
Submission on consultation: Maximising Benefits from Local Electricity Generation

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I'm writing you to express my strong support for the Electricity Authority's proposed changes to export limits for distributed generation.

As a homeowner who recently installed an 8.8kW solar system, I am directly experiencing the limitations of the current framework. My system is currently constrained by the existing 5kW export limit, which means I am unable to export the full capacity of my solar generation to the grid during peak production periods. This limitation not only reduces the return on my investment but also prevents the network from accessing clean, locally-generated electricity that could benefit other consumers.

I support all four proposed changes, particularly:

The increase to a 10kW default export limit is essential and overdue. This change would immediately unlock significant latent capacity in existing residential solar installations like mine, allowing greater contribution to the grid without requiring costly bespoke applications or network upgrades.

The adoption of Australian voltage response settings provides a sensible, proven approach that will increase export levels while maintaining network safety and reliability.

I strongly support the Authority to proceed with these proposals and to continue working toward further increases in export limits where technically feasible.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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