

**This petition of concerned citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House
The discriminatory nature and inconsistency of the Ministerial Ruling of 2010 by the Hon
Jenny Macklin MP, the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and
Indigenous Affairs that pensioners who installed household solar panels for domestic
power supply and who have some excess power available for return to the grid must
have the value of the feed-in power assessed as income for the purposes of
determining the Commonwealth pension payable, leading to an effective tax of 50% on
the value of the feed-in power payment for those pensioners on a part-pension.
This ruling conflicts with ATO tax ruling that such non-commercial solar systems
are not considered to be to be installed for the purpose of generating income
and any payment received from the energy supplier is not taxable
We therefore ask the House to request the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, the Minister for
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to reverse this Ruling to
conform with the ATO ruling and to assist those pensioners who have installed solar
systems in good faith in accordance with Government promotion**

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