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To: solarfeedinreview (StateGrowth)
Subject: Solar Feed-in Tariff Review

To Whom it may concern.

I am submitting this email to air my concerns regarding the impending FiT rate of 28.283 c/kWh to 8.541 c/kWh.

As I have had my solar panels installed prior to 31 December 2013, I am currently receiving the higher of the two above rates.

I find that the suggestion of lowering the rate to be disconcerting and quite unfair. At the time of the agreement with the power provider, it was deemed that the rate of .28c was to be ongoing. There was no indication that it was to be changed. However, a time did arrive where the rate was substantially decreased for new connections and appreciatively, I was one of many who was able to have the ongoing higher rate continue. At that time, the rate was advised to be "Grandfathered" but now, there seems to an imminent change approaching which will see the rate decline immensely. I feel that this decrease should not apply to those who undertook the installations prior to 2013 as my understanding of "Grandfathered" is : "exempt (someone or something) from a new law or regulation" and to be "Grandfathered" is to: "continue until such time as the demise of the agreement between two parties".

My husband and I struggled over making the decision, financially, to obtain solar, but after processing the notion that as we were approaching retirement at the time and that it could only be beneficial for the environment, not to mention our savings, so we went ahead with the installation. I am merely a simple consumer, but I am exhausted from having the goal posts continually moved. I hardly think it is fair to reduce the rates due to TasWorks reduction in their bottom line.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Please consider those of us who have undertaken the initial concept of installing solar and perhaps look at continuing to reward us for doing so by allowing us to retain the "Grandfathered" rate.

Susan Singline