



12 July, 2007

The Hon John Howard MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: ICANZ Initiative – Insulation Rebate for Existing Homes

You are no doubt already aware through DEWR of AREMA's ongoing efforts to improve operating efficiencies and meet changing compliance levels for our member companies' wide range of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration products. Working closely with AGO and having achieved significant improvements over the past few years in particular, we are well aware of the need to ensure that the broader installation and environmental conditions allow for the benefits of these gains to be fully realised – including through better housing designs and installation methods.

We have been working closely with ICANZ regarding their recent initiatives in researching and compiling very compelling statistical evidence concerning the significant pay-back available from an early commencement of the above \$500 per home rebate scheme. Whilst the full benefits of home insulation is not necessarily well known to consumers, it is obvious from available data that this is one of the most critical elements of the broader energy efficiency formula – which has been confirmed by the recent Productivity Commission Inquiry and the Task Group Report.

We urge the Government to take further initiatives with this crucial matter and approve an early start to the above rebate proposal.

Yours Sincerely

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