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I support a fair price for solar;

I believe it should increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity because electricity companies are charging that electricity out at higher rates in all periods of the week i.e. peak and off-peak. Because retailers are earning so much money in all periods as opposed to the amount they would pay in the proposed range of 11.6-14.6c. I actually believe it should be at the higher end of this or a minimum of 5c less than the lowest price the electricity company charges in the off-peak period. This way they would make 5c on the off peak and cover costs and gain full profit for the electricity generated over and above the minimum in the peak or other periods.

I firmly believe that the electricity company is getting our free energy and charging it back at ludicrous prices and that they should have to offer the highest amount in the range as a minimum. This way there would be more competition between electricity providers creating greater competition for a resource that solar users are providing.

The feed-in tariff should represent the true value of solar, this means recognising the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar. At present I don't feel that the electricity companies or in fact the government (who should force solar) are taking solar providers seriously. It is almost border line at the ridiculous rate of 6 lousy cents that I take the ugly panels off my roof because they are really not worth it.

I strongly support that the government act. If you say you want a greener country then help those people who are helping make the country greener.

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