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In my view the feed in tariff for residential solar needs to be greatly increased. It is quite unfair that we are paid such a low price for the solar energy we feed into the grid when energy companies resell this power for a premium price. If this situation continues, people like me will just go off grid altogether - and that will leave NSW in an even worse energy situation. Now the generous feed in tariff has finished, I have switched to net feed in and even with my small 1.5 kw system, we are able to produce most of our own power. In fact, we are paying far more to be connected to the grid than for our own power usage. Currently there is no incentive for our household to be connected to the grid at all. In my view, NSW needs home solar owners more than we need you. Unless policy settings and a fair price for solar feed in are in place, I believe NSW could put in jeopardy access to a significant source of solar power, which comes into its own in those hot summer days when the grid is already failing to cope.

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