Queensland Competition Authority

Solar feed-in tariff in regional Queensland, 2025-26S

Fact sheet



Overview of the draft determination

The Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership asked us to set a flatrate solar feed-in tariff (FiT) for regional Queensland in 2025-26. This fact sheet summarises our draft determination.

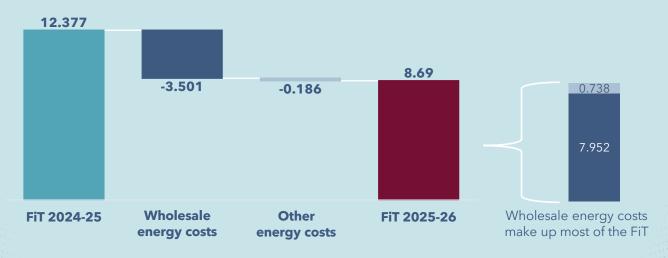
Key takeaways

- We estimated a draft solar FiT of 8.69 c/kWh for regional Queensland in 2025-26, which is 30% lower than the current solar FiT.
- This decrease is due to a decrease in energy costs and reflects the reduced value of solar export energy during the day.
- We will update the draft solar FiT in the final determination, based on new information and stakeholder feedback.

Our methodology

- When a retailer sources electricity from solar customers rather than the National Electricity Market, it avoids costs it would have otherwise incurred.
- We use an avoided cost method to estimate the solar FiT. This year we have made refinements to improve the estimates and better reflect the data now available from advanced digital meters, including data on the impact of solar in the energy market.

Change in solar FiT cost components, 2024-25 to 2026-26 (c/kWh)



Customers should not expect the solar FiT to stay the same in future when deciding whether to install or upgrade PV systems. The solar FiT is updated annually, based on energy cost changes, which can change due to various local and global factors, as well as any new information that becomes available.

Draft determination and next steps



Draft determination

We have published our draft determination. It provides more detailed information on our approach to setting the FiT and the methodology used to estimate wholesale energy costs, including the updates we have made this year.

It is available on our website.



Submissions

Consultation is a key part of our decision-making process. We encourage stakeholders, including community members, to submit their feedback on our draft determination, or any other matters related to our solar FiT determination.

Submissions are due by **23 April 2025**. We will take account of submissions in making our final determination. Information on how to make a submission can be found in our draft report and on our <u>website</u>.



Final determination

We will make a final determination by 7 June 2025.

The solar FiT will apply from 1 July 2025.