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I am very disappointed that the current price being offered for my solar contribution is so low. In fact, it is most UNFAIR. People who care for the environment should be offered a fair price for solar, much closer to what we have to pay for what we use from the grid.

Furthermore, the feed-in tariff should increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity.

Currently, the feed-in tariff is only a benchmark range and subject to the whim of the retailer. UNFAIR - it should be regulated so retailers have to offer it as a minimum.

In fact, the feed-in tariff should represent the TRUE VALUE of solar, not only the real network benefits but should also recognise the environmental and health benefits of rooftop solar.

Providers/retailers of electricity should be making a much greater effort to incorporate an increasing proportion of renewable energy into the grid supply following the example of consumers with roof-top solar - or ultimately they will be left behind.

I know the the big retailers are not going to like offering a FAIR tariff because it means they'll have to pay solar owners closer to what their power is actually worth.

But as a retiree living on a very restricted annuity income, I invested in solar to help me cover my power costs and am appalled by the greediness of providers/retailers reflected in the current feed-in tariff.

The feed-in tariff must be strictly regulated by government so that solar owners are paid a price closer to what their power is actually worth. Thank you.

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