

I thank you indeed for your reply and in this time of the year!

For a formal submission I would make the following points. My retailer's 1st Solar reading was on 18Apr and their most recent reading was on 15Dec'18. That is for only 8 months of a year. Their invoices state that my 2018 surplus solar fed-to-the-net produced 3,690kWh @\$0.113=\$417 Credit, and that I drew from-the-net 3,250kWh @ an average \$0.356/kWh=\$1,156 Debit.

Comparing those same 8 months of 2018 with 2017.

In 2017 without solar, I drew from the net 4492kWh @\$0.267/kWh, paid \$1,200, and the retailers made a profit, using low cost, badly polluting generating systems with a well-worn (obvious from bushfires etc.) distribution network. The nations power-suppliers are a powerful lobbying group to arrange kWh prices, evident from charging \$0.375/kWh for cheap, old coal fired kWh's, but paying only \$0.113/kWh for *clean* kWh's fed-back to the net via my supply wires, and charged at \$0.375/kWh to my neighbours. I question how they managed to convince the Authorities that the 70% price jump to \$0.375 is warranted for "distribution costs" when only a few meters of existing old infrastructure is involved.

In 2018 with solar, my draw from the net was reduced to 3250kWh and, as shown a few lines here-above, they managed to make me pay practically the same \$1,200. From which I emphasize: their income remained the same while I have to pay for the higher cost of *clean* kWh's they can add those to their clean kWh's tally.

I already have a 3kW standby generator. When the battery-storage price becomes attractive we will disconnect from the greedy suppliers., who are IMO rather stupid, short-sighted, by not paying an attractive FIT.

Kind regards, Ferdi.