

Please allow that the tariff is not restricted as far as when or who or where the energy is supplied. In other words, don't be bloody-minded! The basis should be the gross amount produced; as long as it is clean, anyone, anywhere and at any time should be able to supply energy. Flexibility and the multitude of sources allows for success in replacing fossil fuels with robust clean sources. People with existing private energy generating systems should not be excluded from the benefits of a Feed-in Tariff or if someone has too large an income. It doesn't matter, and takes the wind out of the effort if conditions exclude.

And consider that, as soon as someone has, say a PV system, he/she should be happy to see the price of fossil fuels rise. The concept turns a consumer into a supplier; and, at least in a small way, a debtor into a creditor. A reversal that with the INDIVIDUAL INVOLVEMENT of a large number of people will make a difference. But we must have certain and definitive action by government, so we can all invest. Nonetheless, it is important that we all take part and switch our thinking, for the general betterment.

And the Feed-in tariff should be significant so it is effective, and generally applied to as many situations and people as possible, and take effect as soon as possible.

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