

SUBMISSION TO IPART REVIEW
SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFFS 2017/18

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Dear IPART Tribunal Members,

I am writing to support a regulated minimum price for solar generated electricity and request that this price be in line with the wholesale price of electricity. Governments talk about fairness in the market place; such a regulated price is necessary to ensure that owners of solar panels are remunerated fairly for their contribution to clean energy supply. Individual solar energy providers need the support of IPART as they have no bargaining power on their own.

Also retail power companies have a surcharge on electricity supplied to those customers requesting their power come from renewable sources yet this is not reflected in the price the company pays the solar producer.....this is quite inequitable. The inequity of the situation is increased when one considers the contribution solar power produces are making to the community at large through helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessening the need for extraction of fossil fuels with all the consequent health and environmental issues that involves.

Currently the large energy companies are riding roughshod over the wishes of many in the community. These companies should not be in a position to penalize financially, those who see the need for renewable energy and who are willing to act. This is market manipulation and hinders appropriate market signals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission.

Yours sincerely,
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