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Please move to allow the Mum and Dad investors in solar power generators to be paid a fair price for their product. It is manifestly unfair that our electricity wholesaler can sell the power that our investment generates to my neighbours at 3 times the price they pay me.

It is particularly galling when I read the NSW Energy Minister's statement that without the Mum's and Dad's rooftop solar generators; NSW grid could have collapsed during the last heatwave. What is the cost of a state-wide black-out; a few hundred million?

We are not asking for a ridiculous price, just a fair one. Around the 12 to 15c/kWh seems reasonable and would match the proposed wholesale price of electricity which is what electrical retailers still make a profit on.

Otherwise putting a battery in our house and using our own power starts to make better economic sense than being ripped off by an electricity retailer. Especially since the cost of a battery has fallen 50% in just the last year.

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