

Dear Committee Secretary (Senate Standing Committee on Environment,  
Communications and the Arts)

On behalf of our members, I would like to support the development of a national feed in tariff on gross production of electricity by micro renewables. Key components of this program should be designed based on the learnings and outcomes of the best systems in the world. The German example is a clear leader in demonstrating how a progressive feed in tariff can substantially increase renewable energy generation.

Elements that we would like to see include:

- feed in tariff (FiT) to be paid on gross renewable electricity production
- feed in tariff rate to be suitable (e.g. at least 60c kWhr) and for a suitable period of time post installation (e.g. in the vicinity of 15 - 20 years)
- consideration for a higher tariff for energy generated during times of peak load
- cut off for system size should be generous (e.g. 10kW), with the potential for a graded rate of FiT for larger systems, and
- proposed national FiT to apply to a range of micro renewable energy generators, not just solar.

The ultimate goal should be a transition to renewable energy as rapidly as possible. The FiT will substantially reduce the need for government investment in centralised energy generation facilities and hence should become a key federal initiative and emissions reduction strategy.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your inquiry.

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