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I understand that energy retailers can produce energy for only 6 or 7 cents per KWh, therefore, why should they pay any more than that for the rooftop solar, generated by thousands of homeowners. The answer comes in the intrinsic value that clean, renewable energy sources have over the filthy, polluting sources used by major energy companies. I also support a fair price for solar on other moral grounds. Providing 5 cents for the electricity I generate and selling it back to me for 30 cents is the most blatant rip-off I can recall. I am seriously considering just throwing blankets over all my solar panels in protest. Many solar owners will happily pay for battery storage, despite it not currently being of economic advantage, just because the current system is so unfair that they would rather pay more for their electricity that subsidise huge electricity retailers by providing them with their clean energy. Remember this; energy retailers ripping off solar owners will drive them to find their own ways to capitalise on their investment (through battery storage). These people will leave the grid and then, with less people paying for grid connected electricity, the whole system becomes more expensive for each individual still connected. Not good for government (angry citizens), not good for owners of poles and wires, not good for energy retailers and not good for society. Mandating a fair and reasonable price for solar generated electricity is a prudent move, in fact, the future of the current grid connect system depends on it.

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