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Dear Dr Woodruff

Thank you for your enquiry into the solar metering issue.

As you will be aware, this is an extremely complex technical issue which was discovered by the previous Labor-Green Government but with no clear solution identified.

I can assure you that TasNetworks is continuing to work on finding a solution to this issue with its metering provider as soon as possible. I am advised that the provider has now developed a prototype software which could potentially offer a solution and testing of this new prototype will commence in the next few weeks. Should this testing prove successful, TasNetworks would then proceed with a broader roll out. As it is early days for this potential solution I can make no representation as to its prospects nor the timing of any roll out.

As no proven solution to this problem has yet been identified, the Government has made no decision about how any implementation costs may be met.

I will continue to monitor this situation and ensure TasNetworks continues to focus on a solution for this issue.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Groom MP Minister for Energy