Submission from Steve Robertson to the R-FiT Issues Paper

Please accept this feedback with regard to the review of the RFit.

Presently there is a large disparity between the RFit and the cost of purchasing electricity, presently we have the following rates:

Solar Rebate (RFit) 7c per kWh

Electricity cost: ranges from 27.59c to 31.22c per kWh, average of that being over 28c kWh

The RFit is less than 25% of the average cost of electricity, far too low considering the investment in the Solar system and considering the retail cost of power. A commercial operation would not be this generous.

In my opinion we will see a massive migration towards battery back-up systems in lieu of feeding into the grid, this in turn will save customers money and cost the retailers more due to loss of profit on existing RFit rates.

I think ESCOSA should be considering the householder over the electricity retailer when considering RFit

Regards

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