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Submission: "I am writing this submission in regard to the proposal to reduce the solar FiT, I thank IPART for its past recommendation of a FiT of 11 cents. However, I believe that it would be detrimental to now recommend reducing that amount down to 8-9 cents. Electricity prices continue to climb and prices are now going over the 30 cent per KW hour. Solar owners contribute to the energy needs of this state and have forked out thousands of dollars from their own pockets to put solar on their roof only to now be penalised in the process. Thankfully my electricity provider passes on the 11 cent FiT to me but I hear that others are not obligated to. With the threat to further reduce our FiT just to 8-9 cents I can't see the value in having solar at all. Twice now I have had to pay for a solar technician to replace a fuse in our solar system, this cost is anywhere between \$99 and \$300. It just doesn't seem worth having it anymore as the little savings we are making are being eaten up by costs in keeping it running. There needs to be a benchmark price for FiT otherwise solar owners may well just turn their systems off because it just isn't worth it to keep them running.

Kind regards,
Alison."