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When solar energy generators came on to the market a substantial monetary incentive was offered. That was justified by the view that carbon-based fuels should be phased out because of the impact on co2 emissions and consequent climate change. Then the subsidies were removed. The intitial justification remains valid, indeed more so. Uptake of solar is increasing but to reach the target reductions in emissions it must increase.

That will only be achieved by paying a fair price to households generating energy, on that is in line with the wholesale price of electricity. Retailers should be required to offer this price as a minimum. The values of solar energy generation are not confined to the reduction achieved in carbon emissions: that includes impact on health of the community generally and of those who work in the energy generation area. Coal mining is a very hazardous industry and large numbers of deaths occur every year. Providing sufficient energy at a reasonable price does not require people to die.

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