

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

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Please accept this as my submission to IPART on the changes to the NSW solar feed-in tariff benchmark

As a solar power generator I want NSW to support a fairer price for solar. The proposed price of 11.6-14.6c per kWh is a welcome increase provided it is a regulated minimum price that must be offered by retailers.

I support a fair price FIT to cover a solar household's operating and maintenance costs, and which recognises the true value of solar rooftop infrastructure investment to the electricity network and to better health and environmental outcomes

The feed-in benchmark price should also move with increases in the cost of wholesale energy to recognise solar rooftop generators as integral to a reliable electricity grid, this will make investment in solar more economically viable and encourage increased uptake of the technology.

14.6c /kWh is still only half what I pay to retailers when the sun is not shining and installing battery storage continues to look like a smart investment into the future to cut out the energy networks unfair advantage. Of course if many solar generators opt to go off-grid in the future this could destabilise grid services as they become increasingly reliant on household solar generators during peak times, like heatwaves.

Paying true value solar FIT to households will ensure the community and the networks benefit from the partnership.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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