

SUBMISSION TO QUEENSLAND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION
PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO SOLAR FEED-IN PRICING

The retail rate for electricity in Brisbane is about 27-28 cents per kW/hr but the feed-in tariffs are about 6-8 c/kW-hr. Why this enormous disparity? What service do the retailers provide that justifies the disparity?

From the point of view of an ordinary consumer, the rates are totally out of balance and the disparity is extremely unfair. The disparity cries out for an explanation.

I propose that the FIT be tied to the retail price and be a substantial proportion of that price (say 80%). Should the retailers find this unacceptable, they should be required to justify their position.

If the State Government wishes to encourage householders to install rooftop solar, it must address the inequity in the FIT.

In its reports, the Productivity Commission should address this issue of equity and justify the position it adopts.



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