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SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFFS 2017/18

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I believe small scale solar generators should be paid a fair and realistic price for the electricity they feed into the grid. I appreciate that it cannot be as high as the retail price per kWh, however paying a mere third of that is an insult and does nothing to encourage more people to invest in new rooftop solar installations.

The feed in tariff should represent the true value of solar, including environmental benefits, and the encouragement of a developing industry.

Renewable energy is CLEARLY the way we must be heading for the future, and it is a disgrace that in this sun-rich country we are lagging behind so many other countries. This new industry needs to be encouraged to grow, not inhibited from doing so.

On a personal level, we have had a rooftop solar system on a property we previously owned, and at that time were given a 60c/kWh feed-in tariff. While I wholeheartedly agree that this was an unrealistically high and unsustainable rate, I also maintain that 5 to 8 c/kWh is unreasonably low. On our present property we have not yet had a solar system installed, largely because I do not, on principle, wish to be 'ripped off' with a pitifully stingy feed-in tariff. If the feed-in tariff was increased to around 12 to 15 c/kWh we would find that much more satisfactory and ultimately have a system installed.

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