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To Dept. State Growth
Solar FIT Review

Sir,

With regard to my previous correspondence re the review of the solar FIT I would like to add some further comments and information.

In my previous email, I often referred to the fact that my production of solar electricity had taken pressure off Aurora, particularly in recent times of low water storages.

I now realise that because of the conditions applied to the electrical energy producers in Tasmania when they were forced to join the national energy market, the electrical energy system has been split into three sectors, generator, Hydro Tasmania, distribution, TasNetworks and retail, Aurora.

Therefore my solar electricity production does not help Aurora but Hydro Tasmania. It is my understanding that Aurora pays me for my solar feed in power but Hydro Tasmania does not compensate Aurora for this "loss" of income. This arrangement needs to be changed as it Hydro Tasmania that benefits significantly from solar feed in power. It saves them water and reduces the local Tasmania need for electricity production. This of course may allow Hydro Tasmania to sell more electricity to mainland states particularly in summer when there is a high demand for power for air conditioning.

It has been stated that solar production of electricity is costing the system \$11.5 million dollars and forcing up electricity prices. This loss of income is the same for any independently produced electricity, it should not be seen as a loss as the energy saved by FIT solar energy, creates "spare" capacity in the overall system. The only way it can cause an increase in electricity prices for consumers, is if the Government of the day insists on skimming off moneys to balance its budget.

When Hydro Tasmania sold too much of its electricity production over the Bass link, thereby reducing water storage to critical levels was this an attempt to increase "profits" to meet Government budget demands?

In the end it cost millions of dollars to buy short term electricity generators.

It should be obvious that it is in everybody's interest, Hydro Tasmania, Government, industry and residents that every possible incentive should be taken to encourage all people to invest in solar energy production not least because it allows individuals to invest their capital in helping Tasmania meet ever increasing demands for electricity and make Tasmania electricity independent by 2022.

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