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Fair go for solar power owners

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Dear Commissioners,

Having had the foresight to invest in solar panels and so contributing to the health of our state, I protest about power companies trying to, and succeeding in, ripping us off by paying us far less for our solar power to the grid than is equitable.

It's just not fair that retailers are able to buy cheap, exported solar from one house and sell it to a neighbour at an inflated price.

Added to this I would argue that the costs that networks (the companies that own the poles and wires) charge for solar power should be minimised as rooftop solar 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 more expensive poles and wires and minimising loss of electricity.