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A Reasonable Price for Solar a Must

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I wish to make a submission to the inquiry being conducted into solar.

This is a matter I feel extremely strongly about. Somewhere the plot has been lost as we are now only getting 5 cents per kwh for any energy exported.

If I had known that the price would fall to this ridiculous level I would not have installed solar around two years ago. It is not really a sound economic decision and I now feel terribly ripped off.

And yet I am paying around 30 cents kwh for what I purchase. Additionally, because the retailers are not selling as much electricity they are constantly compensating their income by just increasing the daily supply charge.

If ever there was a need for government to realise what is happening and to take a firm stance it is on this issue.

Some friends of mine were recently contemplating installing some solar panels. They asked my advice. I had to tell them it was not worth it any longer.

I spent around \$6000 installing a 4.5kw system and with the price for solar credits from the power company being down to 5 cents kwh it is going to take many years to go anywhere near to paying for the system. How has this situation been allowed to develop?

Who is responsible?.

It is terribly unfair and something has to give. There needs to be a very significant increase in the price paid for power we export especially for the environment.

At present the policies are draconian in encouraging power generation using fossil fuel; not what Victorians want..

Battery storage may change solar usage in the future with people going off grid which on current figures has a fair amount going for it. If power companies do not wake up and start with reasonable fees for credits and purchases they are going to be the losers and this is about to start happening in a big way with Tesla batteries now going on sale.

When one thinks about it it is really morally wrong to only pay 5 cents kwh for power from solar panels and to charge 5 or 6 times this for power sold even taking into consideration factors such as distribution, etc.

There are many compelling reasons for your inquiry to strongly recommend changes and I could spend hours writing a submission but I am sure these points will be brought out by

many others.

It is time that something was done for the people of Victoria currently being fleeced. Please.