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To whom it may concern

The doubling of the suggested solar FiT is welcome, however I would like to suggest the following improvements...

- * the FiT should be adjusted at the same time as wholesale price of electricity, rather than annually.
- * the FiT should be mandated as a minimum to be paid by the retailers
- * retailers should be obliged to offer a FiT that is a fixed proportion of the per kWh cost of electricity to customers with interval meters. Thus the peak hour FiT should be (say) 50% of the peak hour charge. No doubt the retailers would complain about the complication this would cause, but they have the data already, and it is just a calculation when producing the invoice. This would also encourage more customers to retire their ancient accumulation meters and to move to TOU tariffs, encouraging them to manage their usage to reduce peak demand.
- * the FiT should recognise the other values it provides, such as reduction of the adverse health effects of the pollution caused by burning of coal and gas, and environmental costs. This could be funded by a levy on those producing the pollution - the generators.

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