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Subject: Changes to the way GST is charged

QUESTION

Why did Jacana make the change to charge GST on the total charges—that is, the residential flat rate plus the fixed daily charge—before deducting the solar feed-in tariff?

ANSWER

- Jacana energy consulted with tax professionals and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) around the appropriate treatment of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on Solar Feed in Tariff (FiT) applied to customer's electricity invoices.
- Changes were applied to customers electricity invoices from 1 July 2024 to ensure that only eligible customers would receive GST on Solar FiT.
- GST on FiT would apply to those customers who satisfy all the conditions of a taxable supply when exporting into the grid, such as business customers with current Australian Business Numbers (ABN's) and who are registered for GST.
- Jacana Energy ensured that GST ineligible customers who were previously receiving GST on FiT were not negatively impacted:
 - Standard FiT rate Financial Year 2023, including GST: 9.13c per kWh.
 - Standard FiT rate Financial Year 2024, excluding GST: 9.33c per kWh.
- From 1 July 2024, Jacana Energy have updated invoice templates to better reflect this treatment for both residential and business customers.