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I support a fair price for Solar. It's not fair that I spend \$8000 on a Solar panel system, and for every kWh that I don't use and export to the grid, the electricity company pays me 6c, while it charges my neighbour 26-28c to use the electricity I produced, at my own cost. I make the capital investment, and they rake in the profits, without any investment in infrastructure. As a solar owner, I still pay a daily supply charge which contributes to the maintenance costs of the grid. The feed in tariff per kWh to solar owners should be equal to the price charged per kWh consumption from the grid.

However, in the interests of being fair, sustainable, and maintaining the stability of the grid, there should be a limit on the amount of kWh paid at like-for-like rates. If like-for-like rates were limited to the first 1000kWh exported per quarter, with the feed in tariff dropping sharply for each kWh thereafter, it would take away the attractiveness for people to set up a solar business. Therefore the feed-in-tariff should be regulated, not voluntary, as electricity distribution is not subject to competition - I can change my retailer, but not my distributor, and if the distributor doesn't offer a feed in tariff, the retailer can't either..

The feed in tariff should cater for people to get a fair price on excess energy produced, not to subsidise a money making venture. This scheme would also limit the instability on the grid by households exporting too much energy during peak solar production times.

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