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Solar FIT Vic

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I purchased a 3 KW system through Origin almost 2 years agoBitterly disappointed in the result . Origin falsely claimed I would see a return through bill savings and FIT of between 1000 and 1500 dollars . Since the installation there has been a reduction of FIT from 8c per KW to only 5c per KW And speaking to energy company representatives,they said that the agenda of ESC and all energy companies was to reduce the Solar FIT to zero . Meaning that energy companies then get to resell your grid feed energy for practically freeand make a huge profit on reselling it on to other consumers for full rate price That's blatantly wrong and corrupt . Since installation I have seen only a return of less than \$200 per yeardespite my system working at optimum for local weather (South West Victoria) .Origin deliberately lied about the benefits of purchasing such a system that cost me \$6000 I don't ever see myself actually making the \$6000 dollars (at less than \$200 /year it will take over 30 to 40 years to recoup initial investment The only way it would be worthwhile is if one day I can convert to an off grid battery systemwhich at the moment I cannot affordso I would like for a government Enquiry into the ESC board members and the Setting of the Solar FIT to make it fair and equitable for home solar system owners , perhaps encouraging the formation of community based energy cooperatives like the one in the Northern Rivers area of NSWI would also like to see council red tape reduced to make it easier for permits for things like wind and solar for property owners in both rural and town and city areas