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I believe that IPART is doing a commendable job in looking at a benchmark feed-in-tariff for rooftop solar.

I believe this value should be set as a mandatory floor price, rather than just a benchmark for information.

The value of this benchmark should be commensurate to the value that the energy is providing the retailer and the grid company.

If solar is deferring grid upgrades, this should be counted as a value benefit of solar. When excess solar is being provided by one household to supply the neighbourhood, the retailer is paying one price (the feed-in tariff), and charging a substantially higher price (retail price). The volume of these transactional gains should be counted towards the cost-benefit analysis and attributed to the households that provide the power.

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