

*Submission in response to the 2012 Renewable Energy Target review Issues Paper*

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I have read your report and found it to be quite confusing and wonder how many concerned people who aren't in this industry could follow or understand it?

Surely the smartest way to reduce Australia's reliance on coal fired energy is to legislate a feed in tariff for all states and territories of Australia, that is equal too tariff charged by their retailer. Here are the reasons why this is a great approach.

1. This ensures Australians can install solar system that can generate electricity right where it's needed at their home or business.
2. Coal fired plant hundreds of kilometres away; waist up to 70% of electricity, when power arrives at your address from these power stations only about 30% is left the rest is lost in vast amounts of wires and transformers. What a waste.
3. With solar installed in a large number of homes, means less grid maintenance and upgrades, as power will be at hand in your local area from multiple sources.
4. No more peak demand problems from air conditioning loads as every ones solar will be producing ample power on long sunny days.
5. Give individuals the ability to manage their own power contribution and usage.
6. Large scale systems only take away people choice and will be dominated by a few large company which will need government funding and support, and as with all things financed by government it will blow out and cost us all dearly.
7. With small scale home and business solar systems no further funding is needed just a fair feed in tariff.

Why should people be paid below what they are charged for electricity? (as is the case in some states ) This is most unfair and un Australian.

Any excess power made by a solar system should be credited to the owner who has invested in a solar system.

It is not right that power companies can sell something they didn't produce or pay for in full, power simply flows back to the grid and to then to nearest consumer who is charged full price, a nice little earner for the power companies as they have not provided a thing.

I think spreading the burden of renewable energy across Australians in small systems is by far fairest approach and simply to encourage, also letting people install solar if they want and when they want, couldn't be fairer really.

Regards

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