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## **Solar Citizens Federal Election 2016 Policy Priorities**

**Solar Citizens priorities for the Federal Election are:**

### **100% renewable power by 2030**

The Homegrown Power Plan shows how we can power Australian homes and businesses with 100% renewable electricity by 2030. Not only is a move to 100% renewable energy practical and achievable, it will mean a better, fairer power system and lower electricity bills for everyone.

***Will you commit to a goal of 100% renewable power (electricity only) by 2030?***

**YES**

### **Building more big solar through supporting reverse auctions.**

Australia needs to build big solar and storage in the right places, for the right price. And the best way to get it done is with national reverse auctions. Reverse auctions have a proven track-record in the ACT, which is set to deliver 100% renewables by 2020.

***Will you commit to holding regular national clean energy reverse auctions from 2017?***

**YES**

### **Create a national fair price for solar**

Australia is leading the world when it comes to solar installation with more than 1.5 million households already embracing solar to power their homes. We need to ensure a fair return on investment for surplus energy that they feedback to the grid. Currently solar households get paid a shocking 20% of the price charged by big power companies.

***Will you commit to establishing and coordinating a national feed-in tariff recognising the contribution solar households make to the grid?***

**YES**

### **Fund community owned power**

Not everyone can install solar on their rooftop. That's why we need a federally funded Community Powerhouses program that kickstarts local, community renewable energy

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projects in towns and suburbs across the country allowing more households to benefit from clean, affordable energy.

**Will you commit to establishing a federally funded Community Powerhouses program in the next term of government?**

YES

**Protect and expand the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) and the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)**

These bodies have played an integral role in ensuring Australia does not fall behind globally when it comes to the expansion of solar and renewable energy. The Homegrown Power Plan recommends an increase in ARENA funding from \$1.3 billion to \$2 billion and restoring ARENA's grant making function.

The CEFC should also be strengthened, with more choice provided to the agency about what projects it invests in by lowering how much interest it charges on the loans it makes.

**Will you commit to protecting and expanding the CEFC and ARENA?**

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YES



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