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Submission: On 04.05.2011 I installed a 3.5kw solar system due to ridiculous escalating electricity prices with a family of 5 x adults with quarterly bills approaching \$700, and that was with a gas heater and hot water system. Shopped around and purchased a system that was mid price range at the time with it costing \$10,000 to install. Unfortunately I missed out on that ridiculous Labour Party 60/kw feed in tariff bonus deal but I was receiving 24c/kw and I was happy with that and estimated that with no problems with the equipment I installed, I would recoup my investment money back in approximately 10 x years. Unfortunately with the Labour Party intervention and feed in rate dropping to 8c/kw, I will probably end up running at a loss and for the poultry sum I receive each quarter, I have thought about stopping my feed back to the grid as I feel I am being ripped off when Electrical Suppliers are selling it back to me at over triple that price. Sick of hearing about they have the polls and wires and the associated cost of maintenance as my system did not grow on my roof for free and I also have costs of annual check ups and prospect of the inverter with an approximate 10 x year life failing and have to replace that at considerable cost and hope that the then old system is compatible with any new inverter.

Community encouraged by the Labour Party and Green to install as many solar systems as possible to not only save money but to cut our green house emissions but now deserted by the Government with talk of cutting the feed in tariffs or penalty fees to compensate the suppliers of electricity for the polls and wires being thrown around and I for one am of the opinion that ALL those effected should disconnect, turn off their feed in meters and see how that blows out the green house gas emissions and at present the pittance we receive for feeding our electricity wouldn't be missed.

Families feeding in electricity should at least get 50% of the sale price for electricity and those on that ridiculous 60c/kw contracts signed prior to April 2011 being hit with penalty fees to compensate those having to pay then for the high price of electricity with most receiving credits instead of a bill each quarter.