

## Submission on the Solar Feed-in Tariff Review

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The Feed-in Tariff arrangements are not currently fair and reasonable for people investing in the generation of solar electricity, and the price paid should be at least doubled to better reflect the true benefits to the community.

The following few points highlight where consumer generated solar has economic, social and environmental benefits that are not adequately recognised in the current price paid.

- Increases the diversity and reliability of electricity supply
- Increases certainty in power pricing
- Saves infrastructure costs
- Supports local small business
- Increases employment, more labour intensive
- Helps overall embrace of emerging technologies
- Reduces the need to import dirty electricity
- Reduces the need for backup using less clean sources of electricity
- Encourages people to take more responsibility for their own electricity use, conservation measures, low energy lighting and appliances etc
- Encourages greater use of electrical appliances, as opposed to less efficient and dirtier sources of energy e.g. electric rather than wood heating