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I have had a solar generator since 2009 as I am a great believer in renewable energy.

I have also been a member of Essential Energy's and its former guises Country Energy and Advance Energy Rural Advisory Group now called Customer Advocacy Group so I have a good understanding of the energy market.

I know that network prices are strictly controlled but retailers are only controlled by competition which is a bit of a joke really as I see some customers paying 32 cents per kW/h and others 21 cents per kW/h. At the same time they are paying me 6 cents per kW/h for my feed in. This is blatant robbery and I encourage IPART to set a fair feed in tariff for the following reasons.

That I support a fair price for solar;

The feed-in tariff should increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity;

The feed-in tariff should not just be a benchmark range, it should be regulated so retailers have to offer it as a minimum;

The feed-in tariff should represent the true value of solar, this means recognizing the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar.

That the current feed in tariff from most retailers does not encourage new investors in solar energy.

Thank you

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