

Minimum feed-in tariff review 2021-22

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Email submission

Subject: Tariff review

The minimum feed in tariff should be increased.

We installed solar panels in 2012. at a great expense and originally got 32 cents rebate. Now we will only receive a fraction of that. The panels have not yet recouped the cost of installing them. We are now pensioners and the cost of utilities is ever increasing. We used to make enough on our panels to have an excess in summer and spring. Now our rebate covers only a small percentage of our bills. We try very hard to minimise our power usage and in fact, as a couple, often use less than the average single person uses.

The electricity we produce is worth less and less, our prices have gone up considerably since the instillation. The money goes to the company not the producer. Yet the company can resell our electricity that we produce at a higher price. They are the winners not the producers with panels. This extremely unjust. Your report says that if the tariff is the same rate as electricity prices the companies would need to increase their prices to cover costs. I agree that they may incur a cost, which should be covered, but their prices compared to the rebate are many times the cost of the rebate.

Your report seems to be very concerned about the cost to the electricity provider rather than the cost to the ratepayer who has forked out a considerable amount of money to purchase solar panels for a very little return.

Your report does not specify the costs for human health due to air pollution as their was evidence or data . I put it to you that there is much evidence available on the high costs to human beings health and well being due to air pollution.

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We would like to invest in solar batteries to overcome all these problems and keep the money that our panels produce but at present the batteries are too expensive and we have not yet made a profit from our panels.

Your proposal for the new tariffs is 7.1 for all times, off peak 7.1 shoulder 6.5 and week days peak 3-9 11.7 . This would encourage people to use their washing machines etc during the peak times which result in them using up all their solar electricity and put more pressure on the grid at peak times. Powershop is asking people on certain hot days to reduce their electricity during peak times by not using their airconditioner etc. as they are afraid there will be a power failure as the grid cannot cope.

Your report says that the Corona virus will likely lead to a fall in electricity prices. News reports and reports from charities said that most people had a very large increase in their power and gas bills as a result of people working from home and children undergoing home schooling and the increased use of heating and cooling and computer use. How can you say that there will be a fall in prices?

We need to fight climate change to help prevent bushfires and floods for the sake of the world and our children and grandchildren's future. We need to encourage a more sustainable renewable forms of energy. Raising the rebate on panels and batteries will encourage more people to buy these.

I am extremely disappointed that the panel has come to the conclusion to lower the rates instead of increasing them.

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Subject: Engage Victoria enquiry: Minimum FiT 2021-22

The commission is overly concerned over the effect of the price of electricity for big companies. They argue that the price of electricity is going down because of reduced energy demand of commercial and industrial usage. However there has been a massive increase in household use due to people working from home and home schooling which in these uncertain times of Covid is likely to continue on and off. This has shifted the cost of electricity to households which can ill afford it. There has been a very large increase in the cost of electricity to households many of whom have solar panels. There should therefore be a large increase in the rebate.

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Thank you

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