

Premium on feed-in tariffs for Photo-Voltaic electricity.

My submission on the above matter.
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Introduction

When I first heard of the Feed-in Tariff Scheme I was convinced that it came from Nigeria. I mean , when one government subsidises the acquisition of equipment so that another government can mandate the purchase of the product by a retailer for more than twice the price that they can sell it for - my suspicions were confirmed. Especially when the money comes from the purchasers of the product.

NO ! somebody said - this scheme has been introduced by Australian governments.

NONSENSE sez I - No Labor government I have known would take from the poor and give to the rich (the reverse of their credo) , nor would they knowingly penalise those who can not fit PV panels because they rent , live in unsuitable houses or cannot afford them , by forcing them to pay the feed-in tariff.

Discussion

In view of the crazy mathematics briefly described above , any increase to feed-in tariffs by way of a premium (call it what you like) would compound the travesty of economics inherent in the scheme. It would also decrease the efficiency of "Carbon reduction" because PV electricity has been described as very inefficient by Greg Combet (Climate Change minister.)

An Aside - I sent you the link to his statement on this which I asked to be part of my submission.

Recommendations

- 1 No increase to the current feed-in tariff.
- 2 The government do its best to extricate itself from the current scheme.
- 3 Any feed-in tariff should not exceed the minimum price paid by retailers. (This would need some working on)

Disclaimer

We do **not** have PV panels, although we are considering them .

Thanks for the opportunity to provide a submission on this subject

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