

**SUBMISSION TO IPART REVIEW**  
**SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFFS 2017/18**

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iPart indicates it has consulted with all stakeholders but has yet to recognise that every household with solar is a stakeholder...we own and maintain this key infrastructure component, and thusfar, NO direct contact from iPart. It is only through organisations like Solar Citizens that we have a voice. For iPart's information:

â€¢ I expect a fair price for solar;

â€¢ I expect the feed-in tariff to increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity;

â€¢ I think the feed-in tariff should not just be a benchmark range, it should be regulated so retailers have to offer it as a minimum;

â€¢ The feed-in tariff should represent the true value of solar, which means recognising the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar;

â€¢ I'm already on 14c per Kwh but irrespective of the amount, even if mandated, unless there is equivalent action re the charge per Kwh, suppliers just make up the profit margin by increasing said charges.

Additionally, as iPart & government systems are way behind in terms of legislation rel. to technological advances, I want iPart to work now on the pricing of any fees attached to back-up connection from household power walls to grid, as this will be where suppliers figure their profits will come, as more & more people move away from the traditional hostage to the grid/suppliers model. I got fed up with excuses & waiting for my gross meter to be converted to net version, and finally arranged it myself - done in a week! This exemplifies what's happening on a grander scale...with gov't or without, people power will make it happen .

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