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**Submission in Relation to the Enquiry into True Value of Distributed Generation**

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Essential Services Commission, Level 37, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to the above enquiry and would like to see the enquiry cover the benefit of distributed generation in situations where the transmission and distribution network is de-rated or out of action.

This type of situation is most likely to arise on days of over 35degC when householders with rooftop solar could in theory compensate for reductions in power through the transmission and distribution network by drawing on solar power. Such a facility has benefits that extend to health benefits in the case that vulnerable people would have an alternative to centrally generated electricity for maintaining air conditions and other essential equipment.

I raise the above specific point only but as Convener for Solar Citizens Victoria am party to a submission to be provided by Solar Citizens in Sydney.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.