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ATTENTION: Jessica, would you be able to direct this email to the relevant authority?
Thanks John

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One notable aspect that has arisen from all this talk on Energy is that of "CERTAINTY". Whilst I do acknowledge that change is inevitable, a certain reluctance arises from this uncertainty. Some years ago, I considered purchasing a Solar System, for reasons of saving the planet and also for the cost benefit of my Electricity bills. After weighing up the pros and cons, I did proceed with the purchase, only to find that the goal posts are forever changing, through the influence of IPART and the Federal Government. As regards the effectiveness of the system, great on good days, however, it struggles to break even on overcast days.

Currently, I receive only 9.5c/kW through Energy Australia. The provider sells it to me and others at nearly 4 times this amount providing a significant margin. A further reduction in the FIT, reduces my return, and increases the profit to the provider.

As regards the installation of a battery, I feel that we will be duded again. We will have to pay a significant amount for the supply and installation of a battery, only to find that we maybe called upon to supply energy, in hours of need, to the providers at similar consideration of 9.5c/kW, yet, we are the ones who have outlaid the cost and also have the pleasure of paying the provider a Supply Access Charge(SAC) of approximately \$1.60/day for them to take advantage of us.

I also believe that, IPART is under instruction from the Federal Government, to reduce the cost that it is paying to us, in order to reduce the cost of pumping the water back up to the highest point when Snowy 2.0 is commissioned and it would also be to their advantage to supply power to the Grid, when having to supply power to the ever hungry, energy absorbing Electric Cars come on the scene.

Luckily, IPART's benchmark is only a guide at present. My provider still offers a little more than IPART's benchmark. This brings me to another point, if IPART only offers a guide, why does IPART spend so much time and money analysing information simply to provide an optional benchmark. Surely the providers factor the parameters in their business plan.

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