

Changes to Feed in Tariffs

Why is the premium one-for-one Feed in Tariff (FiT) closing to new entrants?

The Northern Territory Government has a plan for 50% renewable energy by 2030 while maintaining secure, reliable and affordable power.

The premium FiT provided by Jacana was designed to incentivise Territorians to install solar PV on their homes and businesses at a time when the industry was in its early stages of development and solar installation costs were high.

As the industry has matured, the cost of solar PV systems has declined significantly and all other jurisdictions have progressively closed their premium FiT schemes to new entrants. The last jurisdiction outside the Northern Territory to close its premium FiT scheme to new entrants did so in 2013.

It is now appropriate and timely for the Northern Territory premium FiT to be closed to new entrants and replaced with a FiT for new solar customers which better reflects the value of electricity exported into the grid.

The Northern Territory Government incentives are being transitioned to encourage Territorians to invest in other renewable energy technologies that also reduce electricity costs.

Reforms to the FiT to encourage the take-up of batteries by households and businesses was a recommendation of the Road Map to Renewables report commissioned by the Government.

A new Home and Business Battery Scheme has been announced to encourage uptake of storage technology, enable Territorians to reduce their power bills, support the maintenance of a secure and reliable power system, and create more local jobs.

Territory households and businesses can access a \$6000 grant to incorporate a battery into a new or existing solar PV system provided that the battery capacity is 7 kilowatt hours or more.

How is the FiT changing? Who does this affect?

New Jacana solar customers will now receive a standard FiT of 8.3 c/kWh ex GST which is equivalent to the value of electricity exported to the grid.

Existing solar customers will not be impacted but would be transferred to the new standard FiT if they move premises, upgrade their existing system after the cut-off date or take advantage of the Territory Government's Home and Business Battery Scheme (HBBS) to purchase a home or business battery.

Customers that had committed to solar works, in writing, prior to 5 April 2020 are also eligible for the premium FiT. Connection applications for the installation of solar systems will need to be submitted to the Power and Water Corporation by midnight 14 April 2020.

For more information on the Jacana Energy solar FIT, visit jacanaenergy.com.au/solar.