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Solar still needs incentives to achieve targets

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

I live in a small country town in north east Victoria. Our community is trying its best to convert to renewable energy sources. Incentives such as the rebates on panels and a fair price for feed in tariffs have allowed people on average incomes to participate. The current reduction on this fair price will act as a disincentive for many people to invest in solar energy.

How are we going to meet renewable energy targets and create a better world if the Victorian Government does not pay a fair price? When is the government going to seriously start to wean off coal generated electricity in this state?

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 - a 1-for-1 unit price.

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.