

SUBMISSION TO IPART REVIEW
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NSW Government,

Our submission is to support a fair price for Solar Electricity via strict Government control or via corporate commercial constraints requiring a minimum purchase price and quantity of Solar Energy by those retailing Energy in the State.

Distribution of Energy during the last twenty years has fallen into the bracket of a commodity item rather than an essential item like water.

International awareness of the impact of fossil fuels on society has forced the development of alternate methods such as Solar Energy. Those pioneers who have invested into this area because of their fractured base in generation are currently at the mercy of retailers with a cartel environment without a voice (or capability of generating a voice) to participate in the direct sale of the product they have available. Government involvement via a minimum price and a requirement for uptake of the product is the only solution.

The National benefits and improvements in techniques of production and distribution and control have been published frequently in Australian and Foreign papers. The key is an adequate return for those Australian who have backed Solar Power and the Australian dream of leading the World in this movement of security and sustainability for the future.

As a farmer we were very early pioneers with Solar Panels in the Hunter - 1 kwh to 10 kwh. Our current aim is to produce Solar Energy for part of our irrigation pumps in banks of 10 to 30 kw units. Any surplus power would be fed into the National Grid.

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