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Solar feed-in tariff should be increased, not decreased

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

Climate change is seriously threatening the entire life system of Earth. One major necessary step is to keep coal in the ground, particularly Victoria's brown coal. Rooftop solar is an obvious alternative. This is one of the major reasons I have my house solar-powered.

However, it is entirely unfair that an energy supply company can buy my excess power, and sell it to my neighbour for 5 times what they paid for it. It is no encouragement for householders to make their contributions.

All over Earth, entire cities are moving to 100% renewable power supply. With our climate, we should be in the forefront of this, making Melbourne a solar city.

The provision of rooftop solar can be a major provision of employment for years to come.

With improvements in storage technology, soon those who can afford it will disconnect from the distribution network, unless there are financial incentives to keep them there. It is very much in the State's self-interest to increase solar feed-in tariff, instead of decreasing it.