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Thankyou for allowing submissions to this review.

My answers refer to the dot points on page 5 on the Invitation for submissions to the FiT Review.

1. We are on the 28c feed in tariff and would like it to remain. It took 3.5 years to generate the power to cover the cost of the system, if we were on the 8.5c feed in tariff this could have taken up to 11.5 years. We have already had two inverter faults that have been covered by warranty which lasts 10 years ( what is the life of the system ? ) after that we are up for more expense so the costs will start to out weigh the benefits with a low feed in tariff.
2. With battery costs coming down and a low feed in tariff more people will opt for stand alone systems and disconnect from the grid therefore increasing the maintenance costs for those remaining on the grid and also loosing the power that they would have exported to the grid.
3. A lot in a dry summer, perhaps we could do without the Bass Straight Cable which I believe costs about \$1,000,000 a week to rent.
4. People feel good about doing their bit for the environment and also helps with the struggle with increased living costs.
5. It depends on the costs, there needs to be a balance which is fair to all.
6. Perhaps interest free loans, or higher feed in tariffs until the cost of installation has been covered.
7. Maybe.
8. I do not know, however I doubt if people on low incomes could even contemplate even thinking about roof top solar and they are the one's that really need help, perhaps land lords could be given incentives to install systems so that their tenants could benefit.
9. For people who are working most energy is generated while they are at work and is therefore fed into the grid for a low amount. When they are at home early in the morning and in the evenings they are using grid power and paying top dollar for it. Australia is supposed to be about a fair go THIS IS NOT. We are paying a separate fee for the maintenance of the grid so I can't understand why the the import and export tariffs can't be very similar.

Thanking you

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