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I strongly support a fair price for solar; the feed-in tariff should be directly related to the wholesale price of electricity.

Given the shambolic state of the 'market', the feed-in tariff should not just be a benchmark range, it should be regulated so retailers have to offer it as a minimum.

Regulation is needed because the market players are in competition .. whereas the overall benefit of rooftop solar is to reduce grid costs ...

In my view, the feed-in tariff should recognise the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar; as well as the capital costs of householders installing / maintaining their own systems.

I have been deterred from installing rooftop solar because of the ridiculously low feed-in tariff available .. and an inability to time-shift my electricity usage from the afternoon / evening period.

That impediment is rapidly changing (with the advent of batteries); indeed, I (and several families) am seriously considering going 'off-grid' altogether ... partly for economic reasons, but also as a retaliatory response to the current pathetic rip-off arrangements regarding FIT.

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