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As an early adopter of solar pv (first panels installed in 2007) we benefited from the generous original Solar Bonus scheme in NSW which paid 60c per kWh gross, with our energy supplier adding a further 6c.

However, when this scheme ended, we suddenly went to payment of only 6c for any nett generation, which is in the benchmark range advised by iPART. Given that our system still does not generate as much as our household uses, we are only rarely a nett producer.

We submit that there should be a regulated fair feed-in tariff that represents the true value of solar, recognising the environmental, health and network benefits which arise from our total (i.e. gross) generation, not just the arbitrary net amount.

Retailers should be required to offer a fair minimum price for all electricity fed into the grid by those with grid connected solar pv.

A regulated minimum feed-in tariff should also increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity.

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