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I strongly request that IPART does NOT reduce the FIT for home solar owners. I and other small solar operators have helped to remove the peaks that big generators used to game the market and make exorbitant profits. This has lowered the overall wholesale price which is a good thing for consumers. To then punish the private small solar investors because of this is ridiculous!

The average wholesale price should not be based on peak spot markets which are distorted in favour of the big fossil fuel generators. We are trying desperately to reduce carbon emissions to minimise the damage we have done and are doing to the climate. The current approach that profit takes precedence over carbon reduction is effectively stealing from our children and grandchildren.

This is one of the critical values of decentralised small solar - to reduce carbon emissions and help develop and contribute to a low carbon safer future. This should be rewarded, not punished even if it does impact on the share returns for the troglodyte generation industry.

A voluntary FIT payment is like asking a bully to buy a child an icecream out of his/her own pocket money. It won't happen unless they are made to.

Finally, the calculation of an FIT needs to include the environmental and system operation benefits to the system."