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I believe that my investment in installing solar panels on my home should be recognised and rewarded with a decent feed-in tariff. My solar production costs the power retailers nothing as I have made the investment in the system not them. As such they are relying on my investment and pay me a pittance and they are reaping the financial benefit of my investment. I get a little amount for the power I generate and they sell power to me for more than 4 times what they pay for it a 400% increase. IPART has proposed to increase the solar feed-in tariff. I support this in that it gives me a fairer price for my investment, but IPART should go further and make these prices mandatory and prices regulated. additionally these feed-in tariffs should increase in line when retailers increase the prices to consumers.

I believe that IPART should go further and look into the daily connection rates. Why should I be penalised by having to pay twice as much for my daily rate than my relatives in Newcastle and Sydney pay just because I live in the country. Once again country people are being treated as second class citizens.

I currently have net metering on my solar system. I use about 5 Kwh a day from the grid and I use use the electricity I produce during the day from my system and export about 10 Kwh to the grid. I pay more for my daily connection costs than I pay for what I bring in from the grid and for the 5 Kwh I use from the grid is more than the amount I get from the 10 Kwh I export to the grid. How is this fair?

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