## SUBMISSION TO IPART REVIEW

SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFFS 2017/18

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I write in support of an increase in the solar feed-in tariff offered to grid-connected solar households in NSW. A dispersed solar energy network has many benefits to energy supply companies that were not taken into account in the previous benchmark range, not the least of which is the benefit to all Australians of supporting lower pollution and less land degradation due to fossil fuel mining. The network benefits are also valuable to the network owners who have to spend less money on continually upgrading network capacity required when all the power is coming from just a few locations.

I would like to see a guaranteed return to solar households rather than just a benchmark.

In addition, I would like to see a recommendation that net metering can be achieved by simply subtracting readout from a solar feed-in meter away from the readout from an electricity use meter. Many companies have shied away from this approach, instead forcing consumers to install smart meters. This has been an expensive, slow and wasteful process, particularly for regional customers.

Sincerely,

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