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Hi IPART,

My wife and I were early adopters of Solar after installing a 3.8kW system in 2010 for a large sum of money (\$23,000). We have only recouped about \$19,000 of that investment mostly due to the 60c FiT which stopped on 1st January 2017.

Our motivation for Solar was primarily due to our environmental concerns about the large scale pollution by the burning of coal.
We realised that our investment was more than financial.

Under the government's solar bonus scheme, we believed that Australia was doing the right thing and that the price we were being paid for our FiT was fair given the incentives and the resulting rapid increase in Solar uptake.
However, politics always gets in the way and we are where we are now.
The proposed increase from the pitiful price of 6c / kWh is good but it certainly does not go far enough.

We fully support a fair price for solar.

This FiT must be made to increase in line with the wholesale price of electricity and it must be regulated so retailers pay a fair price.

This minimum FiT must represent the true value of solar.

The wholesale network price is based on the very large cost of network distribution and maintenance.

Small scale solar provides this country with local distribution.

My neighbours use my solar energy with very little distribution cost.

Small scale solar also provides this country with huge environmental and health benefits. These must not be ignored by the economic rationalists of this world.

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