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To Whom It May Concern,

Price increases for electricity generated from the grid have far exceeded the CPI. In many cases the daily supply charge for electricity has doubled. This is totally unacceptable and reflects a lack of duty of care towards all Victorians but particularly those on low incomes. New start, the Aged pensioners on very low incomes are suffering, and as an essential service often putting their health at risk by not using energy to heat their homes etc. Pensions certainly haven't doubled in the past few years, then there is the evergrowing proportion of 'working poor' who cannot make ends meet and support constant increases. in addition others who have invested in good faith in solar power are finding they are receiving little financial reward and have invested large amounts of money up front to be faced with an almost zero feed in tariff and outrageous supply charges. We have some of the highest electricity charges in the world.

The ESC needs to take action to reign in this uncontrolled industry.