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At para 5.7.1 of the draft report the Commission seeks feedback on its cost estimates, especially for larger systems.

The following may add to your knowledge:

The net cost of our 24 panel 4.2kW PV system installed in August 2009 with capacity to expand to a 30 panel 5.25kW system was some \$40,000. We hold 86 RECs which we have registered but not yet sold - so the final net cost of our system is yet to be seen.

Given the significant fluctuation in the market for RECs highlighted in section 5.4 of the draft report, perhaps the parenthesis in the title of Table 4 could also include the notional REC cost of \$33?

It is unclear whether in looking at other schemes in Australia and elsewhere encouraging the production and use of renewable energy, the ICRC found examples of Government owned facilities (eg. roofs of hospitals, schools, bus garages etc etc) being either used by Government or offered to power generating companies etc to install units to generate renewable-powered electricity. Perhaps a comment or observation might be consistent in that context?

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