Minimum feed-in tariff review 2021-22

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From 17 November 2020, we began accepting submissions on our Minimum feed-in tariff review 2021-22 via Engage Victoria (www.engage.vic.gov.au). On this website, people were given the opportunity to send us a response to a set of questions we provided.

1.   **Do you agree with the proposed single and time-varying feed-in tariff rates?**

        No.

2.   **Are you being notified by your retailer of changes to the feed-in tariff with enough time to look at other offers?**

        I don't know.

3.   **Do you have any comments about your answer?**

        We have recently added solar to our house and not received the first bill. However, the same company did provide us with notification in our previous house where we also installed a solar system.

4.   **Do you agree with our decision to require retailers to notify solar customers of changes to their feed-in tariff rate before the change takes effect?**

        Yes.

5.   **Please describe any other matters you want us to consider in our review or to raise with us.**

There is a large discrepancy between the feed in tariff and the amount we are being charged. We were informed that once we had our solar installed, we must go onto a peak and non-peak plan. We now pay $0.40+ per kilowatt at peak times but will be lucky to receive $0.10 as a feed in. In addition, there is a daily service fee.

A drop in a feed in tariff without a drop in electricity prices will actually be in an increase in our electricity bill and will mean it will take even longer for the system to pay for itself.

My suggestion would be to make the feed in tariff a % of the cost per kilowatt or that any power I use from the grid is offset by power I generate and then I would be happy with a lower rate of feed in. That is if I use 4 kilowatts from the grid but generate 5, I only get paid for 1 kilowatt. Similarly, if I use 4 and only generate 3, I pay for the extra at the retail cost.

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