

McGuffie, Jonathan (StateGrowth)

From: davidgj132@bigpond.com
Sent: Monday, 6 August 2018 4:40 PM
To: solarfeedinreview (StateGrowth)
Subject: Review of feed in tariff

I submit the following based on my experience of installing 5kw solar panel system five years ago. Fortunately this system benefits from the legacy feed-in tariff which finishes at the end of the year.

In order to encourage or maintain private investment in energy generation, due consideration should be given to the costs of household solar installation and return on capital. The proposed 8.541 c/kWh is not adequate to justify the cost outlay by someone interested in installing a domestic system.

Whilst the installation costs of solar panels is much lower now than five years ago, paying a pitiful 8.541 c/kWh on new installations is unlikely to attract investment in household solar panels. The return to the provider/supplier is insufficient to recover the capital cost and any ongoing maintenance in the life of the panels.

I would argue that it is in the interest of the state monopoly to encourage power generation from alternative power sources (such as wind, solar and micro-hydro) that are environmentally sound. Solar and wind are ideal during the longer drier months when water catchments are dropping. Avoiding a crisis as seen a few years ago should be one of the aims of providing reliable energy at an affordable cost.

The question is how will the Tasmanian Government achieve a goal of 100 per cent self-sufficiency in renewable electricity generation for the state by 2022 if they do not support investment. Increasing the feed-in tariff from 8.541c/KWh to a realistic price will be seen as encouragement to potential investors.

Yours faithfully,

David Johnson