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RE: Housing assessments

Dear Sir / Madam

Whilst they do not impact me directly, I object most strongly to the proposals to require energy assessments on existing homes.

The grounds for my objection are that this proposal is detrimental to the economic welfare of thousands of Australian families who are doing it tough.

Already these families are required to insulate their homes before they can sell, Fit 2 RCDs, what a crock that is when the state housing do not comply, connect to a sewer if that has been laid since the house was built and provide a white ant certificate.

While all these things are desirable objectives, to force compliance is nothing less than arrogance by a well heeled elite who do not know what it means to not even be able to pay an electricity bill.

If a typical home built before 1990 comes on the market with a poor assessment, it will obviously either have to be sold at a huge discount or may even prove unsaleable. At a time when it is very difficult to sell a home at all, to put a further impediment in place is unconscionable and amounts to kicking someone when they are down.

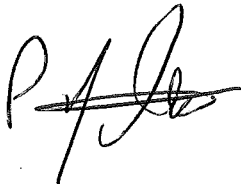
Already, at a time when housing affordability is at an all time low, climate change fanatics have put requirements in place for new housing that adds thousands to the initial costs, and the proposed carbon tax will add thousands more.

This proposal is one more nail in the coffin of the great Australian dream of owning your own home.

I notice in the report I read that your spokesperson Ms Pacifici claimed the moves would have 'minimal but positive outcomes' which is true if you have plenty of money but to those struggling to manage and who have to sell their homes they are nothing short of oppression.

To make energy assessments mandatory on new homes is arrogance enough but to make them retrospective is an outrage.

Yours Faithfully

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Peter White