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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the review of the Tasmanian Feed In Tariff.

I was interested to read in the draft investigation report that "the Economic Regulator recognises that the availability of additional generation from roof top solar PV systems reduces reliance on hydro generation. This, in turn,improves security of supply particularly when Tasmania is experiencing drought conditions or there is a prolonged Basslink outage." Considering that the Climate Futures Tasmania report clearly states that there will be a reduction in Hydro Tasmania's catchments in future, and given the current dire situation with the electricity supply in Tasmania due to drought and a break in the Bass Link cable, I would recommend the Economic Regulator provides a mechanism for more investment in both roof top solar PV and medium scale PV. This would not only provide more security in the electricity supply but would also create economic, environmental and employment benefits for Tasmania.  Having a fair feed in tariff rate would encourage more solar generation which would reduce the need for more expensive gas and diesel fired electricity (which the Government is now having to spend on), saving Tasmania money in the long run. It is clear by the current situation that Tasmania cannot be self sufficient in electricity generation, and unless we invest more in renewable energy we will be forced to purchase from interstate suppliers. This will in turn increase Tasmania's carbon footprint and impact on our "Clean/Green Brand". By having more renewable energy available in the state we will be better placed to not only supply our on-going needs but hopefully provide income by exporting regularly into the national grid. A feed-in tariff of 12-15c would rapidly ramp up the solar industry in Tasmania. Added advantages of solar are that people would invest their own money and the electricity would be generated and used locally, not requiring new network infrastructure.

I hope that you will consider my submission and once again thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kind regards

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