

Submission re FiT

I am a resident of Launceston and have approximately 5KW of solar panels on my roof. They were installed in 2 stages... initially 1 KW and then 5 years ago I invested in more solar. I also have solar hot water.

I am concerned that my current arrangement of the 1:1 FiT will change at the start of 2019. It seems punitive to charge close to quadruple for me to use any power from the grid than what I will generate, especially as I have significantly invested my own money into the installation on my rooftop.

I am also concerned that you will effectively kill a number of small businesses that install rooftop solar. You will also put pressure on households to consider installing lithium batteries and then coming off grid altogether. This may be an option for me.

The FiT needs to reflect that many Tasmanians are contributing to energy security at their own expense. During the recent energy crisis those with rooftop solar would have put less drain on the system. The government should give incentive for such investment.

Surely if Tasmania is to become the battery for the country then rooftop solar should be included in the equation, not just hydro. Rooftop solar gives me choice in a market where there is no choice to the Tasmanian household.

Please help people to continue to invest in solar panels.

Sincerely,
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