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**From:** Tim Rudman <>  
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**To:** Economic Regulator (Treasury)  
**Subject:** Tasmanian Feed In Tariff submission

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please receive my submission to the review of the Tasmanian Feed In Tariff.

I believe the current policy settings around the feed in tariff have failed to adequately recognise the energy security, State energy Carbon output and the true economics of solar energy contributions. The current unfolding energy environment the State has shown just how detrimental the current policy position is. I was pleased that the draft investigation report stated "*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.*" Furthermore it is critical to global and Tasmanian well being that the State moves to a lower or 0 carbon energy profile in the future.

Clearly the tariff needs to be increased to meet the energy generation mix that will better secure Tasmania's 0 carbon energy future. A fair feed in tariff would recognise the cost of new generation, employment and maximising the return on Hydro power on the energy market. Both medium scale solar and roof top solar should be considered in this policy setting. A more appropriate feed-in tariff that addresses these costs and advantages is likely in the vicinity of 9c/ Kwh and some analysts suggest it should be in the vicinity of 12-15 c a Kwh to ensure significant uptake. At this level the solar industry in Tasmania would be rapidly invigorated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards Tim Rudman