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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

I find it extraordinary that having gone to the worthwhile expense and trouble of putting solar panels onto the roof of my barn to be fed into my domestic supply, that any excess energy produced is put back into the grid for a laughable amount of money.

Any power I need to use from the grid is then charged to my account at an exorbitant cost.

I am a strong supporter of renewable energy and feel that we need to act quickly to undo the damage that the Coalition parties, in and out of power, have been able to do.

At the moment it would appear that the main receivers of financial benefit from the power generated by domestic solar panels are the now privately owned power companies.

It is time for the government to intervene and set a fair and reasonable tariff to be paid to those feeding in to the power grid.

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.