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Reasonable incentives could motivate environmental action

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To the Essential Services Commission - Inquiry into the true value of Distributed Generation to Victorian Consumers

Solar power is on the way to becoming the major source of energy for Victoria. There's a way to go: how long depends on government policy.

Slower takeup will immediately impact Victorian CO2 output, it will also delay employment growth in renewable technologies, and finally it is likely to sacrifice Victorian technology leadership seriously harming Victoria's economic prospects.

We don't 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 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.