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Submission

What an appalling, retrograde proposal, to charge home owners with solar panels to export power to the grid. We need to encourage more, not less, solar generation.

Australia is the pariah among developed nations for its lack of ambition in tackling the climate crisis.

Australia was the worst performer on a list of the world's 50 largest economies for "green recovery", according to research conducted for the United Nations environment program, spending just US\$2bn on green initiatives during the coronavirus recovery compared with US\$57bn in France, US\$54bn in South Korea, US\$47bn in Germany, US\$42bn in the United Kingdom, US\$41bn in China and US\$24bn in Japan. Germany spent \$9bn on hydrogen alone. (paraphrased from Guardian report, 19/3/21).

The transition to solar and renewables has been coming for decades, so there was ample opportunity to sort out the grid with all that gold-plating investment.

In any event we now need to be working towards localised systems, such as the community battery projects promised by the Labor Party.

Energy distributors are already seen as untrustworthy, and this proposal only worsens your reputation.

A lack of preparation finds you in a traffic jam, caused by driving the wrong way down a one-way street.

Yours sincerely,

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