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Fair deal for solar owners.

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The Energy Minister,

We have now had our solar PV panel installation for 30 Months and finally paid it off, as pensioners we found it difficult at times but we managed.

My complaint to you for consideration is the price we are paid for, with what we supply back to the grid.

5 cents per KW is ridiculous.

Energy retailers charge us 35c per KW peak and 19 c per KW off peak for all power used supplied by the grid. We are with Energy Australia previously SEC Vic.

SP Austnet are the owners of the grid, that is all the poles and wires and they run that business profitably and charge each household approx 1.25 per Day for the use thereof.

Mostly the generation companies sell their power for \$50.00 per MW which is in fact 5c per KW and they are all making profits at that rate, that includes allowances for repairs and maintenance to their generating and supply systems.

Domestic solar PV systems are still being used as a vehicle for extreme profiteering by sales and installation companies insisting that the Federal Govt rebate be paid to them as part of the deal.

A 20 KW system fully installed in Melbourne metro area for under \$5000 is still being advertised provided that the customer signs over the STC credits worth nearly \$3600, this amount is more than double the normal installation cost, around \$1,200 average per household for 20 kw system.

No matter which way you look at it RORTING IS STILL RIFE IN THE SOLAR PV INDUSTRY and supported by the Governments both State and Federal .

Under current practises the Solar PV consumer is the looser, we are like a time bomb waiting for the day when part of our system fails and we will be again at the mercy of installation and repair companies .

Without receiving proper compensation for the surplus power we generate there is very little incentive for others to join us and that is a serious loss to all Victorians going forward.

