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We support a fair price for the feed in of our solar production. The main reason is the power providers are getting a free ride with our production and we must pay over twice as much for the power we use from the grid.

Its about time all consumers get a fair go and get a real cost for the power we all use.

Consumers that did not get solar fitted with the rebates ended up paying more for their power to pay those that got solar because of the high feed in tariffs that were paid.

Now the feed price in has been set at theft prices everyone should get a cheaper price on all power, that is not the case as everyone is having to pay higher prices every 6 months or less.

So power providers get a bonus from both sides of the story.

1/ free electricity from our panels for a few years from the government, plus price rises regularly.

2/ now they still get free (almost) from our panels and big price rises as well.

The government has privatised the power system in the name of more competition and lower prices, this has never happened with anything that has been privatised, every time the costs have gone up.

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 recognising the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar. Again all consumers should benefit from the great leaps in the technology that solar has brought to us, lower prices for all.

If all solar owners turned off their panels every second week for the whole week in a rolling strike we would soon see how long the government takes to build more power stations.

I have suggested this to most of the solar owners in my area and we will continue to spread this idea, watch this space. no power in winter, no heating and black outs every 2 weeks, summer no air conditioning and electric fans every 2 weeks, how is the government going to handle this.

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