

Vic Solar Feed-in tariff review 2025 feedback

- Statements such as “*solar customers continue to benefit from their solar systems by using the free electricity that they generate*” are incorrect. The electricity generated is not “free” because solar customers have paid thousands of dollars to install these PV systems. The use of these statements seems to be designed to imply that solar customers are getting a free ride, when in fact they are doing a lot to both reduce carbon emissions and reduce demand on the electricity grid, so they/we should be applauded and encouraged.
- You propose almost zero feed-in tariff to residential generators, but at exactly the same time you allow retailers to charge up to 40 cents/kWh for power taken from the grid by the same consumers – how is that fair and reasonable? Surely it is not costing retailers the entire 40 cents/kWh when generation charges are virtually zero?
- What about local conditions? Few homes in my area have solar PV so any excess generation I have is unlikely to exit the street, yet you are proposing I get paid nothing for supplying this demand and taking load off the grid, while retailers charge another household peak rates for it!
- What about winter versus summer demand? More & more electricity is being used for heating in Vic as the government phases out gas and promotes going all electric. That will result in increased demand for electricity throughout the day, so it seems likely that individual excess residential PV generation in winter would be absorbed within a local area/town.
- Community batteries are being installed through government programs that will soak up some excess supply, how have you factored this in? And surely more of these batteries need to be installed to make the most of residential PV generation.
- Policies like this proposal are making consumers wonder what the benefit is of connecting to the electricity grid when it may be cheaper to live off-grid in energy efficient homes with battery storage, even in big cities. Is this what government and the electricity industry want?

I strongly recommend rethinking your approach to feed-in tariffs and give more consideration to the residential consumer/generator, who has followed government policy & schemes to install solar PV - don't punish them for doing this.