

Minimum feed-in tariff review 2020-21

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On 3 December 2019, we published our draft decision for the Minimum feed-in tariff review 2020-21. This draft decision paper asks stakeholders for their views on our proposed minimum feed-in tariff for 2020-21.

1. What do you think of the proposed minimum feed-in tariff for 2020-21?

I've just installed (September) a solar system that I don't expect to pay me back in 7 years - in fact it's likely to be 10 years if I'm lucky to get payback at the current rate.

My main focus was on reducing my greenhouse gas emissions (so that will remain no matter what the tariff), but also to ensure I was paying less in preparation for my retirement in a few years time.

I've also just been researching the installation of extra panels facing north west to extend the generation of my panels (which face mostly north east) to ensure a better spread of power.

I'd be extremely disappointed if my payments for exported solar were to drop by 16% just months after installation, and after extending myself to have a system capable of supplying winter energy, with enough to help offset the costs in summer by providing power to the many adjacent houses that have no solar systems and high air-conditioner use.

I feel that existing feed-in tariffs should be grandfathered in, or at least maintained for a minimum of 7 years (typical payback time, but less than my likely payback time due to the expense of my installation).