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I wish to submit some information with regard to the solar feed in tariff.

In considering the price to be paid to providers from solar installations there has obviously been a comparison with the price paid for electricity from commercial providers. I assume the 8.3 cents /kw is the price paid to other providers or the cost that Hydro charges to produce electricity.

However what needs to be considered also is the beneficial impact to the environment that consumers who produce solar electricity have.

Also if a fair comparison is to be made between solar electricity generators and other producers, then what also needs to be considered is that just as consumers are charged a fixed meter/connection fee that is levied irrespective of electricity usage, so should solar electricity producers be allowed to charge a fixed fee to pay for the cost of their infrastructure\, ie, cost of solar panels,inverters and installation charges.

The hardware will need to be replaced on a regular basis and should therefore be an item that they can charge for just as Aurora now charge us for their installation costs.

My suggestion is that if the feed in tariff is only 8.3 cents /kw it does not reflect the true cost of producing this power so either lift the feed in tariff to compensate for this or allow solar producers to charge a fixed levy for their installations.

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