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SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFFS 2017/18

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I have some solar panels that firstly help me with daytime energy loads to reduce my consumption, but the rest is given to my non-solar neighbours at very little cost to the energy networks. My Solar friends and I believe that we are working to reduce upward pressure on unnecessary grid upgrades and centralised generation by producing distributed energy. To be fair to solar producers, there is a clear relationship between the wholesale price of energy and the feed in tariff. The tariff would be, at its minimum, the cost saved from transmitting that energy over long transmission lines congested by energy from central generators. In addition, the cleanliness of this energy means that solar should be rewarded commensurate with avoiding the social cost of carbon from emissions that were never made, upwards of \$200/t for fossil energy. We consider the tariff should be fixed and linked to the wholesale price of energy from other sources. If you believe this is not the case, I would consider it a matter of procedural fairness that you explain to our public why you do believe it so. Thank you.

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