

I have been informed that NSW's IPART is considering cutting the benchmark solar feed-in tariff from 11c/kWh to 8-9c/kWh from 1 July due to wholesale power prices going down as more renewable energy producers like solar households are pumping out clean power and reducing peak demand.

If these changes are pushed through, solar owners will effectively be punished for helping to drive down the wholesale power price for all NSW energy consumers. This is totally unacceptable.

All solar owners deserve better than this and deserve a fair rebate for excess power we send to the grid - a fair and reasonable FIT.

What we do in investing in solar for our homes is making an important difference to the future of the planet and particularly to climate change - and us householders are investing our hard-earned funds into doing this. It is not fair to have to pay nearly double these figures when we need to draw energy from the grid - particularly in light of the fact that I

While it's important to halt this attack on solar households, we need to go one better. It's time for solar owners to be paid a fair price for the sunny energy that benefits all consumers.

At the moment the feed-in tariff benchmark that IPART sets is only a guide for retailers meaning that retailers can still get away with paying a pittance or even nothing for solar power exported to the grid. That's right: the big end of town can get away with paying solar owners zilch for their clean power.

That's why, we're also going to send your submissions to the NSW Government it's time for them to mandate a minimum fair price for solar. Will you write a joint submission to IPART and the NSW Government today?

Clean, affordable solar power is helping 1.8 million households and businesses across Australia take back control of their spiralling electricity bills. Pumping out power straight from our sunny rooftops has many benefits, such as grid savings, environmental and health values that are not recognised at the moment.

Write to IPART and the NSW Government to say that slashing the recommended feed-in tariff isn't good enough solar owners deserve a guaranteed fair price.

Together we can end the daylight robbery.

In sunny determination,

Shani, Senior Campaigner

PS -- Labor and the Greens support a mandated minimum feed-in tariff. Write a submission today to light the way for the NSW Government.

[1] NSW Solar Tariff Cut Reward for Slashing Power Price Peaks

<http://reneweconomy.com.au/nsw-solar-tariff-cut-reward-for-slashing-power-price-peaks-95458/>

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