

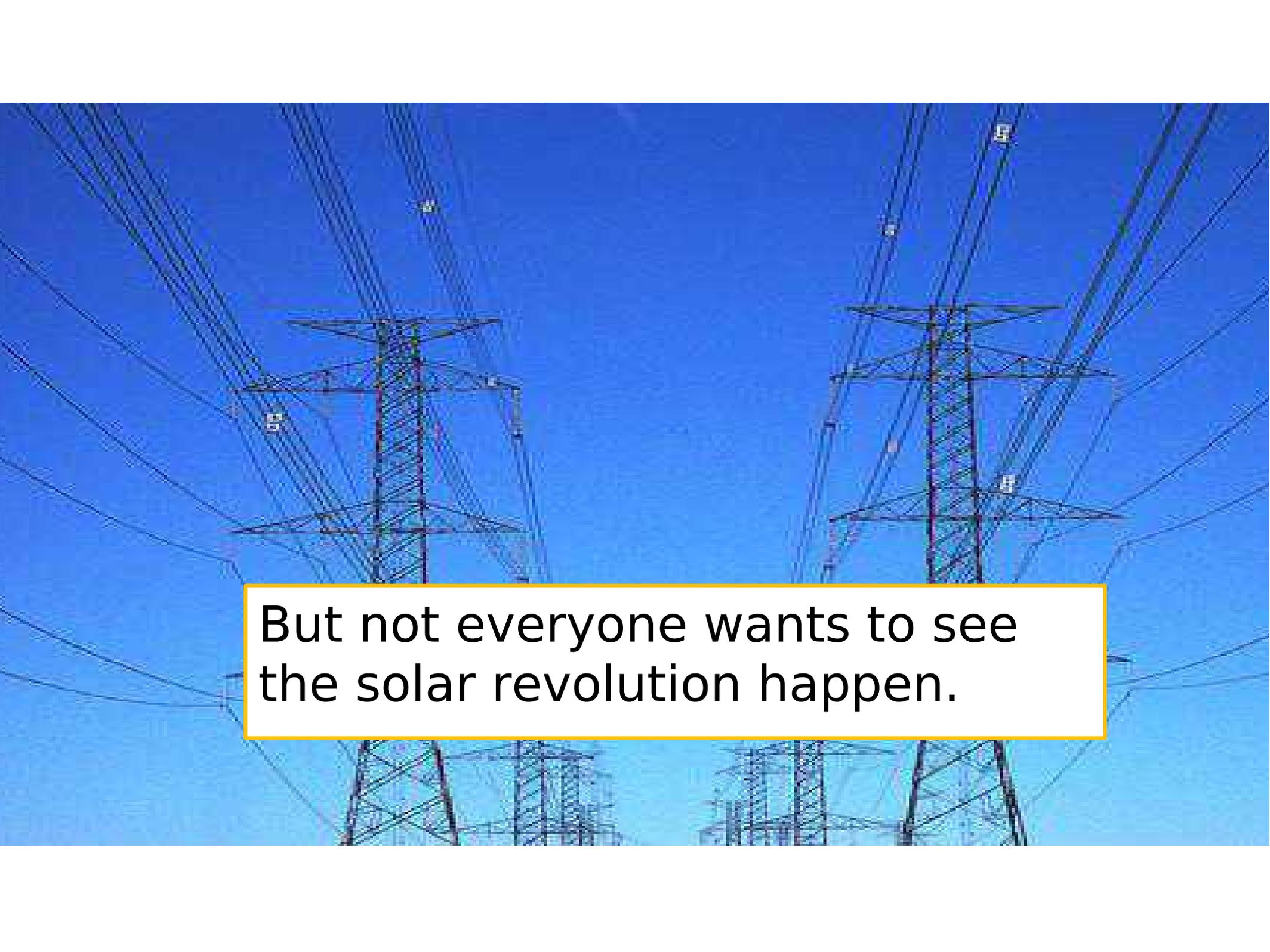
A family of five is standing in front of a house with solar panels on the roof. From left to right: an older man in a black t-shirt and jeans, a woman in a striped shirt, a young girl in a grey t-shirt that says "DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY", a man in a grey polo shirt, and a young boy in a blue sports uniform holding a red and white striped cricket bat. A light-colored dog is lying on the grass in the foreground. The house has a corrugated metal roof with several solar panels. A green tarp is visible on the right side of the house.

**Solar Citizens.
The story so far...**



The solar revolution is underway!
Over 1.3 million homes now have
solar PV on their roofs.

Here in VIC 220,000 homes are
powered by solar!



But not everyone wants to see
the solar revolution happen.

Big power companies are deeply threatened by solar and are trying to find ways to stop it.



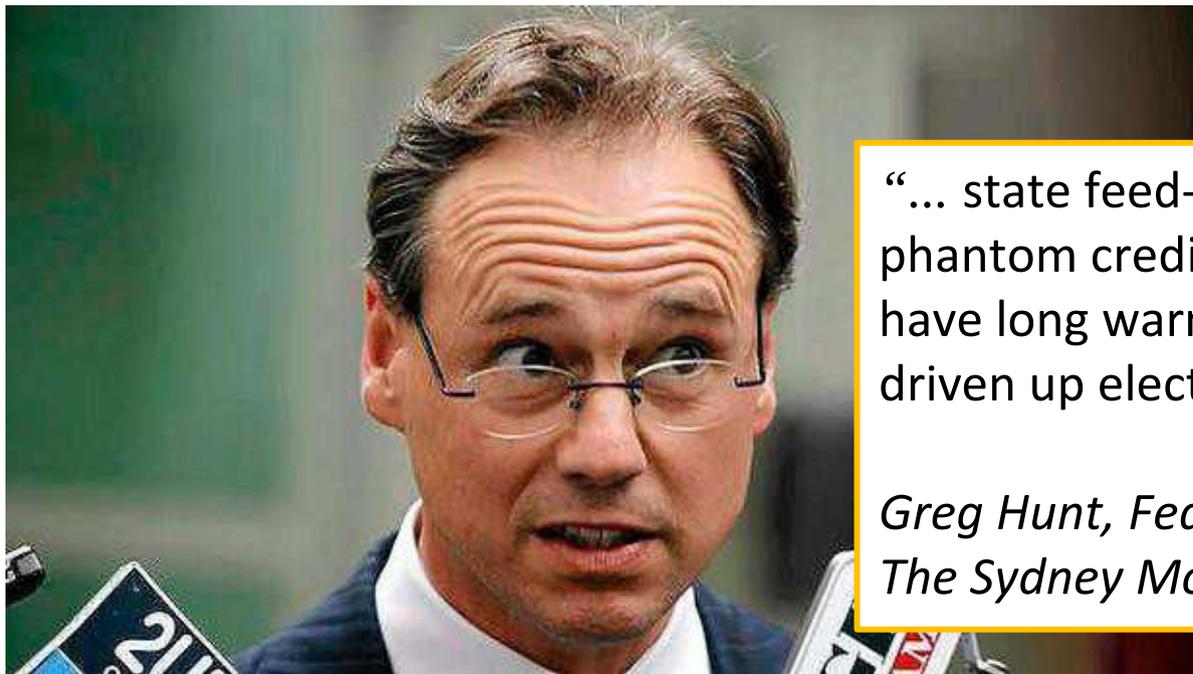


“Solar has, in my view, had a terrible impact on consumers and has been overstimulated by feed-in tariffs.... **It’s just wrong.**” (Herald Sun, 01/06/13)

“The RET legislation is **unrealistic and needlessly pushing up energy prices** and adding to sovereign risk in Australia.” (ABC, last week)

- *Grant King, Managing Director, Origin*

They are influencing some of our politicians....



“... state feed-in tariffs and the federal ALP's phantom credits scheme, both of which we have long warned against, have needlessly driven up electricity prices,”

*Greg Hunt, Federal Environment Minister.
The Sydney Morning Herald, 19 Dec 2012*

**AND THAT'S WHY
SOLAR CITIZENS WAS FORMED**



Because while the big power companies are strong, there are now 4+ million people who have a direct investment in our solar future, and millions more who want it.

On May 14 2013 Solar Citizens launched nationally on Sunrise breakfast.





Since then we have grown to 50,000 solar owners, supporters and workers Australia wide. This has been through online and community activities and local and national media.













Stop QLD solar discrimination

UPDATE: Following an outcry from Solar Citizens and other solar owners across the state, the QLD government is already backing down. On Tuesday, 4 June, Premier Newman talked about solar fees on 4BC radio. He said that "A deal is a deal... we will not fiddle with that. If they've qualified, if they're part of the scheme, they will get their 44 cents. The other commitment I make this afternoon is that we won't be imposing some special tax or levy on those people with a panel."

So you're clearly making an impact!

But, we need to make sure he doesn't back on his word. That's why we need to continue standing together to ensure there is no discrimination to solar owners—current or future. A decision on solar in Queensland is imminent in the next few weeks, so we need to build pressure now!

Sign the petition below and share with your friends to let Newman know that we won't let him go back on his word.



Will you sign?

First Name

Last Name

Email

Mobile

- Send me email updates
- Send me text message updates
- Don't publish my name on the website
- I want to volunteer

ADD SIGNATURE

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QLD VERSUS NSW

SUNCORP STADIUM, TONIGHT
Estimated kick-off: 8.15pm
TV: Live on Channel 9 TattsBet: Queensland \$1.49, NSW \$2.70

Former Maroons captain Darren Lockyer runs his eye over the combatants



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DON'T LET PREMIER NEWMAN BLOCK OUT THE SUN

With power bills rising, it's no wonder so many Queenslanders have turned to the sun. 300,000 households and businesses have invested over \$2.2 billion in solar to manage energy costs.

But now, Premier Campbell Newman is trying to block Queenslanders' access to cheaper power from the sun. He's blaming solar for recent electricity price hikes. But, over 70% of these increases are due to over-investment in poles and wires - investment the government makes massive profits from.

WANT TO TAKE POWER OVER YOUR POWER BILLS? JOIN SOLARCITIZENS.ORG.AU

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PREMIER NEWMAN says he has a plan for solar but the details are secret. Premier, please make sure your plan lets all Queenslanders access the benefits of the sun.

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Homeowners and green groups are outraged at the State Government slashing solar electricity feedback tariffs. *Source: Supplied*

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THE WA Government's decision to slash solar panel electricity tariffs has outraged WA homeowners and Green groups.



In the State Budget yesterday the Barnett Government's solar panel scheme

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THREE men will front court today on burglary and stealing charges following a land and air search in Armadale yesterday.

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DETECTIVES uncovered a hydroponic drug setup in Brentwood yesterday afternoon, seizing 15 cannabis plants in their search.

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Don't tax the sun



"Solar-powered households face higher fees to use grid" read this weeks headline in The Australian. "Australia's one million households with rooftop solar photovoltaic panels face the prospect of higher charges to use the poles and wires that distribute electricity" it went on.

The article was about a new report by the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) – one of the main organisations in charge of our energy system. The AEMC is bowing to big power companies and claiming that solar homes are being subsidised by other energy consumers.

That's right. **They are recommending taxing the sun.**

The simple fact is that the AEMC is wrong. The main driver behind power bill price rises is investment in network poles and wires – not solar homes. But when it comes to the big power companies' war on solar, it looks like the facts don't matter.

Will you sign?

First Name

Last Name

Email

Mobile

- Send me email updates
- Send me text message updates

Address

- Don't publish my name on the website
- I want to volunteer

DON'T TAX the SUN

Dear Prime Minister, State Premiers and Energy Ministers,

Recently, the Australian Energy Market Commission recommended increasing penalties and tariffs to solar owners – in effect, taxing the sun.

This sun tax is outrageous – over 1 million families in Australia have made the move to solar to take control of their energy production and reduce their energy bills. It's unfair that families who have done the right thing would be penalised in any way.

Solar is not what is driving up electricity costs. Investment in poles, wires and dying technologies are. Instead of a sun tax, you should look at the best way to deal with those network costs, which are, in truth, the real costs increases that are hurting all Australians.

Solar energy is the energy production of the future, growing internationally and rising rapidly here in Australia. We should be increasing investment in solar – not penalising families and letting big power companies dictate our energy future.

Signed,

*27,200+ concerned
solar owner & lovers*



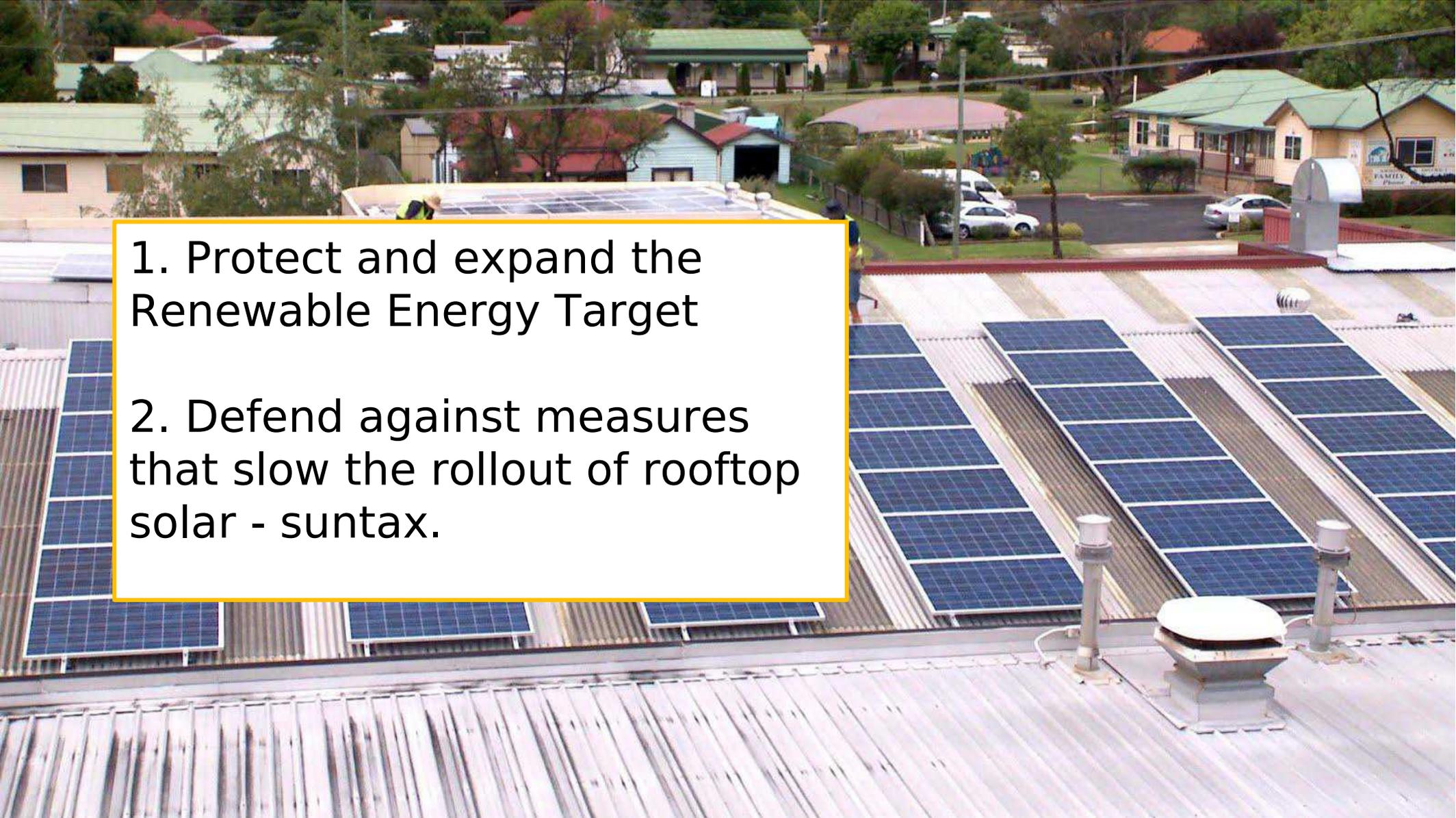
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Campaign priorities 2014...

1. Protect and expand the Renewable Energy Target
2. Defend against measures that slow the rollout of rooftop solar - suntax.





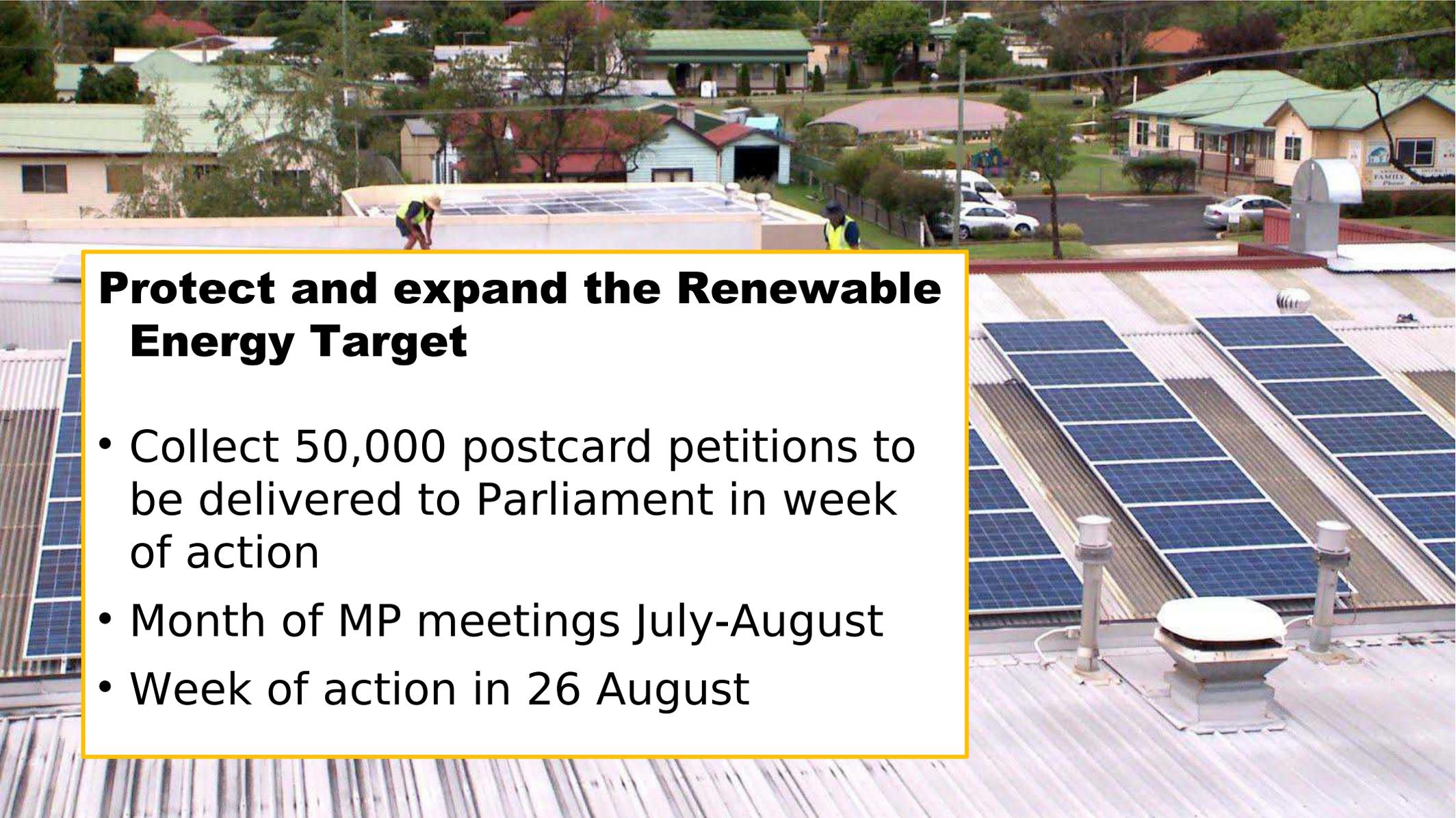
Questions

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What is the plan?

Protect and expand the Renewable Energy Target

- Collect 50,000 postcard petitions to be delivered to Parliament in week of action
- Month of MP meetings July-August
- Week of action in 26 August



What can you do?

1. Spread the word and build numbers

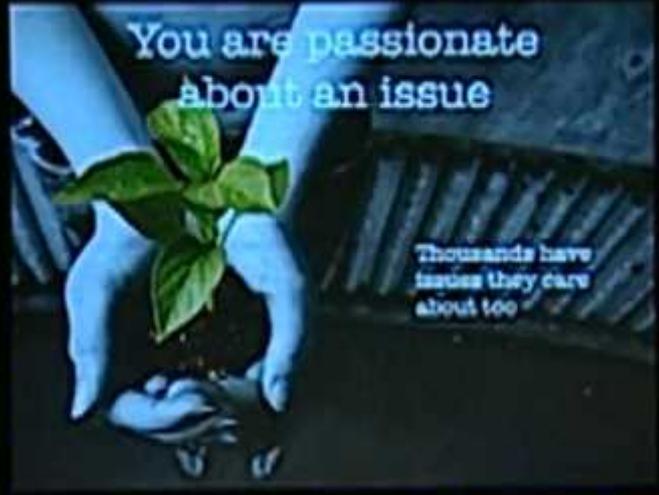
- Share the postcards on your seat with two solar owners/neighbours/ friends.
- Share what you've learnt tonight about what's really happening with solar.

2. Join the Meet Your MP month in July

- We'll be in touch to help you do it.

3. Join the state team

- Work on national campaigns and state based issues like the sun tax



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Ricky Muir, Senator-elect



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- Who you are
- Why you support solar
- What you would like them to do

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

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New Volunteers

- The Solar Citizens VIC state team meets regularly, and works to drive forward solar campaigns in Victoria.
- **Come to the meeting to welcome new volunteers on Thursday 10th July.**
- We hope you can join us!



**Keep
Solar
Strong!**



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