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Solar Feed-In Tariff Review  
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My Submission:-

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter that was advertised in the Examiner Newspaper on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.

I just wanted to make a brief submission as an owner of a domestic (5kw.) system on my house at the above address.

The system is just coming up to being in place for 12 months. I am very pleased with the way it is performing. Over 12 months I hope it will almost cut out our power bill with us making a credit through the Summer, Autumn and Spring and eating into that credit during Winter.

I utilised the Tas. Energy Efficient Loans Scheme (TEELS) to purchase our system. I was very grateful for this Govt. initiative as it enabled me to purchase our system which I would not otherwise have been able to afford.

I am retired and live at the above address with my wife. Our children are grown up and moved away from home.

I have a 'solar' heat pump hot water service that is set to a timer to come on at midday and therefore uses the power from the solar panels to the best advantage. This effectively gives me free hot water if the sun is shining.

I currently am on the 8.5c/kw feed-in tariff rate. I changed to Tariff 93 when the panels were installed to maximise the power generated by the panels for everything in the house.

I would just like you to consider raising the feed-in tariff for people such as myself. Reading the 'Review Consultation Document' it states how much the feed-in tariff has 'cost' but to my mind it has cost nothing and has in fact made the State money. Why? Well surely the power generated is on-sold at a rate higher than 8.5c/kw so it must be making money.

My argument would be that in January 2019 when the earlier 28c/kw feed-in tariff ceases, that people such as myself get a bit better deal. Maybe meeting half way between the 8c and the 28c? (18c?)

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Riggall