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Submission on solar power feed-in rebates

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I wish to add the voices of my wife and I to the thousands of solar owners protesting at yet another cut in the price electricity retailers pay for solar powered generated feed-ins.

Basically the situation comes down to fairness.

Why should retailers pay me 6c/kWh for power my panels generate and then resell it to my neighbors for as much as seven times that amount.

I know retailers say they face the costs of providing and maintaining networks, but they blithely ignore the fact that solar power helps reduce the costs of the grid by averting the need to build even more expensive poles and wires and minimises the loss of electricity throughout the network.

People who have installed solar panels are doing more than their fair share of reducing pollution and minimising health problems caused by the mining, transport and burning of fossil fuels.

It's only right that we should get a fair price for the surplus energy we generate.