

Charles Sowerwine

**Feed-In Tariff**

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Dear Inquiry,

Prior commitments prevent our attending the session this Thursday in our neighbourhood. Please accept our apologies.

We would, however, like to submit that the current feed-in tariff is absurdly low. To encourage and sustain continued uptake of solar and thus to contribute seriously to the struggle against global warming and for the Barrier Reef, the tariff should reflect a significant proportion of the price at which retailers re-sell the electricity they buy from householders who have invested in solar.

We submit that the feed-in tariff should be between half and two-thirds the average charge for current purchased by consumers from the retail grid. We therefore endorse your proposal that the feed-in tariff should reflect the value of the climate pollution that is avoided by using electricity from our solar, rather than from coal.

We do not agree that the feed-in tariff not reflect other environmental and social benefits of reducing coal use, such as reduced air pollution. Econometrics can only go so far and we should not be making policy on the basis of its limitations. Any significant national effect should be reflected.

Finally, we urge that you move swiftly to implement the new tariffs. The recent news about the Great Barrier Reef as well as weather issues and flooding of our island state neighbours mean that time is of the essence..