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The history of my situation follows:

In 2009/10 I purchased a 1 Kw solar system (subsidised by the Federal Government's Solar & Communities program) at a cost of \$8620. I received a feed in tariff of \$0.208230 the equivalent to Tariff 31 residential light & power which resulted in a reduction on my quarterly Aurora electricity account of \$22 to \$79 depending on the season. The accounts ranged from \$250 to \$350 at that time.

I then applied for a further 2 Kw system in 2014 but the agreed & approved contractor was unable to complete the installation prior to the cut off date for the legacy feed in tariff. I requested a 3 month extension once I became aware of this situation to enable another contractor to complete the work but this was declined. The cost of the system was \$5,400.

The total invested overall was \$14,000. The legacy feed in tariff was removed from the 1 Kw system due to the upgrade, I was not advised that this would occur and had assumed that the legacy tariff would continue to apply to the earlier installation.

In 2014 the feed in tariff was reduced to \$0.06106 (standard FIT) from \$0.28283 (legacy FIT). The most recent Aurora energy accounts indicated a feed in tariff of \$0.08929 and a residential light & power charge of \$0.26431 with a credit to my account between 53 cents and \$9 per quarter depending on the season. At the current feed in tariff rate I will never recoup anywhere near the investment made and the impact on my Aurora electricity account is negligible.

I would suggest a feed in tariff that is equivalent to the residential light & power tariff charged. This would encourage people to invest in solar power & battery systems.

Aurora energy and the State Government should adopt a similar scheme to that recently developed in South Australia for public housing tenants and low income households.

Perhaps consideration could be given to a slightly reduced feed in tariff once the household quarterly account for power is at the equivalent to the feed in tariff, this could apply particularly if the profitability and sustainability of Aurora energy is in question or compromised.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review.
Lyn Taylor.