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Submission to solar power tariff inquiry

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Dear inquiry members,

Thank you for the opportunity to input into this inquiry.

Solar power creates no carbon pollution, no particulate pollution and does not create other environmental and other health problems such as those associated with the mining, transportation or burning of fossil fuels. Solar also puts less strain on the grid due to its decentralised structure. Indeed, solar power helps reduce the costs of the grid by averting the need to build poles and wires, and it minimises electricity loss.

Therefore the government should be encouraging people to use solar energy by providing incentives. 5c/kWh is not an incentive. Energy companies are selling this power on for up to 35c/kWh. Clearly there is room here to provide a better incentive to solar owners while still allowing energy companies to make a profit.

We need to transition from energy infrastructure that relies on heavily polluting fossil fuels to renewable energy. This transition should reward people who make the investment to provide for our future energy security.