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SPOTLIGHT TURNED ON SOLAR PANEL DEBACLE

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After the NSW Government's announcement on 27 October 2010 that they will slash solar feed in tariffs from 60c to 20c per kilowatt, the spotlight should now turn towards homes being thermal efficient in their design, Australian Living says.

Cameron Rosen from Australian Living says: "A home which is rated eight stars for thermal comfort is estimated to require around 70 per cent less energy to heat and cool the home to that of a BASIX committed home.

"An eight star home is estimated to have stable temperatures between 17 and 24 degrees 95 per cent of the time. So instead of needing an artificial heater or air conditioner you may only need to put on a jumper during winter or turn on the ceiling fan on a hot day in summer.

According to Rosen this is compelling reason to start designing and building homes that have thermal comfort at the core and truly reduce the need for high energy usage.

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