

Feedback sought on retail offers available to NSW Solar Bonus Scheme customers



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WHAT

The Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy has asked IPART to prepare a report on the options available to NSW Solar Bonus Scheme (SBS) customers when this scheme closes on 31 December 2016.



WHY

Customers in the SBS receive subsidised feed-in tariffs of 20 or 60 cents per kWh until the Scheme ends on 31 December 2016.

Our report will provide information to assist solar customers understand and make informed decisions on the different types of technologies and tariff and product options available to them when the SBS ends.



WHO

Our report will provide information to residential solar electricity customers with both single and three phase power supply.



HOW

Our report will identify different metering and advanced technologies available to solar customers, their costs and the functionality provided.

We will also review the types of electricity products and offers available to solar customers, and the implications of adopting new metering arrangements and technologies such as battery storage. We will provide case studies that show the impact of these decisions on typical residential bills.

We are calling on retailers, alternative energy sellers, the solar industry, consumer groups and other interested stakeholders to provide information relevant to the scope of our review.

The terms of reference are available on our website.¹



WHERE

The report will provide information to residential solar customers located in New South Wales.



WHAT NEXT

Our information request is attached. We are calling for responses to our information request and any other information to be submitted by **27 October 2016**.

We have been asked to provide a report to the Minister by 24 November 2016.

Late submissions may not be accepted.

We prefer to receive submissions electronically via our online submission form:

<https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Contact-Us/Make-a-Submission>.

You can also send comments by mail to:

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box K35
Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240.

¹ <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home>