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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my concerns of the solar feed-in tariff not being a viable option. Our household has pv solar panels and are generating electricity to contribute to the grid. As we paid full amount to have pv solar panels installed on our property to not only reduce our energy bills, but also to reduce our carbon footprint. This installation cost us over \$11,000.00, effectively paying for our electricity in advance, and we are eligible for 60c p/kw rebate, but when this rebate ends, and we have paid thousands of dollars to install pv solar panels, then why are electricity suppliers not obliged to pay us at least the cost of each kw we produce at the same rate as we are charged? We are effectively small electricity generators, providing the infrastructure to produce electricity for the grid, electricity suppliers are not providing this infrastructure, we are, and should be compensated appropriately for this.

Have we been hijacked into installing pv solar panels to be electricity generators for the electricity suppliers to be ripped off without the appropriate remuneration? We feel this is the case, at the end of the day we can not afford the cost of electricity to keep rising, especially when the rebate ceases, as my husband is an aged pensioner and I work for my self at house cleaning for others just to make a meager living.

With the rising cost of everything to do with the cost of living, I feel the work I am doing is just for taxes and nothing left over for a small item of luxury.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hope you strongly consider not only our personal position, but the position of the many thousands of tax payers in the same situation as ours, not just the electricity suppliers, they are in the business to make money (rightly so) but we are in the business of making a living and cannot afford price rises on the cost of living to make millions for millionaires.

Regards

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