Minimum feed-in tariff review 2021-22

Submission received through Engage Victoria

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From 17 November 2020, we began accepting submissions on our Minimum feed-in tariff review 2021-22 via Engage Victoria (<u>www.engage.vic.gov.au</u>). 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?

Yes.

2. Do you have any comments about your answer?

A single rate would be easier to deal with for the majority of consumers as long as this rate was equitable.

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

No.

Unfortunately, I am currently renting and have only solar hot water

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.

I think there should be a simplified contract in plain English All contracts should be equal with no ambiguity or misconstruction which cannot clearly be compared to other offers.

Additional comments on this draft decision:

I think my question is in line with most of the questions asked here.

Why are we out to protect the exorbitant profits of offshore energy suppliers who take their profits away from Australia?

I don't see evidence of any reduction in energy cost be that Electricity or Gas judging by my billing.

I don't see evidence of infrastructure being upgraded, it was owned by the public previously and we all know private companies are driven by profit, maintenance costs money. Clearly when you have worked in any industry the first thing the bean counters cut is maintenance and service.

If the energy utilities were still in public hands we would not have half the issues we have and climate change debate wouldn't be an issue. We would probably all be transitioning.

We have been conned into signing up for solar panels and then by stealth the financial benefits to the consumer have been whittled away.

You should be looking at increasing the FiT and other incentives to make it more viable for the consumer to take up.

Basically there should be greater incentive for consumers and less talk of propping up businesses that seek only profit with no social conscience. Put the pressure back on business and lazy Government.