

Dear Sir/Madam,

Perhaps I am not as intelligent as most, but the formula used to determine previous and subsequent rates of return for Feed-in-Tariffs is particularly difficult to understand. Perhaps that is the intent. Information provided on how the FIT is calculated using this formula is somewhat lacking in detail. Are you able to provide more detail in how this formula is used in determining the appropriate FIT rate?

From the heady days in the recent past when the FIT was 60c/kWh it is now quite clear that 5c/kWh will be adopted by electricity service providers. Using the current FIT formula, are you able to tell me under what circumstances the FIT would increase, or is it designed only to reduce returns to the customer? Call me cynical, but I'm starting to suspect that the vastly reduced FIT rates are designed to provide the Government owned power stations with the best returns.

These continuing negative recommendations are crippling the solar power industry, is this the intent of the ESC decisions? The significant number of citizens who have, for various reasons, invested in this technology would be closely monitoring the recent decisions made by the ESC. It is very disappointing that the citizens enthusiasm for "doing the right thing" for the sustainable future of this country has been crucified by short term thinking.

What long term expectations for the Solar Power industry have been discussed by the ESC during this FIT decision making process?

Successive Victorian Governments have decided to adopt the NET system of calculating the power provided by small renewable energy generators. This Government preferred option does makes it difficult for the consumer to calculate the consumed renewable energy provided by their own solar generators.

Why did the Government adopt this system over the more consumer friendly GROSS method of calculating power generation? Is he ESC able to recommend the adoption of the GROSS system?

Sincerely Yours

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