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Dear Sir

I am aware that a decision is due shortly regarding the methodology that will be set for determining the FiT for the next three years etc. What ever decision is made please bear in mind the following extract from a Statement regarding the request for a Fair Deal for renewable-energy users:

"Homeowners who invested in solar electricity systems after 2013 are not receiving the full benefit of their contribution to the energy grid if they are on separate light/power and heating tariffs because of a software issue in TasNetworks' meters.

After lobbying by renewable-energy users, a solution has been found, tested and confirmed by TasNetworks — but won't be implemented because it would be too expensive.

This is despite the former state government pledging to fix the issue, and current Energy Minister Matthew Groom telling the Greens that TasNetworks would roll out a solution once it was confirmed.

Greens energy spokeswoman Rosalie Woodruff said some solar users had been unfairly charged for more than two years, and she called on Mr Groom to show more support for residential solar.

"People who have invested in solar electricity systems after August 2013 are sometimes being charged 9c per kWh for their own electricity," she said."

If the government continues down the path of allowing renewable-energy users to be effectively ripped off in terms of an unfair FiT and double dipping by not acting on rolling out the solution to the software issue there is real danger that voters will walk away come the next election, and I will be in that queue. It will be large queue of people in total disgust at the poor performance and lack of leadership shown.

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