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Dear Sir,

It is my strong belief that feed-in tariffs for electricity generated solely from renewable sources, such as Solar and Wind, should be at least equal to the tariffs that the client is being charged by the Energy Retailer at that time of the day.

The reasons are as follows:

- a) Unlike Nuclear and Fossil Fuels. Renewable sources are to be encouraged, due to the fact that they are inherently non-polluting and therefore resulting in no negative health effects or hazards to the population in the vicinity of generation. Therefore they do force communities not carry the cost of health care resulting from diseases and accidents related to those hazards and pollution.
- b) Renewable energy is usually generated much closer to the end-user (such as rooftop Photo-voltaic systems), which eliminates the loss of power due to long distance wire transmission. Each kWhr of electricity produced is therefore available to be sold to clients locally, without loss and is therefore more profitable for the Electricity Providers than the same energy generated at a far away power plant.
- c) Support for Renewables will result in higher volume of the technology manufactured, resulting in better prices, which will result in a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations.
- d) Increase in use of Solar will mean greater utilization of Australia's enviably ample solar resource and save mining our national treasures - the natural resources for future generation.

Thank you and I hope you take these reasons into consideration.

Sincerely,