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I want a fair go for solar

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To the Essential Services Commission - Inquiry into the true value of Distributed Generation to Victorian Consumers

A fair feed-in tariff for solar power would be the amount it costs to buy that energy from an electricity company - a 1-for-1 unit price.

I am just a pensioner and am trying to do the right thing having installed a 3kW solar system. Our decision makers today only make life a misery with their half baked legislation outlandishly favouring the coal lobby..

Looking at the facts, to support distributed generation (like rooftop solar) is the logical way to go. :

Rooftop solar will forge ahead but many people will suffer financially in the meantime because of chronic judgement in some quarters. We need to update our regulatory system to deal with this reality.

For Power companies to be able to buy a household's excess solar energy for 5c, and sell it for 25c is outright ludicrous and not at all fair.

The Coalition's stance on wind farms and Labor's inaction, we aren't moving from coal to clean energy quickly enough.

Climate change is threatening our health and the environment. Solar is reduces emissions by increasing clean energy production.

Our current regulations don't look after the interests of Victorians. Sadly for the Australian people it seems that they protect the private profits of big power companies.

We don't need another drawn-out review, when there are Victorians facing an 80% cut to their feed-in tariff at the end of this year. We need a fair price for solar and a modern, efficient grid that supports distributed generation.

I strongly urge the ESC to immediately recommend to the Andrews Labor Government to set a fair price for solar at 1:1, before further cuts to the feed-in tariff take effect at the end of 2016.