Minimum Feed-in Tariff Review 2025-26

Submission received on our draft decision paper on minimum feed-in tariff review 2025-26

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Submission to pricing team inbox:

I am a private individual who had a new solar system installed on my roof about 18 months ago, my previous system having ground to a halt. My new system is a nominal 11.2 kwh and, especially at this time of year, it generates far in excess of what I can use during the day.

I have read your review of the feed-in tariff structure and as a layman can find little to argue about. However it leads me to think about the purpose of incentives and what they are designed to achieve. The underlying principle is that we wish to transition to clean, renewable energy and reduce the pollution of our planet as quickly as possible.
The incentives for retail customers to install solar panels have clearly worked and are now effectively non-existent.

The amount of feed-in electricity during the day is almost posing a new problem as it is skewing the production of energy, to the extent that the Federal Opposition is talking about using this as an excuse to lower renewable energy targets.

The answer is for governments now to subsidise the installation of batteries so that households retain their excess energy production and use it when they are presently dependent on the

grid. This would make rooftop solar a more important factor in the overall production of energy, reduce transmission losses and modify the overall size of the grid that we need for the future.

I realise that the ESC cannot dictate government policy but I hope that subsidies for batteries can be recommended.

Yours faithfully

David Witham