

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

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I am making a submission in favour of the proposal by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to more than double the NSW solar feed-in tariff benchmark to 11.6-14.6c per kWh, in line with the increased wholesale price of electricity.

Several years ago I installed a 4kw solar system on my roof. It was costly, and provided more power than my family would actually use, but I wanted to make a contribution towards cleaner energy and less pollution. This was particularly important to me because of the danger presented by global warming and its obvious connection with the pollution caused by coal-fired power generation.

At present I am receiving a minuscule compensation for the power that my system feeds into the grid, and I do not feel that this is fair.

Therefore I want to tell you that:

1. I support a fair price for rooftop solar.
2. I believe that the feed-in tariff should increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity.
3. The feed-in tariff should not just be a benchmark range: rather, it should be regulated so retailers are obliged to offer it as a minimum.
4. The feed-in tariff should represent the true value of solar, which means recognising the environmental and health benefits, and the network benefits, of rooftop solar, as well as the actual monetary value of the power generated and fed into the grid.

Thank you.

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