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Submission to the Victorian Government Solar Energy Inquiry

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Dear Sir,

As a home owner with solar roof top panels I would like to make a personal submission to the Government Inquiry into Solar Energy.

I invested some \$7K to install a 4kwh solar panel system on our roof as I believe that solar energy is an under utilised source of clean energy and is the way of future power generation without the polluting effect of fossil fuels.

I currently export 3-4,00 kwh of excess power back to the grid each year.

I believe that solar panel owners who export power back to the grid, should not be discriminated against and should receive a fair price for the excess energy that they produce.

Surely, generation of power from rooftop solar puts less pressure on the grid due to its decentralised structure. Indeed, solar power helps reduce the costs of the grid by averting the need to build more expensive poles and wires and minimising loss of electricity.

All solar rooftop owners want is to be able to sell their excess power back to retailers at a fair price and not at 5c per kwh, when we have to pay up to 35c per kwh to purchase from retailers.

There needs to be some equity in the pricing for roof top solar generation as it is only going to continue to grow as more home owners convert to solar power.