

Submission to:

**The Senate Environment, Communications, Information
Technology and The Arts Committee**

**Re: Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff)
Bill 2008**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Australia urgently needs a clearly defined system to encourage production of renewable energy. While a holistic approach with a diverse range of measures is urgently required and Feed-in Tariffs are only one of many measures that need to be implemented, a Feed-in tariff system is a crucial element and a step in the right direction.

Any Feed In tariff system needs to offer a real incentive to all Australian home owners to install renewable energy systems. A system that is too complex, a system that shuts some people out, a system that tinkers at the edges of providing an incentive by putting in place caps and hurdles will be tokenistic at best. Everyone who installs a renewable energy system should be eligible for rewarding tariffs on gross production of energy.

Australians want to do something about the climate change emergency. Feed-in Tariffs set at a level to provide a real incentive can provide an important boost and platform for an Australia powered by renewable energy.

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