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Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts  
Department of the Senate  
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Re: Inquiry into the **Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008**

Dear committee,

I believe it is in the national (and international) interest for us to be moving towards as much renewable energy generation as possible in this era of diminishing resources and climate change. While I feel it is the responsibility of the government to facilitate this, I feel the least the government can do is to have **a program that encourages household renewable energy generation - a public/private partnership of sorts.**

Where there are many situations where I see means testing as a fair and appropriate approach, I feel strongly that renewable energy production is not one of them. It is only the relatively wealthy who can afford to buy and install photovoltaic cells etc so we should be encouraging as many of these people as possible to do this. This will cut national energy production costs in the long term. **There should be no household income means test linked to feed-in tariff eligibility.**

I also think we should be encouraging households to be producing as much renewable energy as possible to add to our renewable energy pool, so **a feed-in tariff of at least 60c per KW should be paid** on all renewable energy production, not just for what's left over after home use ie, **a gross not net scheme** and there should be **no cap on the size of the system.**

Thankyou for the opportunity to make this submission

Yours faithfully

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