

# Minimum feed-in tariff review 2022-23

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From 2 December 2021, we began accepting submissions on our Minimum feed-in tariff review 2022-23 via Engage Victoria ([www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au)). On this website, people were given the opportunity to send us a response to a set of questions we provided.

### Forecasting wholesale prices

Not really sure where you think prices have dropped, you sit in an office and have no real idea about prices, your electricity is paid by the accounts department, let me ask you do you know your electricity rates??, do you know if you have solar? do you know how much if you do? do you know what you return the grid? The prices on offer haven't gone down from retailers, they maybe getting wholesale prices cheaper, but my rates haven't dropped all the only thing that dropped was feed in tariff.

I cant find any cheaper prices than last year or the year before So maybe wholesale prices went down but certainly not via retailers

### Distribution and transmission losses

Well from the outside looking in, they are giving me 6.7c fit and selling to my neighbour next door for 35c, that makes it 500% profit and no initial investment to produce, where is the transmission loss??

There is a supply charge of approx \$1 a day, there has been no real investment that I can see in improving the grid, making the grid better, they have no real expansion plans except bandaids stuck over everything, most solar produced in the area is possibly consumed in the same area A house putting back for or 5kw can supply say 2 homes with power, but you have way to many

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business's wit capacity to produce and feedback 99KW and then they dont operate on weekends so it all feeds back to the grid, it wasnt thought out very well about how much solar load could come back on a sunny day and you cant deal with it

And then the poor home owner is going to have to shed power when the business is plowing 100kws back to the grid and flooding it

## **Other fees and charges**

There are no fees and charges with solar, its produced by the home owner and feed to the grid, existing lines they have been there for years, so where are the fees and costs

## **Are there any other matters relevant to the review we should consider?**

The imbalance of solar returning to the grid, most houses have on average say 5kw, most houses run 7 days x 24hrs, a business with 99kw = 20 houses, it in theory runs 5 x days and not on weekends and limited hours of 8am to 6pm, most business's claim their bills and install costs etc for tax deductions, so bills arent really an issue, but for a home owner its a big issue, you do the right thing and invest in solar, you try to reduce your electricity bill and your punished by the government with the feed in tariff

You have no idea of the real cost of a solar system, each year you need to have the panels cleaned, every year the panels degrade so the feed in is less and less, and in 5 - 10 yrs you will probably need to pay for a new inverter, and because small business contribute possibly more solar than residential they dont care because its a tax deduction every year and a write off as well The feed in tariff should be 2 tariffs, one for residential and one for business, given the following scenario a residential house on a good day makes 35-40KWH, but a business with 99 can do 700-800KWH

So how many business's are there against residential houses, everyone gets a tax deduction except residential

1 - 99kw system = 20 houses with solar and produces more solar than 20 residential houses

because in most cases industry doesnt work weekends and given good conditions will flood the network with solar