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I'm very happy that IPART have proposed that the NSW solar feed-in tariff benchmark should be doubled to be in line with wholesale prices of electricity. It's not fair and outrageous that I sell what I generate to my retailer, AGL, at 6.1c/kWh, who then sells it to my neighbour, or back to myself at 55.36c/kWh. That's nearly 10 times!!

Particularly when what I'm doing is helping keep wholesale prices down, by reducing demand on electricity from the wholesalers. One could also argue that it's a more valuable form of electricity, as there is no waste in it's production of electricity.

So the price for what I generate and put back in the grid should be inline with the wholesale price, at least, and it should not be just a guideline, it should be enforced. This is a much fairer, and will also encourage other homeowners to consider rooftop solar, which will ease the pressure on our already embattled power network.

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