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From the perspective of public housing tenants, this group offers the following thoughts on energy efficiency improvements.

- Security lights in all unit complexes (public and private) should be converted to solar power.
- The State government should institute replacement of electric hot water systems immediately – not replace any existing electric systems that wear out, with similar electric ones.
- Federal / State government should institute a 'No Interest Loan' or subsidy for low income people (particularly families) to enable replacement of white goods, upgrading to energy efficient models.
- Federal / State government should add a rebate system for double-glazing to the Energy Efficient Homes Package. (Having been fortunate enough to have insulation and double-glazing installed in my attached-house, I have not needed to use a heater even once through the winter.)
- Public housing tenants are unable to access rebates offered for solar hot water, and though eventually existing electric systems will be replaced, is a change of policy needed?

Regional Tenant Groups such as this one remind tenants, through our newsletters, about the need for energy efficiency and conservation. Advertisements are seen on the TV. Is it possible that Centrelink, or other Government Departments, could include leaflets with their mail-outs?

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