW for 7 years. We sub-contract the installation of solar hot water and grid connect solar systems in our region and have installed a large variety of domestic and commercial systems over this period. Throughout the 7 years we have seen an enormous change and fluctuation within the industry as state and federal policies and legislative arrangements have appeared to change on whim. This has led to a boom and bust environment in which we try to navigate whilst still remaining positive about the future of the industry. The RET mechanism has been one of the few constants in this equation. I would encourage this review to increase and extend the RET to 2020 or beyond to generate a level of certainty within the renewables sector and to also demonstrate a serious commitment to the growing task of minimising the effects of climate change. Whilst our country is under increasing economic pressures from many quarters, let us make policies for the long game not for short political gain. Please show leadership and vision by building on something that currently works well instead of drifting off into the policy wilderness of everchanging legislative sugar hits followed by the coal lobby induced headsman's axe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Scobie".

STUART SCOBIE

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*Facts for the curious: A Solar HWS saves 3-4 tonnes of greenhouse gas per year!