

Senate inquiry into the Feed in Tariff

I have recently invested in a solar system- for the simple reason- I want to cut my green house gas emissions- now.

Yet I know that the true cost of the electricity I produce is in no way reflected in the current parity Feed In Tariff.

Parity with what:

- an under priced product that does not reflect the true cost of plant replacement, transmission, power lines, not to mention the carbon pollution from coal of between \$20-40.00 per tonne?

Here on the far south coast of NSW, we are far from coal powered stations; normally we would be getting hydro-power as well, but with the on going drought, the lack of run off from Forestry activities and natural bush fire events, this 'green' power source is at risk.

So the loss from transmission over massive distances must be accounted for as well as the coming cost of replacement and official requirement to upgrade power lines to run more and more air conditioners to poorly built, non solar passive houses. Every air conditioner apparently costs thousands in new plant and just think of the trees needed for these new poles- which are now few and far between because of over logging.

I also pay for 'green energy' for a fee- yet receive no such payment for my Feed in power.

Regarding gross or nett tariffs- I have built a solar passive house and therefore would prefer to have my large, initial investment realised though selling in at a higher price than I purchase- rather than having that peak power I produce deducted from the power I use.

Holiday house solar installations would also be a marvellous way of producing power - when unoccupied, as well as all the flat roofed Coles and Woolies. A substantial tariff incentive is the way to expand solar power through private investment.

I suggest that if Feed in Tariffs reflected term deposit interest rates then thousands of households would make this move, including investing their super funds.

An urgent move from macro coal dependancy to the personally achievable goal of micro power generation will help meet the target of a prompt reduction in CO2 emissions.

Let's give people power- affordable solar power .

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