

**SUBMISSION TO IPART REVIEW**  
**SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFFS 2017/18**

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We moved from Sydney to [REDACTED] in 2008 and immediately put quite some solar panels on our roof which already had solar hot water to Go Green and contribute to the network. At that time the cost was massive in comparison to today's costs.

We are and were then both retirees.

The system we put on was just under the limit to get the very small grant then operating. The grant played no part in our decision. I recall our decision cost us over \$30,000 dollars.

By deciding to go green we saw that we were undertaking our personal responsibilities for the Environment in which we live. We are aware of course that this also provides health benefits with a reduction in the needs for dirty electricity creation.

Naturally we were aware that this also benefited the Network and Network providers and that to get the end benefits there is a need for the many to become involved in rooftop solar as an energy source.

Yes we benefited from the NSW 60 cents feed in tariff recently removed. We observed the moves to restrict same although for initial customers like ourselves it wasn't truly recognising the expenditure undergone, nor the value of the electricity provided to the Network.

We recognise that we have not as yet recouped our outlay. However that was a decision made on a principle not to make money.

We seek that IPART and the Government set and mandate minimum feed in tariff levels which reflect the wholesale cost of electricity.

A fair price for the electricity generated from the roofs of electricity customers is essential.

Electricity providers of course seek as business entities a fair price for what they supply including allowance for of course network costs. There seems no sense that their customers who also are voters (apart from a few groups) get lesser treatment.

A fair price for our electricity PLEASE.

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