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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

Solar owners should be paid a fair price for the energy they create. A ridiculous situation exists at present whereby excess power generated on rooftops around the state is only purchased at about 20% of the retail price charged. To understand the true value of this regionally generated power, consider that it is consumed by neighbouring households and therefore suffers very little transmission losses. Conversely generated power from the grid transmitted over larger distances has losses of around 20 - 25 %. This and the fact that the long transmission lines are being relieved of some of the load should lead to significant savings. The feed-in tariff for solar power should be set to encourage more solar installations not limit the uptake by the public.

As all consumers pay a separate fixed daily amount for supply and maintenance of networks it cannot be considered as a factor in determining the feed-in pricing. Therefore I believe we are being treated very unfairly indeed and your government should take a good look and stop allowing the power retailers to continue to rip us off.

There are many other good reasons to support more home generation of power, the environment being high on the list.