

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

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Dear IPART,

It is with great interest and pleasure that I recently heard your announcement to increase the NSW solar feed-in tariff benchmark to 11.6-14.6c per kWh in line with the increased wholesale price of electricity. This is a welcome relief for existing solar PV users and people like ourselves, who are currently investigating and planning our solar PV installation. We have been putting off our solar PV installation decisions due to the previously ridiculously low pricing on feed-in tariffs in NSW. We support a fair price for solar and the electricity retailers have been sadly lacking in a fair approach. We hope that the feed-in tariff will not just be a benchmark range, instead it should be regulated so retailers have to offer it as a minimum.

The feed-in tariff should also represent the true value of solar, which means recognising the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar. As such it should increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity. Afterall, rooftop solar is providing the same electricity to the grid as that generated by fossil fuels and supplied by retailers.

Legislating this fair price and any future increases in the feed-in tariff will help support the solar industry and make it easier for consumers, like ourselves, to decide to install rooftop solar. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

Kind regards,  
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