

I fully support the Senate Environment Committee Inquiry into Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed In Tariff) Bill.

The Solar Industry needs long term commitments by transitioning from a rebate arrangement to a nationally consistent gross feed in tariff that is open to all sectors, residential, commercial, industrial and government.

Thus, I urge the Australian Government to adopt a gross FIT for solar PV with the following features:

GROSS GENERATION – that is, the feed in tariff applies to all the electricity generated from the solar PV system NOT just the electricity that is surplus and exported to the grid.

OPEN TO ALL SECTORS and UNCAPPED– that is, the scheme applies to all sectors not just the residential market and is not capped in terms of system size or programme. Supermarkets, factories, distribution centres, libraries, office buildings, swimming pool centres, churches should all be encouraged to invest in a solar PV system and be rewarded when they do.

PAYBACK – The FIT is set at a level that will provide a payback on the capital investment within ten years.

LONG TERM – The scheme should guarantee payments for 20 years and be open to applications for 20 years

A solar PV gross feed in tariff will complement current policy and will drive the maturity and sustainability of an Australian solar PV industry.

Thank you and Regards

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