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Submission: "Dear Sir / Madam,

I read with disgust that IPART are recommending cutting the solar feed in tariff from its current abysmal rate to an even more insulting level.

I am astonished that the contribution of rooftop solar generation is treated with such total disregard. The supply of electricity generated by rooftop solar is greatest at the times of peak demand by industry and householders running air conditioning. I along with many other householders have invested considerably in solar, not only to bring down our own power bills but to reduce our carbon footprint. This investment is being abused by the power companies who aren't required to pay the market rate for the surplus returned to the grid, which they in turn sell on at vast profit to their other customers.

Instead of recommending a further reduction in real terms of renumerating those of us who have made this investment to benefit the environment and provide low cost electricity, I believe that IPART should be mandating a minimum price for solar feed in. It should be the case that government takes seriously the need for more sustainable power generation and that electricity retailers are required to pay a price which more closely reflects the market value for the power fed back to the grid.

Yours faithfully,

Janos Ertz"