



Solar Panels and Solar Tariffs

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OVERVIEW

The Taskforce has allowed for the removal of solar panels and inverters from homes affected by Mr Fluffy loose fill asbestos in the ACT, where removal is consistent with the Fixtures and Fittings Guide.

Furthermore the Taskforce, in conjunction with ActewAGL, has facilitated the transfer of existing solar tariffs to new premises for affected homeowners under the conditions listed in this information sheet.

This information sheet applies only for affected homeowners who are part of a solar tariff scheme connected to ActewAGL. For homeowners who are part of a scheme through another retailer please contact the Taskforce for further information on 13 22 81 or email asbestostaskforce@act.gov.au.

REMOVING SOLAR PANELS / INVERTERS

Solar panels can be moved only if the removal is done in accordance with the Fixtures and Fittings Guide - www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au/fixtures-and-fittings-guide.

Please refer to this guide to understand your obligation to use a licensed tradesperson, ensure wall and ceiling cavities are not penetrated and provide evidence of appropriate removal.

The guide will also assist you to understand whether your panels are compliant with the current photovoltaic installation standard. If they are not, they will not be able to be reinstalled at your new property.

TRANSFERRING YOUR SOLAR TARIFF

If you are transferring your compliant existing system to a new property, the solar tariff transfer can proceed under current arrangements. Check what scheme you are under first and then refer to the How to Arrange the Tariff Transfer section below. Please note that the transfer of any gross solar tariff can only occur if the property is capable of being gross metered. To determine if your new property is capable of gross metering, please speak with your solar installer.

You can also transfer your solar tariff if you are purchasing a new system for your new property, but different conditions apply depending on which tariff scheme you are currently under.

The scheme you are under can be seen on your electricity bill. Your scheme is identified by the rate shown in the Charges column of the Renewable Energy Generator Payment (credit) section.

Example:

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Renewable energy generator payment (credit) – 16/09/2014 to 17/12/2014								
Meter number	Meter readings		kWh	Charges	Amount	GST	Total	
	Previous	Present						
S101* 299351:1	1,184	1,302	118	118kWh x \$-0.500500 per kWh	\$59.06 CR	\$0.00	\$59.06 CR	
S101* 299351:2	11,641	12,491	850	850kWh x \$-0.500500 per kWh	\$425.43 CR	\$0.00	\$425.43 CR	
S101* 299351:3	69	77	8	8kWh x \$-0.500500 per kWh	\$4.00 CR	\$0.00	\$4.00 CR	
Total			976		\$488.49 CR	\$0.00	\$488.49 CR	
Total current charges					\$12.45 CR	\$47.61	\$35.16	

- If your rate is \$0.500500 per kWh (or \$0.457000 or \$0.301600) you are part of the ACT Government Feed-in-Tariff Scheme.
- If your rate is \$0.166400 per kWh you are part of the ActewAGL '1 for 1' Buyback Scheme. Your rate may also be different if you are under a plan e.g. Home saver+ plan rate paid would be \$0.136700.
- If your rate is \$0.0075000 per kWh you are part of the ActewAGL Small Generator Buyback Scheme.

ACT GOVERNMENT FEED-IN-TARIFF (FIT) SCHEME

Changes to legislation have been made to allow the transfer of the ACT Government Feed-In-Tariff to a new system for homeowners of Mr Fluffy affected properties.

On applying for a transfer of your tariff, you must state that you are a Mr Fluffy affected property. ActewAGL will need to contact the Taskforce to confirm your eligibility.

Your existing tariff rate can only be applied to systems up to the capacity of your original generator.

ACTEWAGL '1 FOR 1' BUYBACK SCHEME

ActewAGL have provided a concession for owners of Mr Fluffy affected houses to permit the transfer of tariff arrangements to a new system under this scheme.

On applying for a transfer of your tariff, you must state that you are a Mr Fluffy affected property. ActewAGL will need to contact the Taskforce to confirm your eligibility.

Your existing tariff rate can only be applied to systems up to the capacity of your original generator.

ACTEWAGL SMALL GENERATOR BUYBACK SCHEME

The transfer of your tariff to a new system under this scheme can be implemented immediately as this is the currently active scheme. There is no restriction on increasing the capacity of your generator so long as the total capacity remains less than 30kW.

HOW TO ARRANGE THE TARIFF TRANSFER

1. Your installer will need to submit a Special Connection Request Form to ActewAGL Distribution. Please state that you are a Mr Fluffy home, and once this is confirmed, ActewAGL Distribution will advise in writing that the generator may be connected at the new address. For further information or questions, contact ActewAGL Distribution on 02 6293 5749. The form can be located on the ActewAGL website - www.actewagl.com.au.
2. Installer then installs the generator at the new premises, arranges metering with ActewAGL Distribution and arranges an inspection by ACTPLA.
3. Contact ActewAGL Retail on 131 493 to advise that you are a Mr Fluffy homeowner who has connected a generator at a new premises. Note any conditions that apply to each different scheme as listed above.
4. ActewAGL will move your current tariff arrangements across to the electricity account of your new premises.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For information regarding the transfer of your tariff, contact ActewAGL Distribution on 02 6293 5749. You should advise the call centre that your enquiry is related to your Mr Fluffy property. You will then be directed to the appropriate area.

For any further information concerning this information sheet or the removal of solar panels call Access Canberra on 13 22 81 and ask to speak with the Asbestos Response Taskforce, or email asbestostaskforce@act.gov.au

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