

To whomever it may concern

I would like to put it to the QPC that the single greatest impediment to solving Qlds energy crisis lies solely with corporate greed & shortsighted political expedience taking precedence over the best interests of Qld and its people.

The replacement of gross metering is a disincentive to installing solar at all and if all meters were to go back to gross metering with zero surplus feedback tariffs we would all want it, not get bills and Qld would be oversupplied in a short space of time

Now there may be confusion over what I'm referring to as gross metering given recent meetings between solar reps and State Government/Energex to argue for net metering by the solar reps

This argument, I believe, is solely based upon net and gross metering utilising smart meters whereas my gross meter submission is referring to gross metering on the old dial system, or equivalent, where the dial runs forward or backward depending on flow & is unmanipulated. All references to gross metering in my submission must be taken in that context unless stated otherwise

The cost would, I believe, be negligible because the problem with the smart meters is likely only a software not a hardware issue and they should be able to be reprogrammed for honest flow both ways without need for replacement.

Qld could become the model for solar production and distribution in a manner that is socially beneficial and a potential environmental best practice

I know that the old gross meters run backwards for oversupply, I watch mine daily, and net or gross metering on smart meters reintroduces a billing situation that barely makes solar installation viable if at all.

If we were to only reintroduce gross metering and have no surplus tariff we wouldn't need the rebate system and Qld will quickly enter into the books as the most socially, economically and environmentally sound State and possibly an Earth model where solar is viable

Smart metered Gross & Net metering encourages onsite storage like Tesla batteries and disconnection from the grid with no oversupply which is what I intend if Energex and relevant ministry will not allow my continuation of gross metering and gifting the excess in return for no bill

Gross metering with zero surplus tariff allows and encourages oversupply and basically the socialisation of energy production and utilisation whilst allowing the installation of onsite storage solely for dropout by negating bills and freeing up of home spending capital

The flow on potential is huge

The savings on rebates and tariffs alone could then be freed up to build solar thermal farms to run day and night for industrial supply

Even with no rebate or feedback tariff everyone would want solar as long as the metering is honest

Who wouldn't want free energy in exchange for gifting the surplus given the outrageous bills we receive now far outweigh cost of solar installation and people generally like to give if it doesn't cost them

Why the legislation is not equally applied is also of concern

6c versus 44c is not equal application of law and as such should be struck off the books because in Qld if a Law cannot be applied equally it renders itself unlawful

My submission is to allow a gross metering system with no rebate and no surplus tariff as an experimental option at least and see which the people prefer or at best have a responsible Government legislate it after successful trial.

It has been difficult to verify the true legal state of affairs because the supplier,retailer and ministry send the little man in bureaucratic circles so my submission is solely based on my observations of my no bill gross metering,my neighbour who has the same size system with smart meter and is still suffering bill shock and has to pay for the panels on top of that and a work colleague who gets paid and has no bill but got in early and gets the maximum tariff. My neighbour told me it's actually costing more with the 2 payments.

On the other side of the coin is one of my workmates who has no bill and gets paid \$900 per quarter.

Lying in the middle of these examples,which i submit is the best model for Qld,is me with the old meter,no bill and no feedback tariff.

I couldn't be happier with my setup with no surplus tariff and am happy to purchase the meter and line to the main and maintain it with Energex contractors and repay the rebate as well if need be.

Energex are threatening disconnection over my smart meter refusal on 12/01/16.

Unfortunately due to bureaucratic circles I can't ascertain with whom to make the arrangement to repay the rebate or if Energex will consider allowing purchase of meter and line with maintenance rights.

I believe this model deserves trial at least.

This energy crisis has similarity to the Uber vs Taxi debate inasmuch as it is the merging of old and new technology and the failure of the existing industry to effectively meet the challenges of an emerging market.

This idea is i believe

a)simple

b)cost effective

c)socially,environmentally and economically beneficial

d)if placed under the judicial microscope would be found to be 100% legal which i doubt our current situation would be.

Failing that & being as how tariffs and rebates are supposedly funded by the customer which is everyone in Qld,a referendum on the issue would seem appropriate.

Smart Meters vs Solar Smart State

The best interests of Queensland & its people vs State controlled corporate greed.

