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To IPART

I strongly support the recommendation that a fairer price be made a compulsory minimum FIT to be paid by retailers to solar PV owners supplying the grid.

The generating and retailing industry have been avoiding the inevitable future with distributed generation of renewable energy, and has avoided paying a fair price.

I agree that there may need to be limits to how much energy can be fed back into the grid given that the grid was designed to work in one direction and a distributed generation system may need restrictions until the grid and associated management systems are updated, but this limitation should be temporary and should only be allowed to limit the export of energy, not the size of the owners PV system. Locally produced energy has less loss than centralised generation with its super long lines and associated grid losses

The FIT price should also reflect the value for renewable energy in reducing carbon emissions, and reducing health impacts of coal mining, transport and combustion.

I have had PV for 7 years now and am still grid connected since I believe that my surplus should be available for other local users, thus reducing demands on the grid.

Finally, it is time that the centralised generation, distribution and retailing energy systems woke up to the future instead of lobbying Government and its agencies to protect their inability to read the future.

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