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To: General Electricity Address
Subject: Fw: Submission - Solar Feed-In Tariff in QLD [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

My apologies,

I wish to also mention that 'fair and reasonable' should apply to consumers who own small scale PV generators, not just to the energy retailers and wholesalers. It needs to take into account, the reasonable expectations of consumers who own small scale PV generators to receive a reasonable return, the contribution of those PV generators to an Australia that is less carbon bound, and the benefit to the retailers as the electricity is generated in-situ, with less loss through power lines before it is used by other consumers.

For your consideration,

Dennis

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission about the above topic.

Firstly, I am concerned about the reduction of the feed-in tariff from July. Reducing it from 44 cents to 8 cents, not only makes it much less attractive to install a PV system, it also does not reflect the prices/tariffs charged by the energy retailers for green energy. If the feed-in tariff for solar PV systems is reduced, then the amount the energy retailers charge for consumers to use 'green' energy, should also be reduced by the same proportion.

I also raise a concern over how consumers with solar PV systems are paid for their surplus electricity. Energy generators (large ones) are paid by the minute, yet consumers are paid only after 12 months, which is a significant lag time, again not encouraging consumers to install such systems. I recommend a more regular payment cycle. Just try paying your energy company once a year, and see how far you get!

I further disagree that network maintenance and charges be paid for by the QLD consumer. No other business can charge for the cost of doing business to the customer, and then charge for the use of their products on top of that. It would be like me, working as a consultant, charging the customer to buy a new car, and then charging a higher rate, because I have a new car. It is not simply, good business sense, or for that matter, common sense at all.

I also dispute the assumption that electricity customers who do not have PV panels are paying, forced to pay, higher electricity prices with no apparent gain. QLD now has, according to your figures, the highest rooftop solar PV generating capacity in Australia. This means that we have sustainable, carbon

free electricity for parts of QLD, which is increasing on a daily basis. I am not sure how this is bad. Secondly, it significantly reduces QLD's carbon emissions, therefore reducing climate change and also creating green, sustainable industry and jobs in QLD. The reason energy companies complain about this, is that they are losing 'potential' revenue. Perhaps if they focussed on cleaning up their act, and encouraging more PV generation, they would have more income from their own green energy generation. There is not a future for electricity generation from coal, despite industry pushing for it, and government, seeming to be keen on legislating for it. This review should be encouraging competition, including from small PV installations, instead of basically saying you will not be paid the same rates for your 'green' electricity if you are a small consumer, rather than a big energy company. As an example, to have my carbon emissions offset by tree planting and similar activities, Origin Energy charges me an extra \$5 a week. Yet this is one of the companies that is against small PV solar installations, not on 'green' grounds, rather on simply economic losses for their company.

I also believe that the review should be conducted independantly of the other State's systems. It should be based upon science, including climate science, economics, common sense and what is best for all of QLD, not just the energy companies. If the review finds in favour of the energy companies, I think you may find in the long term, that QLD solar generators, move to a stand alone model, and leave the grid completely. This would then cause what you are trying to prevent, higher costs for those remaining on the grid.

For your consideration,

Dennis

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