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I'm a farmer and like more and more of us we know renewable energy generation is inevitable. We see at first hand our weather patterns changing exemplified by having last February the highest February temperature ever, and the driest February ever. This is what the global warming scientists are telling us what will happen if we keep releasing more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. I am contributing to the generation industry with my 30 solar panels which feed back during the summer months up to 2500 kWh of energy for which I'm paid \$60 per 1000 kWh. Yet I'm expected to pay \$300 for the same 1,000 kWh power when I buy back the power from the grid at the very same instant for some other location on my farm. This gap needs to close to the 14.6c per kWh to be equitable and retailers need to be forced to offer this as a minimum. I'm giving the distribution industry a boost in being decentralised from the few centralised generation fossil fuel burning oligopoly generation industry where competition hardly exists. I'm already part of the solution to the country's energy crisis and need to be appropriately rewarded. And I don't need tax concessions to run my solar unit.

Because we can, we should be encouraged to provide more solar power in our region

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