

**What is a feed-in tariff?** A feed in tariff is whereby a grid connect solar power system owner is paid a reasonable rate for the electricity that their system generates by a utility. The amount paid is usually above market rate, but this varies from state to state.

**Types of feed-in tariffs:** There are two different types of tariffs, gross and net. A gross feed-in tariff pays a premium on all electricity produced by a system whereas a net feed in tariff only pays on surplus energy exported to the grid.

**How much is the feed-in tariff in the rest of world?** By the end of 2007, 46 jurisdictions around the world had some variety of Feed in Tariff<sup>1</sup>. Of these, Europe leads the way with Germany at the helm. Its legislation, established in 1991, is recognized as the most effective program internationally for boosting adoption of renewable energy. Europe now accounts for around 50% of the world's photovoltaic energy generation, and European PV production is expected to triple in 3 years to 3 gigawatts (GW) by 2010 *European Photovoltaic Industry Association (EPIA)*.

**How much is the feed-in tariff in WA?** A feed in tariff was being considered for the Western Australian electricity market that pays \$0.60 per kWh for all electricity generated. However, there is no feed in tariff available in WA currently; though one is expected to be introduced in July 2010, although the rate is uncertain, and the tariff has been turned into a net tariff rather than a gross tariff.

WA is the only of Australia's states without a solid plan for a feed in tariff.

**How much is the feed-in tariff in the rest of Australia?** Australia currently has no nationalised program, only state run schemes. Below is a quick brief some of the state based programs. Refer to the below table to see for yourself.

State	Current status of program	Max size of solar system	Rate paid	Program duration	Net/gross
VIC	Commences in November 2009	5 kW	60c <b>(credit only)</b>	15 years	Net
SA	Commenced in July 2008	10 kW	44c+	20 years	Net
ACT	Commenced March 2009	under 10 kW - premium rate; over 10kW - 80% of premium rate; over 30 kW - tbc	50.05c/kWh up to 10kw capacity and 40.04c/kWh up to 30kW capacity	20 years	Gross
TAS	Commenced	tbc	20c	tbc	Net
NT	Incentive is available for 225 rooftop PV systems in Alice Springs.	tbc	45.76 c/kWh. Capped at \$5 per day, then reverts to 23.11c per kWh.	tbc	Net
WA	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	Net
QLD	Commenced in July 2008	10 kW	44c+	20 years	Net
NSW	To commence January 2010	10kW	60c/kWh	20 years	Net

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