

This submission is to express our strong concern at the Essential Services Commission's proposal to reduce the minimum flat rate feed-in tariff from the current extremely low 3.3c per kilowatt hour to 0.04c. Origin Energy currently charges 30cents per Kilowatt hour for consumers to buy electricity from them. So in effect we currently sell the electricity at 3.3cents and buy electricity from them at 30 cents per kilowatt hour. Origin pays us one tenth (3.3cents) of what they charge us (30cents) to buy it back. With the proposed flexible rate for feed-in, the return to consumers could be as low as zero cents per kilowatt hour under the Essential Services Commission's proposal.