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## **Flawed argument could discourage home solar uptake**

Modern Solar, one of Australia's leading installers of solar power photovoltaic (PV) systems, has rejected suggestions by the Moreland Energy Foundation that *"people installing solar are actually reducing the amount of renewable energy installed in Australia."*

"Leaving aside the complex and difficult issue of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), the simple fact is that installing solar PV on your roof is good for the environment and great for the family budget," Laurie Mallia, CEO of Modern Solar said.

"We should be doing all we can to encourage Australian households to install renewable energy generating systems.

"Solar is one of the few proven, concrete and direct measures Australians can take to reduce their impact on carbon emissions.

"Every hour of power from such as solar means one hour not needed from dirty sources such as coal.

"There are also massive cost savings for an average household over the life of a solar PV system; our customers constantly tell us how glad they are to have installed home solar systems and how much they are saving on their power bills," Mr Mallia said.

"While we will always have debates about the make-up of Government support and rebate packages, we must be careful to avoid misguided comments that can have unintended consequences.

"The proposed solar credit scheme does certainly have some issues but we have been stunned that anyone would actively discourage householders from taking up solar technology," Mr Mallia said.

"As a responsible nation, we should be actively encouraging Australians to install renewable energy technology such as solar PV systems."

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*Modern Solar is part of The Modern Group - an Australian company employing around 700 people nationally. Its solar power photovoltaic (PV) systems convert sunlight directly to electricity using solar panels or solar cells mounted on rooftops. The electricity is used to provide power to homes, thus reducing electricity bills, greenhouse gas emissions and consumers' contributions to climate change.*