Minimum feed-in tariff review 2022-23

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From 2 December 2021, we began accepting submissions on our Minimum feed-in tariff review 2022-23 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.

Are there any other matters relevant to the review we should consider?

What other factors people considered when choosing to invest in solar and that would be the return on the infrastructure cost. Our aim was to negate having a bill. We started with a small system when 60c was being paid. this made little difference to our bill despite what we were told at the time. we added more panels, lost the 60c feed in as a result and we're told the feed in amount would match what we paid for use. This was what we expected which is why we put the money in. After 12 months the feed in Tarif was reduced again. We based our purchase decision on what we told unaware the Tariff could change again. Our solar system has cost us money to instal and maintain so we can generate power for others when not using it yet we get pittance for it. It has been a bit of a con job in our opinion and I think we could buy a fair bit of electricity for what we paid. Now we are getting less with this proposal, it's just another kick in the guts. Recently a solar installer told me if I wanted to add more panels to negate a bill, I had to replace all the existing ones so it seems the only way we can try and break even is to get a higher Tarif. Even if we did add more panels the cost would just mean we are further behind as it would take way too long for us to get our money back. Am I getting paid the same as other sources of generation? How would I know you talk about a wholesale price, so what is it. You can probably buy a fair bit of electricity for the money we have put into our system. Do we want to be green, yes, do we want to reduce pollution, yes but do I want to invest in a deal to lose, no, it needs to be a win win and it hasn't been that for us.