

Hi there,

Some quick feedback on the initiatives:

- I agree with the aim of providing consumers with more options, and that flexible distributed generation can help drive down costs for everyone into the future.
- I do not support the proposed solution of principles-based rebates as the method to require distributors to pay a rebate when consumers supply electricity at peak times. (2A)
- Instead, I support a requirement for distributors to be required to pay consumption-linked injection tariffs, and that these be perfectly symmetrical. This requirement should apply to all consumers, not just mass market consumers. (2A)
- I support the addition of a new requirement for electricity retailers to pay a more fair price to consumers who sell power, but recommend that this should extend into dry years and other extended periods of constrained supply, and that all times it reflects the value of this electricity (not solely the additional value at peak times). (2C)

I have personally installed solar (2.4kw grid tied) 10 years ago. I would have gone larger but the imbalanced export price made it too expensive let alone battery storage at the time and there were no market incentives.

1 year ago I upgraded the system to 6.9kw generation with 7.1kWh battery storage. This year I upgraded the storage to 10.7kWh. The bank 1% green lending greatly supported this. Again I wanted to go larger with battery storage and generation however the upfront cost, lack of incentives and longer payback influenced my decision to stay small (house could take a much larger system).

I no longer contribute to the evening energy demand peak at 5-7pm but could easily have reduced/eliminated my morning demand peak with a larger system. Because I had to bear the full cost myself and there was minimal benefit in feeding back to the grid it will be another 10-15years before this system is reviewed and upgraded again. A rebate for installing battery storage would have possibly incentivised me but more balanced pricing for export would have been a stronger incentive.

Installing battery storage with solar and modern monitoring has made me significantly more aware of my usage and time of use.

thank you

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