



## **Consumer & Utility Interest in Active Participation in the Distributed Energy Market**

ARENA: \$173,550

In kind: \$139,550

Oct 2012 to July 2013

Participants:

- IT Power
  - CSIRO
  - Solar Business Services
  - University of Arizona
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## Project summary

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### Context:

- Electricity prices up, use down, increasing opposition to PV
- Utility/government responses aim to maintain status quo, especially for networks

### Aim

- To develop regulatory arrangements that will enable increased uptake of DE while utilities remain viable

### Method

- CSIRO: FGs and surveys to assess interest in different options
- IT Power and SBS: Develop regulatory framework and assess response from utilities and regulators

### Outcomes

- Broad and significant untapped interest in PV, PV/batteries, EE etc
  - Require fundamental changes; IRP instead of determinations; revenue cap rather than WAPC; changes to market design (eg. portability, ESCOs); then stimulate broader DE market.
  - Workshop! 19<sup>th</sup> July, Canberra, ANU
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