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I had two 1.5 kw PV systems installed in June 2011 @ \$7800 each, anticipating selling my STCs within 6 months and getting a fair price for what i fed into the grid, assuming that the Federal and state governments would want to support and even promote renewable energy. I haven't got anything back as a feed-in tarrif and the STCs are not selling.

Reasons that a decent price should be paid for solar produced electricity fed into the grid seem to include: 1. Green energy sells at a premium; 2. the energy loss as electricity is transmitted long distances is avoided if it is produced and used locally; 3. Having electricity produced around the country saves additional expenditure on poles and wires as population and usage increase, so governments should encourage solar electric production; 4. Global warming is a major threat so surely green energy should be promoted.

With 34.8c /kw being charged for peak and shoulder, when most solar is produced, and an increase is expected in July, surely companies could pay 25 or 30c /kw without government subsidy. It is true that they pay less as they buy coal-produced power but this is clean and loss in transmission is minimised. Let them do their bit to promote the good of our planet and the use of renewable energy.

It is great that this is being looked at. It shouldn't have to be government subsidised. My situation seems very unfair. Thank you for the opportunity to express my view.