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To The Australian Energy Market Commission

I am writing as a concerned resident and homeowner who feels deeply let down by the proposed changes to how small-scale solar and battery owners are treated. I invested in solar panels and a home battery system because the government encouraged Australians like me to take responsibility for our energy use and help move toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.

This was not an easy decision financially. It took careful planning, personal sacrifice, and a genuine belief that doing the right thing for the environment would also be supported in the long term. The proposed changes send the opposite message - that early adopters who acted in good faith will now be penalised rather than rewarded.

It feels unfair to change the rules after so many of us have already made substantial personal investments. Many of us did this, not only for economic reasons, but because we believed in contributing to a better energy system for Australia. To now face additional costs or reduced benefits is both disheartening and financially punitive.

I urge the Commission to honour the commitments and principles that encouraged households like mine to go solar in the first place. Please ensure that policy decisions continue to support rather than discourage those who are trying to do their part for a sustainable future.

Yours faithfully,

