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I understand that IPART is considering reducing the NSW solar feed-in tariff benchmark to 8-9c per kWh because rooftop solar has reduced the wholesale price of power for all electricity consumers.

It is grossly unfair that individuals such as myself who have invested several thousand dollars in rooftop solar which has benefited everyone in the state should be subject to further costs. A fair price for solar is essential.

Last year more than half of the retailers in NSW failed to offer a FiT within the benchmark range. The FiT needs to be regulated and mandated so that the retailers have to offer it as a minimum;

The feed-in tariff should represent the true value of solar, this means recognising the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar.

For several years the FiT was 6c per kWh. It's now 12c per kWh, which is still less than 50% of what electricity suppliers charge me when I use electricity from the grid. Even allowing for the cost of poles & wires, a 50% margin is obviously biased in favour of the suppliers who continue to make large profits.

Thank you"