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Submission: The big question is 'why is the government intent on penalising solar households'? It appears to be speaking with a forked tongue and acting very unfairly. It says it wants to keep our electricity bills down but is in effect punishing those who have invested in rooftop solar in order to keep their power affordable AND contribute clean energy to the grid.

A fair price needs to be paid to solar owners who are in fact benefiting all consumers with the energy they are providing. It is solar households that are helping to drive down the wholesale power price for all NSW energy consumers, yet the government has plans to penalise them with lowering the feed-in-tariff.

A fair feed-in-tariff would represent the true value of solar, i.e. including the value of grid savings of rooftop solar as well as the environmental and health benefits. Why are these not being included and acknowledged in the reckoning of a fair price?

Retailers need to be mandated and regulated to offer the fair feed-in-tariff as a minimum. Currently retailers are able to (and do) get away with paying almost nothing for solar power exported to the grid, because the benchmark is set only as a guide.

We need transparency and fairness in this calculation. Anything else is doing a great injustice."