

Australian Capital Territory

Electricity Feed-in (Renewable Energy Premium) Total Capacity Determination 2012 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2012–15

made under the

Electricity Feed-in (Renewable Energy Premium) Act 2008 – Section 5E (Meaning of *compliant*)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

The *Electricity Feed-in (Renewable Energy Premium) Act 2008* is an Act to promote the generation of electricity from renewable energy sources.

The Act supports the ACT Feed-in Tariff Scheme, which has a total installed capacity cap of 30MW for all micro and medium scale renewable energy generators connected to the electricity network.

Extraordinary demand for new solar installations resulted in the 30MW cap being fully committed and the Scheme closed on 13 July 2011.

Earlier provision made for householders who had entered into installation contracts prior to 1 June 2011, together with a further surge in applications in July 2011, will result in the total installed capacity cap being exceeded by up to 5MW if all eligible applications proceed to connection to the network.

A risk exists that electricity retailers may not consider some eligible feed-in tariff recipients entitled to a feed-in tariff once the initial 30MW of capacity is connected to the network.

The Determination

Section 5E(3) of the Act provides for the Minister to determine by Instrument another capacity.

The purpose of this Determination is to increase the total capacity of all micro and medium renewable energy generators connected to the network from 30MW to 35MW.