

Minimum feed-in tariff review 2021-22

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Submission written by: Roland Adkins

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Your comments on this draft decision:

Why is the low income card rebate calculated after the FIT rebate has been removed from the bill? For example I might have a bill of \$10 and have generated \$8 in FIT but the card discount is only calculated on \$2. Surely the idea of the FIT is to pay for the power generated and it should be irrelevant if the person has a low income card and therefore the reduction granted by the card should be on the \$10 spent on electricity.

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We already run appliances whenever possible during the day and select time and day to run appliances based on both weather reports and visual inspections. We have a field of vision of kilometres so will make a decision to run the washing based on what is on the horizon! Last year the FIT was reduced, while at the same time, energy prices increased which leads me to two observations/questions. My power bill, due to increasing prices, is approximately the same since installing panels and it is only the FIT which means I am recouping the cost of the system. Why should the FIT be reduced now when there is a greater disparity between the FIT and electricity prices now than there was a year ago? More importantly it seems archaic to be setting FIT prices a year in advance when wholesale prices change daily. Why can't FIT prices be adjusted every 3 to 6 months to better reflect wholesale prices?

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The 'true' value of solar is a value judgement and not definitive. My understanding is that the ESC has been tasked with, 'promoting the long-term interests of Victorian consumers' of which 375 thousand of these households have outlaid a significant amount on Solar. Why are these consumers less worthy of consideration and support than others? Apparently you are happy to lower the fit in order to lower prices for non-solar customers but in doing so my power bill, on projection, will have almost doubled in the space of two years. I am a consumer, I am a low income card holder, so why are you prepared to create a situation where I will pay significantly more for power? Given power prices did not drop when the FIT was reduced from 12 cents to 10.2, how can you justify dropping it to 7.1 in the space of two years when the 'true' value of solar is, to an extent, a value judgement? Surely the movement downward can be reduced more slowly to lessen the impact on solar investors?