

Dear Senators,

This is to advise that I personally support the Senate Environment Committee Inquiry into Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed In Tariff) Bill.

Recent changes to the PV rebate scheme has had a profound negative impact on the entire industry. While the previous \$8,000 non-means tested rebate was very successful in stimulating demand for PV in the short term, neither that scheme nor the present means-tested scheme is likely to stimulate PV uptake for the long term.

I would like to endorse the Clean Energy Council's call for a long term commitment that transitions the industry from a rebate arrangement to a nationally consistent gross feed in tariff open to all sectors, residential, commercial, industrial and government.

Thus, I urge the Australian Government to adopt a gross FIT for solar PV with the following features:

1. **GROSS GENERATION** – that is, the feed in tariff applies to all the electricity generated from the solar PV system NOT just the electricity that is surplus and exported to the grid.
2. **OPEN TO ALL SECTORS** and **UNCAPPED** – that is, the scheme applies to all sectors not just the residential market and is not capped in terms of system size or programme. Supermarkets, factories, distribution centres, libraries, office buildings, swimming pool centres, churches should all be encouraged to invest in a solar PV system and be rewarded when they do.
3. **PAYBACK** – The FIT is set at a level that will provide a payback on the capital investment within ten years.
4. **LONG TERM** – The scheme should guarantee payments for 20 years and be open to applications for 20 years

I understand that the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) is central to the Australian Government's response to achieving emission reductions at lowest cost and that the Government is further supporting renewable energy through an expanded Renewable Energy Target (RET) of 20% by 2020. However, neither CPRS or RET will adequately reward an investor for producing peak distributed energy and therefore bring forward the large scale (MW not just kW) opportunities that are emerging from the marketplace.

It is our view, solar PV gross feed in tariffs complement both of the above schemes and furthermore gross FIT's are THE policy which will deliver markets of the size to drive the maturity and sustainability of an Australian solar PV industry.

Best Regards,
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