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Submission: Feed-in tariff regulations for renewable energy exist in over 40 countries around the world as they are considered as one of the most effective ways to increase solar energy uptake. It is beyond me why our governments', state and federal, continue to diminish the importance of such practices. Why is the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is considering cutting the benchmark solar feed-in tariff from 11c/kWh to 8-9c/kWh from 1 July? The fact is that wholesale power prices have gone down as a result of more renewable energy producers "like solar households" are providing more clean power and reducing peak demand. Surely, renewables are the future and should be supported rather than reduced in the short term interests of corporate power and a more unpredictable future. As a grandparent and a pensioner, I find this proposal before IPART regressive and counterproductive.