

28 September 2015

2015 Solar Feed-in Tariff Review  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
PO Box K35  
Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: 2015 Solar Feed-in Tariff Draft Report**

The Energy Retailers Association of Australia (ERAA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback in response to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) *2015 Solar Feed-in Tariff Review Draft Report* (the Issues Paper).

The ERAA represents the organisations providing electricity and gas to almost 10 million Australian households and businesses. Our member organisations are mostly privately owned, vary in size and operate in all areas within the National Electricity Market (NEM) and are the first point of contact for end use customers of both electricity and gas.

Deregulated markets are best placed to determine the most appropriate, sustainable and economic value for the electricity that is produced and exported by small-scale renewable technologies, including photovoltaic (PV) units. Just as the deregulated New South Wales electricity market provides customers with choice in energy offers, a deregulated market for Feed-in Tariffs (FiTs) allows energy retailers to compete to purchase the electricity exported from PV units.

The market for electricity exported by PV units in NSW has matured over recent years, with retailers competing to provide customers the offer that best suits them. The ERAA supports retailers being able to offer a range of FiTs. The range of competitive offers currently available in the market demonstrates that there is no market failure in NSW for electricity that is produced and exported by PV units. Whilst the ERAA does not oppose the range proposed in this benchmark, we do not believe that the publication of a benchmark is necessary.

Should you wish to discuss the details of this submission, please contact me on (02) 8241 1800 and I will be happy to facilitate such discussions with my member companies.

Yours sincerely,

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Energy Retailers Association of Australia

