Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to make a submission into the Inquiry into the true value of Distributed Generation to Victorian consumers. Solar owners should be paid a fair price for the energy they create. A fair feed-in-tariff for solar power would be the amount it costs to buy that energy from an electricity company - all for 1 unit price.

There are many reasons to support distributed generation (like rooftop solar).

To name just a few:
- Rooftop solar is here to stay. We need to update our regulatory system to deal with this reality.
- Power companies can buy a household's excess solar energy for 5c and sell it to their neighbours for 25c. That's just not fair.

Thanks to the Coalition anti-Renewable stance and Labour's inaction, we are not moving from coal to clean energy quickly enough.
Climate change is threatening our health and the environment. Solar is reducing emissions by increasing clean energy production.

Our current regulations do not look after the interests of Victorians; instead, they protect the private profits of big power companies.

We do not 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 Essential Service Commission (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.

Yours sincerely,

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