

SUBMISSION TO IPART REVIEW
SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFFS 2017/18

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IPART submission

Thank you for the long overdue decision on a sensible solar feed in tariff of 11.6 to 14.6/kWh. I see it as an indictment of the NSW government's management of this whole business. As a significant user of electricity on my farm and a solar power generator, it will make a world of difference for us. Please also note the following:

• I would like to see the price of solar feed-in tariff pegged to the wholesale price of electricity so that future small scale solar generators don't have to fight the big end of the market for a fair deal.

• It would also be good to see the feed-in tariff as not just be a benchmark range, but regulated so that retailers must offer it as a minimum. NSW is dragging its feet in power policy, state wide, and the big suppliers with a monopoly are reaping rewards.

• The solar feed-in tariff should represent the true value of solar generated electricity, recognising the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar.

• I would also like to see some IPART action on the matter of compensation for all NSW solar generators who were part of the 60c feed in tariff, which finished in December 2016.

The big suppliers have ripped off the majority of solar suppliers by delaying the installation of smart meters and thereby effectively stealing the solar power without any payment. In my case I estimate the cost to me was at least \$300 for the 2 month delay. My verbal requests to the supplier were ignored.

I believe this was simply a cynical act on the part of the suppliers to pay for the cost of the meter installation. CHOICE has been following this and last advice was that in March 2017, 90,000 of the 140,000 solar suppliers had still not had a smart meter installed. The Victorian Government was smart enough to legislate against this happening in Victoria (which installed smart meters earlier), but NSW has turned a blind eye to this unscrupulous action. My approaches to 3 separate senior NSW politicians fell on deaf ears.

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