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Submission: "Dear IPART,

I understand that IPART is proposing to recommend a cut in the recommended solar feed in tariff from 11 cents to 8-9 cents per kWh. If IPART factors in the wider economic, social and environmental (non-financial) benefits of solar power it might instead see fit to maintain or increase the FiT as a mandatory minimum. The clear implication of the IPART proposal is that discounting solar contributions is aimed to support coal generator/retailer profits, and the current energy pricing model where near half the bills are network-based energy charges.

IPART can and should look at other east coast states' FiT policies and regulations to develop a common set of practices, pricing FiTs appropriately and regulating FiT levels to remove market opportunism."