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please realise that domestic solar generation substantially strengthens community resilience and will provide numerous industry jobs well into the future. Technology is only now beginning to facilitate the use of 'Smart Grids' and community battery storage and domestic generators will play a unique role in supplying power throughout the community and closest to the majority of power users. Efficiency through line-loss reduction as well as infrastructure paid for by individuals yet helping supply the needs of the community generally suggest there is benefit in supporting homeowners through paying a realistic price for the power generated.

Please support homeowners as participants in the power generation needs of the community rather than incentivising their withdrawal from the power grid. The more that withdraw, the worse will be the prices for those who remain, the less stable will be the grid, and the more will be the impost on Government and regulators."