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I support a fair price for solar as it would encourage more people to access power from the sun rather than coal powered power stations.

.There is no reason why the feed-in tariff should not increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity. The power companies are charging us for the use of the power they obtain from the various producers and as a producer we should get a reasonable price for our production. The reasoning behind this is that as a producer during daylight hours the providers are gaining cheaper power at the high use times.

.The feed-in tariff should not just be a benchmark range, it should be regulated so retailers have to offer it as a minimum. The FIT should represent a standard percentage amount that varies with the cost of power charged to users, all of which appear to be a standard rate for each company with minor variations to identify an apparent benefit provided by the provider.

.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; and

. My family has benefited from the initial FIT over the period of its introduction. The cost of purchasing the panels etc allowed us to save to place more panels on our roof thanks to the cost of the panels coming down over the past five years. We will be increasing our cover considerably over the next few weeks. We are also considering battery storage. I realise that this may have an effect on the money a power company (and the Govt) will make from me but it means that they could have more daily power at a cheaper cost to sell to businesses etc. I want to leave my grandchildren and theirs a world that is liveable and with a future.

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