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I congratulate IPART on the proposal to increase the NSW solar feed-in tariff benchmark to 11.6-14.6c per kWh in line with the increased wholesale price of electricity. However, this increased price should be made mandatory. This is fair to small scale solar producers & will encourage this important aspect of our energy system.

Because of the tardy transition to renewable energy, NSW faced a crisis in electricity provision during the heatwave this Summer. Small scale solar made an important contribution to available power during this period. It should be encouraged with a mandatory increased feed-in tariff.

In Adelaide, Canberra & Melbourne the combination of small scale solar & battery technology has been recognised & action taken to move towards the future. NSW needs to do the same. Mandating a fair price for solar is a step in the right direction.

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