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Submission: "To the members of IPart and the NSW Government,

I wish to express my significant concern regarding the proposed reduction in the Solar Buy Back tariff benchmark to 8-9c per kWh.

It is only in the last few months that the buy back rate was increased from 6.1c per kWh to 12.5c per kWh. Why is there a threat to reduce it once again? This is at a time when we are being charged at 28.76c per kWh. Although I appreciate the recent increase in the buy back tariff, we are still not being paid a fair price for the excess energy we are producing.

Solar panel owners are people who are doing our best to improve the environment for all members of our community and our contribution is not fairly compensated. To date my system, which experiences significant shading from my neighbours trees, has generated 5,741kWh providing a positive impact equivalent to 98 trees planted, 23 vehicles removed and 3,011.91kg of carbon dioxide emissions saved.

Solar panel owners need to be valued for their contribution to the health and welfare of the community not ripped off by governments and energy providers!

All electricity suppliers should be regulated to ensure that they are providing a mandated and fair buy back tariff to individuals and companies that are producing excess solar energy."