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I am a pensioner and will struggle to have to pay large electricity bills again. I support a fair price for solar and believe that:

The feed-in tariff should increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity;
The feed-in tariff should not just be a benchmark range, it should be regulated so retailers have to offer it as a minimum;

The feed-in tariff should represent the true value of solar, this means recognising the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar; and

I installed a small solar system which is more than sufficient for my needs. I have received a credit on all my electricity bills since I installed it and up to 30 December 2016. I had a smart metre installed so the power I use during the day is from my own solar generation; however, I received an account yesterday and the amount of power I have used is the same as it was for the same period last year, so there doesn't seem to be any reduction because I am using my own power during the day. It seems very unfair that those of us who outlaid money to install a solar system will now be paying a high price for electricity again.

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