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Dear Anthony Albanese, Peter Dutton & Adam Bandt,

As leaders of Australia's major political parties, we're calling on you to help us seize the sun by driving the next big wave of rooftop solar and storage.

Millions of Aussie families are already enjoying the benefits of our world-beating sunshine, with one in three households saving an average of \$1,500 a year off their energy bills thanks to rooftop solar¹.

But there are millions more Aussie families and businesses who aren't yet sharing these benefits.

As one of the sunniest continents in the world, Australia has so much more potential to roll out rooftop solar and storage to millions more Aussie homes and businesses. In fact, doubling our rooftop solar capacity this decade will mean we can slash household bills *and* climate pollution across the country, while we add massive amounts of clean, affordable energy to the grid.

We can achieve this by:

- Bringing the benefits of solar to people living in social housing
- Making sure all new homes and commercial buildings have solar from day one
- Supporting businesses to install solar at much faster rates
- Deploying more household and community-scale batteries to store excess solar power

Accelerating the rollout of rooftop solar and batteries in our suburbs, cities and towns is the next critical step in Australia's energy transformation, enabling more Aussies to cut electricity bills, have greater control over their energy needs, and slash climate pollution.

And a clear majority of Aussies agree: 69% support the Federal Government making a major national investment in rooftop solar and storage².

Now, we need all parties to back the [Aussie Solar Drive](#), so that millions more households and many more businesses can enjoy cheap, abundant clean power, and we can slash climate pollution to deliver a safer future for our kids.

What are we waiting for? It's time to seize the sun!

We look forward to your positive response,

Sincerely,

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¹ Seize the Sun: How to Supercharge Australia's Rooftop Solar, Climate Council (2024), Accessed at: <https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/resources/seize-the-sun/>

² YouGov poll for Climate Council (August 2024)