

**SUBMISSION TO IPART REVIEW**  
**SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFFS 2017/18**

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I support the proposal to increase the solar feed-in tariff benchmark to 11.6-14.6c per kWh in line with the increased wholesale price of electricity.

I believe we need to acknowledge the true and fair price of solar - this means that the true price of solar is not what is given by electricity suppliers (which seems rather arbitrary) but what it is in relation to the price that consumers pay for electricity as a retail cost.

We need to also factor the true price of solar - ie in comparison to the environmental costs of coal or gas fired power generation for instance. Climate change must also be factored in, as well as the costs to the health of the populace because of pollution.

Everyone in our neighbourhood who has solar power is so proud of the contribution they make to the grid and clean energy production. We have purposely not purchased battery storage and gone off the grid, yet. We want to contribute clean energy to the grid. More want to join us, but feel that the price of solar generation must be fair and equitable to allow them to make the change as well.

Many days of the year, my family home and our solar panels produce 3 times the amount of energy we require. That is quite a satisfying feeling.

Thank you for this opportunity,  
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