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## **Solar Tarrifs**

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We want strong healthy power supply companies so that competition is available.

However a feed in tarrif of 5c/KWH is just too low, the power companies then on sell this to other consumers at around 23c to 30c per KWH PLUS a daily supply charge. This is unacceptable profit for this day and age. Feed in tarrifs should be around 11 to 12c/KWH allowing a 100% margin for power companies. In the end, power companies are getting great returns for just monitoring the feed in power.

At this rate, the Rate of Return now has been blown right out of the water, my 5KW system will not be paid back in my life time, it is now better to just simply put this money in term deposit even at todays low interest rate returns.

The benefits of solar generation are too numerous to list here but in the end it does come down to the financial side of things and at 5cents it is economically not viable.

There are some companies that offer 10cents but their rates including supply charges are higher than those that offer the basic 5 cents.

If my solar system were to develop a problem ( touch wood) then why would I spend \$300 to \$400 getting an electrician to fix it, I would have to generate over 6000 KWHs just to pay for the repair. I consume 2500KWHs per year. I generate around 5500KWHs per year with my solar unit. At these figures ,I could NOT recommend a solar system to anyone and of course I wont at the moment.

In summary , it is beneficial to everyone to have a strong solar electricity industry in Victoria( and Australia) but in the end it is dependent on economics and at the moment this is not viable. We are asking for a fair price for our generated electricity. At the moment we are not getting this.

( Cannot consider battery storage at the moment, but if my system was paid off much quicker then I would look at this side and consider another investment which then would give employment )

