

***Email submission received on 11 November from Mr Chris Andrew, CEO,
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For the record, I would welcome the following suggestion be duly recorded:

Extension of the Australian “solar credits” scheme to Pacific nations.

In order to stimulate the uptake of small-scale Renewable Energy technologies in the Pacific region, I propose Australia extend the “solar credit” scheme to countries involved in the PACERPlus negotiations. The mechanism not only provide simple financial incentive for Pacific Islanders to take up such technologies, it also provides a stimulus for Australian renewable energy firms to (further) expand their market platform to the Pacific region. The opportunity comes about as recently revised legislation by the Government has removed the subsidy for small-scale solar installations (and other renewable energy sources) and implemented a “solar credit” scheme (see attached Fact Sheet from Department of Climate Change). Presently the scheme only applies to renewable generation in Australia (regulated by the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator).

Extending the solar credits to the Pacific may present a low-cost vehicle for Australia to assist in greater development of small-scale renewable generation in the region.

Regards,
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