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| 2017-06-28 11:38:51 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>If solar owners are to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid then this could only encourage the uptake of battery storage and go off grid, I know I certainly would.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 11:38:31 | <p>I am against any further money gouging from solar owners including charging any extra fees for the solar feed-in. I signed up to solar to the Qld Energex grid on the basis that my solar feed-in input was going to be used for the benefit of all electricity users and that I was going to be paid a fee (until 2028) for this excess energy being sent to the grid by my solar feed-in. I believe that any money gouging from current feed-in solar owners would have to be some sort of breach of contract and as such I would join in any class action if necessary. If I was to be penalised for having a solar feed-in to the Qld. Energex grid then I believe I would have the right to be allowed to withdraw this feed-in to the grid and then just power my family home to my benefit and not the Qld. Energex grid. As Qlders are large-scale solar feed-in benefit users to the grid, this would then create chaos to the electricity grid. Anyone stupid enough to do this would then face not only the wrath of the solar feed-in owners, but also the general public as well who rely on our solar feed-in excess to provide energy to their homes.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 11:27:23 | <p>I have had solar panels for 6 years. I am still out of pocket by about \$1,500. It is essential that Australia invest more in renewable energy to keep Global warming below 1.5 degrees. It is unjust for the Government to expect me to offer my solar generated electricity for zero dollars when coal companies, which polute the air and cause climate change get paid to do it.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. In fact I already pay \$1.50 a day to be connected to the grid in the supply charge.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 11:21:25 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have spent \$14K to put the panels up there and I cannot claim any tax deductions on the capital loss as the panels age, nor claim anything for upkeep and maintenance. This already penalises me as big business have these tax rebates available to them.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 11:20:39 | <p>By putting the panels on my roof, boosting capacity of the system, I have allowed government and the commercial suppliers to no develop their own additional capacity to meet demand. If you start charging me to supply to the network I will be forced to buy batteries and disconnect from the network - effectively reducing network capacity and forcing up the cost to other consumers as more power stations will be needed.</p> <p>I am dumbfounded that anyone would consider it fair to charge solar owners for supplying energy to the grid. How would this even work? Is this to deliberately discourage people from installing solar panels?</p> |
| 2017-06-28 11:08:16 | <p>There should be every encouragement for people to take up solar! Coal is on the way out because it is no longer economically viable as well as being polluting, and renewable energy is the best way to supply power for the future. We should be encouraging research into constantly improving renewables.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 11:02:26 | <p>We have solar panels (4kW) and a solar hot water system because we want to use the power of the sun more and coal less. We don't expect to be charged for any excess electricity we might export to the grid!</p> |
| 2017-06-28 10:56:55 | <p>Why should private citizens pay any feed in costs when coal is subsidised by the government and coal fired power stations burning it are not charged feed in charges .</p> <p>This proposed feed-in charge for Solar owners is wrong, please don't let this happen now, or in the future. It is wrong, unfair and bloody unethical!</p> <p>Why should I be charged extra to provide clean power, serviced and maintained by me, and available during peak times.</p> <p>I already pay approximately \$120 of my bill each quarter, towards the alleged cost of keeping the grid up and running, before I've consumed and electricity.</p> |

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I have been made aware that the Australian Energy Market Commission is considering allowing the energy industry to charge solar energy owners for the energy that they feed back to the grid.

As a solar energy advocate and owner since 2010, I object strongly to the proposal that we should be charged for the ability to feed cheap energy back to the grid when the current feed in rate that we receive per Kilowatt is approximately 6.5 cents unit.

As the current Federal and State Governments are committed to their solar energy agenda which is driving the ever increasing price of power it seems hypocritical that householders (Voters) who are adopting a green approach to energy and installing solar panels and solar hot water systems to minimise their impact are now going to be further penalised for their obvious support of a government objective.

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This will be the second home to which I have fitted solar panels and am a firm believer that in Australia solar on an individual home by home basis is going to play a large part in the government meeting it's targets under the Paris Accord.

If this is in fact the case there should be greater encouragement of the installation of home solar rather than penalising those who have already made a commitment solar.

Do not crumble to the demands of the power companies, we have all heard the excuses relating to the cost of maintaining the power network, but we also are fully aware that private enterprise is about profit and the first costs to be cut are those relating to maintenance.

For this reason the more people that come off the grid the greater the reduction of pressure on the supply grid.

Encourage people to become responsible solar citizens rather than penalise those who are.

AEMC appear to be unaware that the ownership of the power exported from PV houses CHANGES at the SMART METER on the front of the house. The power is then owned by a POWER RETAILER. THE PV owner does not own any power exported to the grid.

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Any proposal to charge households with PV systems for use of wires for exporting energy is clearly an attempt at extortion, not dissimilar to the "gold plating" by power companies. The proposal to charge is not justified and should be rejected.

At the same time, when a PV owner is in positive energy balance and power is being sold to an energy retailer via the SMART METER, then the PV owner is clearly not importing energy. Thus the supply charge to PV owners should be reduced for the time they are "in positive energy balance". The very SMART METER would easily be able to determine the saving to PV owning households for reduced use of the grid when the grid is not supplying energy to the household.

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| | <p>I am a supporter of solar and have invested \$10,000 of my own money to install a 5kw system on my house and I am one of the suppliers of clean energy to all of you that use power in your homes.</p> <p>There are a lot of unhappy solar producers out there thinking of going off the grid and installing offline storage for use at other times other than when the sun is shining. It would be very sad to loose what we have already built up but this will surely be the result of introducing an unfair charge for exporting clean, almost free, power back into the grid.</p> <p>Introduction of this charge is incredibly short sighted and will do much more harm than good and everyone will come out the losers from this decision. Will other big power companies and power plants face the same charges?</p> |
| | <p>Instead of punishing solar owners, you should recognise what a gift home solar is to the country and be introducing laws which see a much fairer feed in tariff paid to solar owners rather than slapping an unfair and unjustified charge on them. Solar is feed in at the point of consumption saving hundreds of dollars in transmission costs. Solar is clean and green and has no impact on the environment with no carbon emissions.</p> <p>Your decision is crucial to the future of this country. A decision against the future of solar and for greedy power companies will be remembered for many years to come.</p> <p>So thanks for reading my submission email and I ask you to support solar and scrap any charges on exporting clean, green, power back into the grid.</p> <p>Dear Australian Energy Market Commission,</p> <p>we installed solar feed in five years ago in order to reduce our carbon footprint. Since the early days of small power bills (because this is not our only strategy) we have received steadily escalating electricity bills for charges associated with using the grid after its gold plating, so we are now returning to square one in monetary terms though sticking with the intent to reduce emissions.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 09:48:28 | <p>However, the people emitting the most CO2 are charged nothing for doing so, while negating our efforts. Multiply this by the million and a half homes with photovoltaic panels and it becomes clear that the power companies are getting two free kicks at the expense of the public.</p> <p>The alterations to the grid such as energy storage, necessary to make the best use of all that clean power need to be in the forefront of policy. The time has long passed for centralised generation with an ever larger grid which in fact loses more efficiency the longer it gets.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 09:41:39 | <p>It is so disheartening to people who are prepared to modify their activities to help mitigate climate change to be punished for making a contribution to the future health of the nation. It also discourages other folk who are prepared to muck in from making the commitment. Business is much too focussed on ridiculous profits to be left in charge of a vital service without strict regulation to prevent ripoffs and destructive patterns of behaviour. We need to look to the future and act according to sound advice from the science sector.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 09:26:45 | <p>I see no valid reason to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. An increase in payment for solar exported would be a better idea!</p> <p>In order to do my bit to help with pollution I have listened to the government and installed solar panels to help reduce the reliance on other polluting generation methods. As the power I produce is used locally and not transmitted over high voltage wires the energy companies are already getting my power cheap. No company should be able to get raw material for its use by asking the provider to pay them. In fact the power companies are getting my power way below what they pay the commercial power generators for the same power. So in submission I should not repeat not be charged by the power companies for taking my power but they should be paying me more for taking my power.</p> |
| 2017-06-28 09:25:58 | <p>I do not want the solar generating public to be charged for feeding their excess electricity back in to the grid - especially when other electricity generators (including those using dirty coal) are not charged. You should be ENCOURAGING people to get roof top solar, not discouraging it. Roof top solar has saved areas such as South east Queensland from blackouts during times of increased need. What are you? Being bribed by the coal industry or something?</p> |

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| 2017-06-28 09:23:29 | While a charge for infrastructure use is reasonable, charging for feed-in to the grid as such is grossly unfair. Does the coal industry pay for their polluting input? We are pensioners and paid for the installation of our solar as much because the Government was not doing enough environmentally as for savings, and only get 10c per kWh feed-in rebate anyway. It would be fairer and a lot better environmentally to charge a loading for not having solar! |
| 2017-06-28 09:10:31 | Your unfair proposal to charge "grid input fees" to solar households goes against everything I have tried to do personally and environmentally for my retirement ie. lower overheads for me and helping the environment /grid on days of extreme heat. The unfair feed in tariffs just highlight your disregard for solar households. WAKE UP! |
| 2017-06-28 09:04:22 | Dear AEMC I understand that again you are trying to add further impediments into the micro or domestic solar industry. Can you please stop. Your efforts are so disappointing when you should be encouraging a move away from the 20th century energy generation systems to more sustainable and intelligent methods of generating power. Just stop and leave my investment alone. |
| 2017-06-28 09:00:04 | It is unfair to tax solar energy as the sun is a free resource and owners of solar panels paid thousands of dollars already for rooftop panels to save themselves from hefty price increases and to contribute towards a better future by using less greenhouse polluting energy. I don't understand why the AEMC is proposing that residences that generate electricity through solar should be charged for feeding electricity back into the grid. If the big energy producers burning coal were charged to power the grid then it might make sense, but they don't, and they're polluting the environment while doing so. My solar panels are generating clean electricity. |
| 2017-06-28 08:55:26 | Given I am generating clean electricity, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises that I am not polluting the environment and furthering the damage of climate change, unlike the coal or gas burning electricity plants. |
| 2017-06-28 08:45:44 | I installed solar panels because I wanted to both reduce my electricity bills as well as to provide clean electricity to the grid. I think it's important that we capture as much renewable and clean energy as possible, and that all buildings should have solar panels to make use of this abundant resource in Australia. If I was charged for my solar exports to the grid, I would buy battery storage for my solar power, if I could afford it, or I would remove the solar generation. This proposal is unfair and unwise, and clearly to benefit the coal and gas burning power plants at the expense of the environment. To whom it may concern, As a home owner, a net solar power generator and someone who is deeply concerned that commercial clean energy is not being brought online in a timely manner, I am distressed that AEMC would even consider some type of feed in charge. This type of tax is unfair and will damage both the domestic renewable industry and any small steps Australia has made towards deprecating legacy fossil fuel energy. It is a tax which smacks of opportunism and will do nothing except work against the public good. |
| 2017-06-28 08:36:55 | It is ludicrous to propose to charge for renewable energy fed into the electricity grid. It is correct that solar power fed into the grid is paid for by the power companies. Australia should make it mandatory to build solar power and water heating in new build projects. Renewable energy is essential to reduce emissions from fossil fuel fed electricity generators. Electric prices are already out of hand so the AEMC already indicates it is not good at its job. The concept of variable charges during peak periods is an option that should be examined so the peak demands can be reduced. Remember that when battery storage becomes viable many users will try to go ex-grid. |
| 2017-06-28 08:22:34 | Hands off my solar! We worked long and hard to afford to put up solar so we could reduce our high energy bills during our retirement! So far it's going well despite the very mean rebate we get for what goes back into the grid. When we're not using our solar power we are paying high costs to use your power (not produced as cleanly as ours!). Why should I pay you to use my power? In sound business practice you would be paying us a fair price to use our product. So I say again, HANDS OFF MY SOLAR POWER! |
| 2017-06-28 08:06:34 | Solar owners should not be charged for exporting renewable power to the grid. |

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| | We have had grid connect solar since 1999 and the panels are still delivering quite a reasonable output, though nowhere near the density of the second standalone system installed. |
| 2017-06-28 07:56:10 | As oil EROEI declines, in a few years it will be the infrastructure that we have today will be the infrastructure that we will ever have. https://www.theautomaticearth.com/2017/06/the-dynamics-of-depletion/ |
| | Please move now to plan distributed grid energy without imposing artificial tax barriers on entry to the grid(s). We need to plan for ungrowth in an orderly manner. |
| | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent |
| 2017-06-28 07:02:04 | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid I've installed Solar to my house in order to help the country achieve it's environmental goals.I was originally encouraged to do this by the government and instead of being appreciated I'm now being punished. Charging me for exporting solar to the grid will have a negative effect on my household budget. The initial cost of installation was worth it when all benefits were originally considered but as the benefits are slowly eroded the point is completely lost. I thought I was saving money and helping the planet, Lead the way Government. |
| 2017-06-28 06:30:44 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Dear Sir / Madam, |
| 2017-06-28 06:26:23 | I am of the opinion that charging small scale power producers (be that solar or wind etc and by this I mean households and small businesses) a fee to send electricity to the grid is unfair. As it is we are charged a fee for the distribution network and for having solar already. The electricity that small scale producers send to the grid reduces the need for more fossil fuel to be used including the need for more gas or coal fired power plants with the attendant environmental costs. If anything the feed in tariffs and costs for small scale producers should be reduced to encourage more (not less)! |
| | We have solar panels on our roof and would like to put more and potentially wind power to work when the sun is not shining. Any increase in costs will make it more difficult to do so and will also encourage us (including my business) to get batteries and go off grid. |
| | So I do not support any increase in costs for small scale electricity producers and think it is a negative step in the needed transition to zero greenhouse gas emissions from our electricity system. |
| | People with solar are helping the environment and helping the Australian Government reach emission targets(inadequate). It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. |
| 2017-06-28 04:28:29 | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. There are also savings as there is no power loss associated with transmission over long distances. |
| | There needs to be recognition of the increasing role of solar and hence planning of other assets to complement this. eg pumped hydro is fine as long as renewable energy is used to pump. More investigation of hot rock would also be beneficial. |
| | I am about to invest in substantive solar. If it costs me to export as well as receive poor value for feed in then I will simply go off grid. The grid will then not receive my service availability payments |
| 2017-06-28 00:06:03 | It would be an outrage |
| 2017-06-27 23:53:40 | why should we be charged for their incompetence, they forget that they were the ones that encouraged use to put panels on in the first place. |
| 2017-06-27 22:47:59 | Not fair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid, instead there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid |
| 2017-06-27 22:43:23 | Solar owners should not be penalised for the bad budgeting of the electricity suppliers. Stop the nonsense. |
| 2017-06-27 22:40:41 | As a rooftop solar owner I expect a reasonable FIT. I also buy green power and expect to pay a reasonable price. As from 1st July, FIT in Victoria is set at a minimum of 11.3 cents. If the FIT goes negative I will install batteries and disconnect from the grid. Also power should be sold like water, the rate of which increases with consumption. |

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| 2017-06-27 22:33:44 | This is complete nonsense. How can AEMC charge people who have done the right thing by installing solar to export clean energy to the grid? It does not make any sense when other providers do not have to pay a cent. Surely it is the position of the AEMC to be encouraging clean energy in every way that they can? |
| 2017-06-27 22:28:39 | Solar owners have already invested heavily in power security by installing solar panels. They are feeding back into the grid, clean, reliable and renewable energy that does not damage the environment. I am perplexed in trying to understand the logic of a tax on such a service. On the contrary, solar owners should be awarded a fair feed-in tariff. As more people invest in solar, the AMEC will find themselves out-gunned. The strength of the solar community is growing and our resistance, in fact, our outrage, will not be silenced. The AMEC should recognised solar owners as a valuable resource rather than a threat. |
| 2017-06-27 22:27:21 | I find the suggestion that household solar owners should be charged to export surplus power to the grid utterly offensive and economically inane. This clean renewable energy should be encouraged not harassed with suggestions that distort the market and discourage citizens from participating in the movement to lower their individual impact on the planet. |
| 2017-06-27 22:25:52 | That anyone should suggest that a citizen's property - in this instance renewable power - can be not only confiscated but they should be charged for this confiscation, beggars belief. Consideration should be given to closure of the AEMC if they can't come up with win-win solutions. What a waste of taxpayers funds. Dear Sirs, I've read that the AEMC is considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. I'm only receiving a few cents per klw and now I'll be paying to import my power to the grid? In other words I'll be paying to give my power away and receiving nothing for it? How is that fair when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent? I installed my solar to save money but now with the pittance we're paid for what we feed in, and with the price rises the big power companies have forecast and now this poor idea makes me wonder if having solar panels is pointless. Is that your intention? |
| 2017-06-27 22:24:03 | Stop The Solar Swindle |
| 2017-06-27 22:21:52 | The idea that solar owners should be charged to their "home-grown" power to the grid is simply madness! It is bad enough that the feed-in tariff is so low. This should be raised in recognition of the multiple benefits that private solar power owners are providing. |
| 2017-06-27 22:07:43 | My family and I put solar panels on our roof because it is just the right thing to do - better for everyone! To punish "mom and dad" solar owners with a charge that the big corporations don't have to pay would be simply un-Australian! Why should solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. If there is a need for a fair feed-in tariff. it should be one that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. We installed solar panels on the roof of our new home so that the bulk of the energy we use would be clean energy not derived from sources that cause atmospheric pollution. Our plan is to install battery storage as soon as we can afford it. |
| 2017-06-27 22:03:22 | Good Morning AEMC, I find your proposal to charge solar power producers for exporting to the grid ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING ! And I hope the Government authorities, both State & Federal, do too ! In planning & building a new home only 3 years ago, maximising our solar production from the roof space available, we did not expect such a draconian proposal to appear in the future. DO YOU NOT REALISE, THAT FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND & THIS PLANET, OUR FUTURE MUST BE RENEWABLE ? What have you dinosaurs got between your ears ? Not much, I suspect ! |
| 2017-06-27 22:00:46 | The sooner I can afford home energy storage, the better ! Such storage should already be part of your existing grids - but, I know, you're not that smart ! |
| | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid |

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| | Why should solar owners be taxed for being responsible citizens. |
| 2017-06-27 21:51:54 | <p>Dirty coal producing businesses should be taxed.</p> <p>I'm sure I'm one of many who would stop selling back our excess to the grid if we were charged for doing so. We should be encouraging clean energy not discouraging.</p> <p>Wake up!!!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:49:40 | <p>The prospect of domestic solar owners being charged for feeding energy to the grid is grotesquely unfair. That this is even being considered demonstrates the need for the AEMC to be highly sensitive to the disproportionate power a small number of actors have over the energy market. Please protect domestic solar owners from unfair abuse of market power by setting rules that require a fair minimum payment to solar owners who are contributing green power to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:49:18 | <p>The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) are considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. I am opposed to this. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>All over the country concerned citizens like myself have installed solar panels in an effort to alleviate the high demands on the energy industry - we want to help. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>If these charges are brought in I will seriously consider going off-grid using battery storage - which will increase the cost burden on those that do not have the resources to do the same.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:45:19 | <p>Households who have put solar energy on their roof should not be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Our small town community were early adopters of the solar neighbourhood program and we pride ourselves on our cheaper energy choice. The government should get serious about renewable energy, reward people who care about the planet and consign coal to the past.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:34:20 | <p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission</p> <p>The following is a submission in regard to Solar owners being charged to feed energy back into the grid.</p> <p>This idea to charge solar owners to feed energy back into the grid is ridiculous, short sighted and nothing more than a grab for cash at our communities expense.</p> <p>We (the electrical consumer) are already charged a "supply charge" that is a significant portion of our overall bills. To be considering a charge for feeding power back into the grid constitutes at best a double dipping of charges for the same service.</p> <p>We have been paying for electricity for more than sixty years. Originally the public owned the "poles and wires" or the grid and were responsible for most of its construction costs and maintenance. Now to have a possible charge applied to feed clean power back into the same grid is exploitive.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>We installed solar as our way of doing our bit for the environment and the community, to have a charge now being considered placed upon us is a disgrace and amounts to a deterrent for those now considering installing solar.</p> |

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| | <p>I am a small scale solar owner- (5 kw system). I contribute positively to the energy grid by taking the pressure off the system during peak periods of electricity use in summer (less so in winter, but then again, there is less pressure on the grid in the winter).</p> <p>I, along with other solar owners, contribute to avoid the blackouts the plague the electricity grid.</p> <p>Rather than charging the solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid, you should subsidising us and providing fairer feedin tariff.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:29:34 | <p>My electricity company charges me 24cents per kilowatt that they provide me, but pays me 6cents for every kilowatt I provide them. How is this fair?</p> <p>I paid \$5000+ for my system. I expect to recoup my initial out in several years/ decades only (at 6cents a kilowatt, it will take a very very long time!). Now you charging me further will destroy any faith I have in the system, and make a massive difference to the bottom line of my household.</p> <p>Charge dirty coal companies- not small scale solar owners.</p> <p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission</p> <p>I am opposed to the idea of charging solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:17:33 | <p>I understand that large power companies are not charged to export electricity to the grid. It is unfair if solar power owners are required to, especially when solar power has significant environmental and health benefits over fossil-fuel generated electricity.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:14:02 | <p>My family of four is owner of a modest 2.2 kW solar system, installed in 2013. We made the investment in this system to become more environmentally responsible consumers of electricity. The excess electricity generated contributes to the nation reducing its carbon emissions and working to a more sustainable future. Introducing an export fee unfairly penalises my family for taking environmental sustainability seriously and discourages others from doing the same.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:14:02 | <p>It is so wrong to be encouraged to help the planet by installing solar panels and then be charged to contribute to the electricity supply. I would rather the excess power dropped onto to ground than to have to pay to get rid is my excess power. When are these people going to see the big picture? Either we should be encouraged to help ourselves or forget the whole thing. It's like cut down on power and water use then we will charge you more because you have!!!!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 21:04:04 | <p>What we need to do is encourage people to use less dirty electricity and this would have almost the opposite effect. This is an outrageous and unfair tax on those who want to do the right thing.</p> <p>ARE YOU F* SERIOUS!?! What a dirty thing to do to people trying their best to care more the planet, be autonomous and put back into a already pressured grid - especially over the summer months when as a species we've gotten used to energy intensive devices such as air conditioning.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:50:07 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>As a person who is trapped in a life of rentals - if property owners who provide solar to me as a very low income tenant - are slugged with illogical and price gouging tactics - it won't be the property portfolio holder who copes it - it'll be the poor.</p> <p>I implore the powerful don't be greedy!</p> |

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| | <p data-bbox="360 177 394 196">Hi.</p> <p data-bbox="360 233 2024 339">I have had solar panels installed since 2009 at a cost of around \$12000. It was a huge investment for me as I was ill for years after a serious nervous breakdown in early 2000. I finally got back into full time work in 2009 & spent nearly all of what I had left after other expenses on my 5kW roof mounted solar array with quality SMA German inverter. It took nearly 5 years to break even & after another 3 years after that I am enjoying a small benefit as electricity costs have increased along with the daily supply charges. They electricity retailers are already making enough profits & ENERGEX is also.</p> <p data-bbox="360 371 1823 391">It is unfair for tax paying PV owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when rich power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:46:22 | <p data-bbox="360 427 896 446">Leave tax payers in peace. We pay too much already.</p> <p data-bbox="360 483 2074 534">The impact of me being charged for my solar exports to the grid is totally illegal & shocking to say the least. It was NEVER part of the contract between me & ENERGEX. It is totally a money grab by criminals.</p> <p data-bbox="360 566 2074 617">These people like the Bolsheviks are criminals who rob the masses (us). They have no mercy. They try the same thing time & again as they know many people are passive & can be fooled eventually. They are very crafty criminals.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:44:40 | <p data-bbox="360 651 2074 702">They have to fight for the masses not rob them. They are complete criminals & they must be stopped. They CANNOT punish us & tax us when we invested huge amounts to receive an investment.</p> <p data-bbox="360 707 1285 726">We chose solar power to reduce our carbon footprint and are now being penalised financially.</p> <p data-bbox="360 730 1120 750">You buy power from us at a few cents per unit and resell for a colossal profit.</p> <p data-bbox="360 754 1839 774">The fact of only one wage coming into our household, the impact of charging us for our solar exports to the grid will have an impact on our household.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:22:50 | <p data-bbox="360 786 1167 805">I have paid thousands of dollars for my solar unit and i maintain it with my money,</p> <p data-bbox="360 810 1070 829">I am supplying the grid with free electricty with virtually nothing in return.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:21:03 | <p data-bbox="360 842 1771 861">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p data-bbox="360 866 1805 885">We put in solar panels because it is the right thing to do for the future of the planet. This should be encouraged. So that we don't need to burn coal.</p> <p data-bbox="360 890 2074 975">What a staggeringly stupid idea it would be to charge anyone for providing power to the grid, unless it were fossil fuel power stations that you want to encourage to close down. If you are concerned at decreasing usage of grid power by owners of solar panels, this will only be exacerbated as we move to battery storage so we won't incur these charges.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:20:31 | <p data-bbox="360 1010 2074 1061">I already supply power at a very low rate (7c/kWh) while I have to buy power at more than twice that. Any increase in the cost of power to me should be matched by the price I get for what I supply.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1093 2074 1144">You need to re-analyse the power market in light of the inexorable movement towards decentralised generation. You should be encouraging household suppliers to minimise their use of baseload power and to share their excess generation.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:20:20 | <p data-bbox="360 1153 1637 1173">This is total gouging to fill the pockets of the few. How dare I be charged even more to sell power back to the grid?! Total P's O S.</p> |

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| | <p>I am a smallholder living with my family in Little Hartley, and we have a solar system on our roof.</p> <p>When moved to little Hartley, around seven years ago, I had a large (4Kw) PV system installed on my roof. The cost of this was substantial, but we felt it was the right thing to do as we were very concerned about global warming and climate change. We wanted to try to be part of the solution rather than continuing to be part of the problem.</p> <p>Now I find that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), is considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:11:30 | <p>I feel that this would be very unfair, as it has already cost me a considerable sum of money to set up a system that produces clean energy, and especially since large, dirty-power companies don't have to pay a cent for the same privilege. Furthermore, I am now a pensioner, and the imposition of a charge such as the one proposed would pose an additional financial burden for me and my family.</p> <p>Instead, I believe that there should be a fair feed-in tariff that would recognise the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. This is a benefit to everyone.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:09:31 | <p>I have tried to help the enviroment by installing solar panels. I don't wish to be charged for helping out to delay the global warming we are all facing. The government should be paying for the installation of solar energy onto every house... Not charging those who are trying to make a difference for the future generations to come. Im appalled with the government's lack of care for the world and only just for the lining of their pockets. Shame on you all... I've spent about \$5000 in installing solar power panels because I don't believe in dirty coal fired power stations. At the end of three years I will receive just 8c per KW which is the sold on at 28CKW - why should I be penalised twice? Once for the low power price and then for transmitting that power to the grid, while big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:08:28 | <p>As I stated above, I should be paid a fair price for my power not the pittance that will be paid when my three year contract expires. Double standards seem to apply to small power producers. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>I have placed solar power on my roof because it is more efficient, does not use polluting coal and gas and reduce CO2 emissions, that must be done if climate change is to be kept below the level that will not increase earth's temperature by more than 1.5 degrees celcius.</p> <p>The impact in charging me for exporting power to the grid would be to further increase my power bills.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:05:27 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. I paid \$7000 for solar panels, so I should not have to pay to have my solar power exported. People who did not pay anything for solar do not have to pay to have anything exported. People who paid thousands for solar panels deserve some kind of benefit. Charging solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid is a way of taking away their benefits which is unfair. It is only just to let solar owners who paid thousands get some kind of benefit. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:05:08 | <p>See this as a disincentive for having solar installed as a means to protect the power generation incumbents. If this goes thru' I will be going off grid as consequence solar wind excess will no longer be available to de-carbonize. power generation. Distributed power generation makes the current infrastructure go further before the neeing to upgrade</p> |

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| | <p>I have solar on my roof I also fought the fire in the Hazelwood mine fire, members of my brigade have contracted cancers from being down in that pit fighting to protect coal fired energy.</p> <p>Coal is not clean, coal is not safe, coal is not cheap, coal costs lives and money.</p> <p>We need to support alternative energy not coal and power companies, we need to support new technology not technology that is over 100 years old.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:05:01 | <p>If you try to make me pay to provide energy I will invest in a battery system and go off the grid.</p> <p>So will many others like me.</p> <p>If you want your electricity system to survive you need to adapt and change, or you will lose everything.</p> <p>Darwinian evolution is a harsh teacher, adapt or die.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 20:02:55 | <p>Simple as that</p> <p>As a solar supplier who feeds back to the grid at a paltry 6.50 cents per kWh, I am disgusted at the premise that anyone can charge me and others like me for the right to feed back to the grid. Power companies are making huge profits off the power we already feed back into the grid. Currently I have already lost money with the power changes, where I was being paid 60 cents per kWh, this is now paying me 6.5 cents. If I was willing to outlay for a solar storage battery, I would but this is not the case.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 19:58:41 | <p>The power retailers and the owners of the poles and wires are doing quite well out of roof top solar so there is no need to charge us to feed into the grid. That is just 1) greedy and 2) intended to resist the move to even more roof top generation.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 19:55:04 | <p>If we are to move to a clean sustainable future, then we need all the roof top we can install.</p> <p>As pensioners my wife and I have experienced a marked reduction in our energy bills---thanks to solar.---a gift from God.The big dirty power companies get away scott free from any charges,so why should we be charged to export renewable power to the grid ?---and be charged for what comes from Heaven for free??!! If any charges are applied by AEMC it will be a darn shame as it will impact on the cost of living of millions of families in this wonderful country.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 19:52:00 | <p>When I was informed that it was being proposed that small solar producers be charged to feed excess power into the grid I thought it was a bad joke. I cannot think of another provider in our society that would be charged to supply a product to others for which they also are charged. In fact I believe that the 6c feed in tariff currently being offered by the major retailers is manifestly unfair when I am required to buy power at 30c kWh.</p> <p>To be connected to the grid already incurs a standing charge whether you use or export power. To add another charge for any power exported appears to be double charge. If the intention is to drive people to battery storage and disconnect from the grid then I think this proposal would achieve its goal.</p> <p>I believe large thermal electricity producers do not pay to have their power used by the grid. I find it hard to then rationalise how small solar producers could be charged to supply the same product.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 19:49:22 | <p>Is this another attempt to protect big coal producers by business and government agencies? This has been done before by abolishing the carbon tax and by the current government failing to adopt a CET. Charging an export fee is an attempt to slow the adoption of decentralised small solar. People want the opportunity to contribute to a clean future for future generations. Coal does not need to be supported by taxing solar feed in power.</p> <p>Small solar producers helped mitigate the peak power demand during last summer's heat waves. This helped prevent blackouts and maintain the integrity of the grid. Charging an export fee would discourage people from sharing their excess power to help the grid.</p> <p>The proposal to charge for any power exported is ill conceived and risks slowing the inevitable change to renewable power. It is now best to encourage small, independent and local power sources that are in the peoples favour rather than being just an agent of big business.</p> |
| | <p>Why on earth would you charge people for providing clean power to the grid??? This is a ridiculous proposal. Instead, solar owners should be paid a fair price for the power they're providing.</p> <p>Frankly, all a charge would do is hasten the move for solar owners to install batteries and then both use less from the grid and provide less to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 19:42:43 | <p>We installed solar for two reasons. We knew the cost of electricity would skyrocket and secondly it is the way forward environmentally. (Especially in our country where sun is abundant.) We have a 3.5 kW system which was a significant cost to our family budget. Our family of 5 use a lot of power and at the moment our solar power feed in is just above breaking even per quarter. Even though the Australian government has signed emission targets there has been very few incentives shown to encourage solar power initiatives. I find it of some concern that power companies don't have to pay towards feed in when our energy is sustainable and clean. Therefore I object to an increase in feed in tariffs for solar power owners.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 19:39:25 | <p>To hell with you lot. I have just pent \$8000.00 installing a solar system to defray your exorbitant charges for the power I need to survive as a self funded retiree.I have worked bloody hard to achieve my life style which is being rapidly eroded by the likes of you lot and your money grabbing,penny pinching ideas!!!!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 19:36:35 | <p>Solar owners should not have to pay to export Electricity back into the grid as it saves gas usage. more money should be paid to these suppliers</p> |
| 2017-06-27 19:30:10 | <p>The AEMC is a disgrace. We purchased a modest solar PV system in the hope that it would go someway to reducing the every increasing electricity prices. We receive 6.00 c/k Wh for the electricity being returned to the grid. This equates to a modest \$40 + return on our investment in solar every three months. At this rate it will take at least 12 - 15 yrs to get a return on our initial investment. For the AEMC to now be talking of charging solar owners for feeding electricity being returned to the grid only confirms for us (and many like us) that Australia is no longer the 'lucky country' - one where people were being given a 'fair go' for their efforts. This is just another example of 'punishing' those trying to get ahead. It's A DISGRACE. Any Political Party endorsing such action WILL NEVER get our vote. Its no wonder people are turning to minor parties in droves.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:51:39 | <p>As a pensioner who has recently lost his pension -due to the Jan 1,2017 changes, I am livid that there is even a smidgen of thought about CHARGING US for providing virtually FREE electricity to the power companies. Companies that then CHARGE full retail for power that they received from us for a few cents. It saves the power companies billions in NOT having to build new generators, it (used to) save pensioners and those that could invest in supplying solar power the never ending rising costs of electricity. In fact, to be equitable, those of us that have installed solar power should benefit from this investment, but alas, we already pay more for providing this cheap power by paying a higher price for the daily connection rate than those without solar power pay. Significantly, we have cut back the use of electricity (hence saving untold tonnes of green house gasses from burning fossil fuels), and reducing our own costs of purchasing electricity. This did NOT come cheaply. We receive a basic few cents for each Kilo Watthour that we produce, and are still waiting to break even with the original capital outlay in the cost of installation. Our electricity bill would increase markedly if we did not have solar panels on the roof to alleviate some of the expenses of daily living that us oldies face. With zero income and a very low return on our savings, and super that we struggled to accumulate - only to have the goal posts moved and our plans destroyed by the changes in super on Jan 1, 2017.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:32:29 | <p>The cost savings to power companies by virtue of people with PV on the roof is enormous. Don't even think of charging US to provide more profit for YOU. It is not fair to charge people add energy to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:31:03 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:30:18 | <p>I don't think i should be charged for my feed in electricity. Dirty power stations don't get charged. I am an aged pensioner & got solar panels for environmental reasons & to save money.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:27:25 | <p>The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), who make the rules that govern the electricity market, are considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. This is obviously a sop to large energy companies and is totally unfair for solar owners who export clean, renewable power to the grid, especially when dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 18:23:28 | <p>The final report from Climate Australia states that over 90% of Australians support the move to renewable energy, particularly solar. This is supported by the fact that so many Australian households have chosen to instal rooftop solar, not because of the immediate economic benefit, but clearly for the conviction that solar is the central pillar of energy supply. It is utter nonsense that householders should be charged, over and above their investment, for the export of power that is produced by their rooftop systems. Please pay attention to the overwhelming majority of Australians urging you to promote and not penalise the provision of solar energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:22:20 | <p>we installed our solar system when the State Government offered a decent incentive. Now they have stopped the original incentive and we were offered a miserable 6 cents. I. am providing power to the grid and the suppliers are re selling it for an amount far in excess of what I we are receiving. That is outrageous in itself and completely unfair. Now I am told there is a suggestion that we should be expected to pay a fee to feed OUR energy into the grid so that providers can on sell it. We were encouraged by the State Government to install solar only to find that they, or some authority keep wanting to "move the goal posts". I would hope the authorities just back off the "little man" and concentrate on dealing with the big organisations and suppliers with a view of reducing our electricity and gas bills. Perhaps it's so easy to stand over us and too difficult to address the real issues.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:21:57 | <p>I object strongly to any plan that will further increase my electricity charges. Even with the present charge structure, the \$75 received from govt towards the power costs is hardly going to bring my bills down to pension income levels. I installed solar power to try to help bring down the need for more expensive and climate changing power generating facilities. With reduced feed-in tariffs, bills are already too high. Charging for me to supply electricity is another example of govt and big business being assisted while fair minded community members are penalised. Don't make yourself even more unpopular than you are.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:21:56 | <p>I'm astounded that this idea is getting any traction at all. Why would any producer of any product think it was part of their business model that they would effectively pay for customers to use their product? Now that the FIT has been reduced to 3/5 of b*gger all, I am seriously considering disconnecting and just using my power without exporting at all. I will certainly do that if I have to pay to export.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:16:32 | <p>I think the whole idea is some what stupid, to say the least, and consider the amount of solar fed into the network to be a saving to the system. If it were not for our input, the need for more generating capacity, and network capacity would soon become very apparent. My input gets consumed by the neighbours as well as my needs, and not fed over any expensive network to the central point of generation. This charging of solar owners will do nothing except force us to go to battery installation and cut the cord!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:06:09 | <p>I originally fitted solar panels in an effort to help the environment and also to alleviate the rapacious greed of the power companies who appear to only care about rewarding their shareholders. I have watched these vested interests do their best to destroy the renewable energy industry in this country whilst the rest of the world embraced it. The feed in tariff has been reduced to an unfair level and now it is suggested that it is taxed.! What other industry has to pay to supply? Certainly not the power generators. I can only suggest that a move to charge solar panel owners for the power they generated will hasten the level of people fitting storage batteries and going off grid. It is about time that the AEMC is disbanded and replaced with a enlightened and truly independent and impartial body. I will be encouraging my local MP to act on this.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 18:01:12 | <p>To whom it may concern, Since I have had my solar panels installed when the Rudd Labor Government was in, politician after politician and company after company have done everything they can to make it difficult for solar owners. Why is it that big business have to treat the solar owners so unfairly all the time. This is the second time that the regulators want to charge solar owners for producing and then to export clean renewable energy back to the grid when at a time the dirty big coal companies get away with blue murder. The feed in tariff that solar owners are punished for is pitiful. There are huge benefits for the environment and health but the big dirty coal companies would rather us choke on the emissions. Solar owners are providing huge benefits with network savings being known to the generating companies and don't want to share those cost savings onto the solar owners again. My family have paid amounts of monies to benefits us against the big power companies in their price rises, with the only real reason for the costs to go up is because of the roof top solar owners carrying themselves. Now to realise that the AEMC wants to charge us for exporting power back to the grid is completely unfair and unreasonable in a country such as Australia. So much for giving the little guy a go, we are being bled blindly by big business in this country and they are pocketing a the savings for themselves and the pollies too. Talk about capitalist greed in this country, everyone wants to make the big bucks now and they don't care who the hurt along the way. The rich are getting richer and the rest have to fend for themselves again. GREED GREED GREED. Enough is enough!!!!!!!!!!!!</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 18:00:37 | <p data-bbox="360 177 573 196">Dear Commissioners</p> <p data-bbox="360 204 2074 284">I ask you to reject any suggestion of charging small-scale renewable energy generators including home solar generators for exporting 100% renewable energy to the grid. I believe large scale generators, renewable or fossil fueled, don't pay so why should small scale producers? Home solar generation is an indispensable portion of the energy mix during extreme hot weather and any impost would be very unfair.</p> <p data-bbox="360 288 2074 368">As I solar owner I built a house in and eco estate where solar power was strongly encouraged as part of the estate establishment to ensure clean, healthy environments and lifestyle. The government has repeatedly supported these initiatives only to now turn it's back on those of us who did the right thing and now want to start levelling charges at us for doing precisely what they openly supported.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:59:16 | <p data-bbox="360 400 2074 448">Charging me for exporting clean energy to the grid is nothing more than a discriminatory tax grab and is unethical and unjustified. I get paid 7 cents per unit which is then sold on at over 20 cents per unit and the government still wants more from me.</p> <p data-bbox="360 483 2074 563">Charging me and others like me will increase my household costs and reduce my disposable income into the economy. This is utterly selfish on the part of those wanting to charge me for exporting to the grid as the impact is an overall reduced spending power further negatively impacting the retail sector of our country which is not only experiencing great difficulty right now but is also the largest employer of the country.</p> <p data-bbox="360 595 2074 675">Besides being grossly unfair to us who did the right thing, charging a tariff for exporting to the grid when the major power generators don't have to pay a cent to do so only supports the opinion that the government is embarking on a deliberate policy of economic destruction for Australia. The government is ensuring the loss of my vote with this proposed unfair and discriminatory cost against me and my family.</p> <p data-bbox="360 691 2074 770">I understand that AMEC is considering charging solar households to return power to the grid. This not only goes against all the principles of the Paris accord on global warming where the emphasis is to encourage non polluting energy sources such as solar and wind generation, but it also goes against the Finkel Report which essentially places a cost on carbon.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:58:27 | <p data-bbox="360 802 2074 882">Currently gas and coal power stations are not charged to put electricity on the grid. If we consider the global push toward renewable energy and the emphasis of the Finkel Report, all power generation should be charged to use the distribution network based on the carbon footprint of the generator. Renewable energy sources should not be charged. This would be in accord with the Paris Agreement and the Finkel report.</p> <p data-bbox="360 914 2074 994">Currently households with solar panels are not paid for the power that they put back to the grid which the power companies effectively use for free and then charge the end user a substantial fee for power they have not paid for. If the power sent to the grid by solar panels from homes was effectively harnessed we would not need to use as much power from polluting base load power stations.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1026 2074 1074">I installed solar panels due to my concern about global warming. AMEC needs to adjust its policies to show it is also concerned about global warming and not penalize ordinary people who are making a great effort at their own cost to assist in reducing our national carbon footprint.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1106 2074 1153">In order to reduce the need for base load electricity generation at night AMEC should be considering subsidizing solar households to install battery systems to reduce the need for polluting base load electricity at night. This would also assist in the reduction in maintenance and requirement for additional distribution infrastructure.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1185 2074 1326">I am personally not getting an effective return for the power that I send to the grid at my cost, which is reducing the need for base load electricity and as a pensioner I certainly cannot and would not pay an additional cost over and above the current absorbent infrastructure cost that I am paying - currently \$1.36 per day. If AMEC goes down the route of charging an additional fee on top of the current amount for free power going back to the grid you will find more people will be introducing battery systems with a portable generator and going off the grid altogether. This would then place AMEC in a very difficult position with substantially fewer people using an expensive ageing infrastructure.</p> |

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| | <p>It is unfair for domestic solar owners who have invested in providing renewable energy infrastructure to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the electricity grid. The power companies that are relying on old 'dirty' technologies are not required to pay anything and neither should solar owners. It is high time that all public money investment in old non renewable technology ceases and policies should not be made to prop up the old technology industries. Other industries are being 'uberred' - it is high time the same applied to the power industry and public money should only be invested in clean renewable power technologies.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:58:17 | <p>There also needs to be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the power grid.</p> <p>We put rooftop solar on to combat the rising utility costs and because we believe there is an imperative to move away from finite resources such as coal, oil and gas.</p> <p>We urge you not to bow to the pressure of the power industry to sustain their old technology with this unfair charge on solar owners who have in fact done the right thing in investing in renewable energy infrastructure which they have to maintain at their own cost.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:58:01 | <p>Please pay a fair price to encourage solar. You are making Australia the laughing stock of the world.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:57:22 | <p>Please note that PV Panel owners in Tasmania help stabilise the power system as we allow water flow to be reduced in the day time- thus we can save water in the day and use it at night when more power when its needed- This is done without the aid of batteries ? The Israelis have 24 hour/365 dat solar power ?</p> <p>Dear Commissioners</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:52:24 | <p>As a solar owner, and net exporter to the grid, I am utterly opposed to the concept of having to pay to export my renewable power to the grid, when other producers of non-renewable power do not have to. As it is, I am paid a minimum for the power I produce, which is most useful to the grid on hot sunny days when airconditioners kick in and industrial power suppliers receive a premium for their input on the spot market.</p> <p>My reason for installing solar panels was twofold; both to cut my power bills and also provide an environmentally benign alternative to polluting power generation. I am very careful with my electricity usage, which is the reason I have energy to export, as I have quite a small (3kw) system. If I am to be charged for exporting to the grid, I will most likely install battery storage, and go off the grid completely.</p> <p>Solar in Queensland is a better way of generating power. The stone age didn't end because they ran out of stone - our ancestors found better ways of doing things. No doubt there are challenges with solar feed-ins to the grid - I expect our electrical engineers (who are very intelligent people) to rise to the challenge, not bury their heads in the sand, and not just discourage, but punish financially those moving with the times. Any wholesale/retail business has to adapt to their markets within their budgets - why does the electricity industry think it can slug customers to pay for the inevitable changes which have been obvious for decades? Believe me, I am not an early adopter of any new technology!</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to make a submission</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 17:49:22 | <p>When I purchased solar panels for my rooftop I was under the impression that a transition was under way. I was encouraged by the federal government to take up incentives and invest in solar panels. This would be good for the planet, decrease my electricity bill, make me feel good about it. The Queensland Government were very happy because they were experiencing brownouts due to failure to invest in networks.</p> <p>It is now clear I made a terrible mistake. Relentlessly, progressively, I've been made to feel that I am part of the problem, not part of the solution as I thought.</p> <p>This latest proposal to make a charge for exporting my generated power to the grid adds another nail in the coffin of my business plan in favour of the business plans of the electricity industry. In short, those who looked ahead and planned are being held hostage by those who did not.</p> <p>Why am I being asked to pay for the privilege of exporting my power when other large power generators are not?</p> <p>When will the operators of the industry realise that we are moving towards highly decentralised power capability with a grid connection as insurance.</p> <p>This "make the bastards pay" attitude will drive battery uptake quicker than ever. The mooted charge is a horrible distortion of a direction that is best for Australia. Benefit will accrue to the State Government no doubt via special dividends.</p> <p>Solar panel investors will not take this lying down. This proposal places an unfair burden on those who are already shouldering the cost of rooftop infrastructure that has obviated the need for investment in new power generation capability by the Industry.</p> <p>Suck it up, generators and distributors. Take your share of the burden you have created by failing to manage the transition to alternative energy. Watch the true power of democracy as those who advocate these measures are voted out.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:46:35 | <p>For Christ sake be fair to the little people</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:46:28 | <p>Hi,</p> <p>Please do not charge Solar owners to put electricity back into the grid when power companies are not required to do so, this is unfair on the very people who are being responsible for our climate. Additionally there should be a fair feed in tariff for solar generators to encourage others to buy solar systems. If you charge solar owners to export to the grid this will simply encourage existing solar owners to buy battery systems further exasabating the power problems. I encourage you to put in place systems that are good for the future of the planet before it is forced upon you by the public who are sick of big power companies trying to hold onto outdated buisness models.</p> <p>To the AEMC,</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:40:57 | <p>Just because I, and thousands of like minded people, had the foresight to invest in solar power this is no good reason to keep trying to inflict penalties on us. We are trying to look out for the place that we live, trying to make a small difference against the countries and industries that don't care what harm they do to us all and yes, trying to save ourselves some money as the ever increasing living costs mount each year. Please do not add another charge.</p> <p>Dear AMEC,</p> <p>Last Friday, I secured rooftop solar to our new home - to reduce our fossil fuel use and do my part to transition to a clean energy future.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:34:53 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>Charging me to export clean energy that I've made back to the grid, doesn't inspire me to stay connected to grid - we'd be looking for offline battery options if they come on line and are affordable in the next few years.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:31:16 | <p>We need to stop funding fossil fuels in subsidies, and transition rapidly to 100% clean energy by 2025, for a safe climate future.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:28:05 | <p>This is an outrageous proposal. Is there no end to the greed of the power companies. We first wanted to put solar on our home in 1977 but would have been charged a premium on any power we required from the grid. I consider my right to go off grid without penalty.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:27:04 | <p>Stop the solar swindle.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 17:25:31 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I put on roof top solar over 10 years ago as I was concerned about our environment and the soaring energy costs once the system was deruegulated (which has happened). My last account credited me with 6cents/kW but then charged me 25/23 & 22c/kW when the only difference in what I fed into the grid vs what I used was 210kW cost me over \$800!! I was thoroughly appalled! Where is the fairness in any of this?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:23:02 | <p>It would be an injustice if owners of solar PV panels to have to pay to export power into the grid when power companies don't have to pay. All that will happen is it will hasten the trend toward self-sufficiency, and consequent departure of the solar community from the power grid. This will no doubt lead to further increases in prices for those who can least afford it.</p> <p>The feed-in tariff should be commensurate with the environmental and infrastructural savings resulting from the use of renewable energy.</p> <p>We are stay at home pensioners and the cost of electricity is becoming a major burden on our household. It is only the rebates we are earning with our solar PV panels that keep the costs from being crippling. If we had to pay for the privilege of exporting power, it would impose an unnecessary cost burden that we can't afford on us.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:22:33 | <p>I see no reason why after my investment I should be penalized by AEMC for installing solar panels on my roof to save co2 emissions. I note major power generators are not penalized in this way.</p> <p>A more realistic price should be paid to private solar generators.</p> <p>My solar experience has been successful so far with a small saving on power bills.</p> <p>As a pensioner I do not need to pay extra for power that we are being overcharged for at the present.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:21:28 | <p>My husband and I spent a significant amount of money to install solar power onto our farm house due to the cost of power from the grid and the government subsidy offered at the time. Since that time,the govt subsidy finished on 31 Dec 16 and we now have excess power generated which is being fed back into the Network and Origin Energy is getting the benefit. We have not had any payment or documentation since 1 Jan 17 and even though speaking with staff from Origin they have still not settled an agreement with us at this stage. Considering the daily cost for so called Energy Providers to provide energy being somewhere just under \$1.50 per day, receiving 20-30 cents? per kWh and all the fees that go with payments. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export our clean, renewable power to the grid at such a low cost to the large power companies without any control by us the consumer/providers of the power. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the costs that individuals have gone through to install solar power and not only use less of the power from government supported dirty power companies. We have provided an environmental and health benefit with our solar production, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Since having solar, we have been forced to send it all to the grid under the previous system, whereby we received a payment from the Government and taxpayers with nothing from the companies getting free power. Then we had to buy power from the grid and a significant cost and the usual lack of guarantee of supply. This is grossly unfair.</p> <p>The charges we have been forced to pay often were over and above what our solar system supposedly earned. Now we are expected to send our excess solar to these companies for a minimal payment and have to pay a daily rate for the joy of staying on the Network and then the charge if we use any of the power. This is blatant stealing from citizens of this country who have worked hard to make ends meet and find that once more, the government of the day is bringing in requirements that only benefit the big companies and the government.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:19:52 | <p>Feed in tariff should equal supplied power.</p> <p>Re: Charging household solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:19:07 | <p>I would respectfully submit that this is a preposterous proposition. As a nation, Australia should be doing everything it can to encourage clean green power generation in every household. The big fossil fuel generators have been and are still being subsidised at every turn. This needs to end now! We need a fresh approach to power generation in this country and it starts in every home. If anything the network operators should be paying households with solar & wind generators to be connected to the grid, and more so if they have power storage capacity (batteries) to be able to feed into the grid in times of high demand. The ridiculously low limit of 5kWs/H as a max feed in amount should be doubled or trebled so that in times of high demands or emergency situations we have a reliable de-centralized power system that can continue to function with out the reliance on big fossil fuel generators. If there were fair feed-in tariffs across all the states, Australia could have a 100% renewable power grid well before 2050. We owe it to future generations to do something about this now, not next week, next year, next election. Encourage every household to become a producer of clean green power that we desperately need to secure our future and to save the natural environment before it is too late.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 17:17:13 | <p>To aid transition to clean energy it is essential to pay all generators of clean renewable energy a fair feed in tariff. This recognises the environmental, health, employment, economic and climate advantages of renewable energy and enables Australia to move away rapidly from fossil fuels. Dispersed technology is also more secure for constant supply and makes us less vulnerable to the break down of centralised energy systems. It is totally inequitable to charge generators of one source of energy to export to the grid and not another. Either it needs to be done equitably (no charge for anyone or the same amount per KW fee for all. Also there should be equity in the subsidies and benefits currently given to fossil fuel generation). Given the urgency of addressing climate, it would be worth considering subsidising renewable generation to move more quickly out of fossil fuels and keeping them for back up only.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:14:09 | <p>I also request you consider supporting the household installation of battery storage. The more households can generate and store, the less spent on centralised expensive, dirty old technology generators. Yes there may be a period of adaption to the grid but this will be worth while in the medium term.</p> <p>You have to be kidding. I definitely object to getting charged to supply free energy. In fact, I was going to go the other way and raise my feed in tariff from \$0.06 to \$0.12. Any such charge will result in me going off grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:09:34 | <p>Hi</p> <p>I would like to express my deep concern about a proposal to make the owners of solar panels pay for power they export. This idea is quite unreasonable and an unnecessary burden on people who have expended a lot of their own money in good faith. When panels are being installed there is no expectation of making some sort of income, it is generally to reduce the persons own burden on the electrical system and the incidental prospect of having a positive electricity account.</p> <p>The existence of solar generation should not be seen as a burden on the electrical system so that the owners should be penalised. The existence of these panels should be seen as a positive benefit to the generation and reliability of the power distribution - and for this they SHOULD BE REWARDED by LOWER tariffs, not higher.</p> <p>I suggest that the owners of solar generation (including batteries) should have the network tariff dramatically reduced and the credit rate should be a function of the time-of-use tariff, so rate is proportional to the rate at the time.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 17:02:41 | <p>There may be blackout over the next summer and an even higher chance the summer after because of a shortage of generating capacity. The quickest way to set up new generating capacity in the next 5-months is by massively increasing the take up of PV cells by ordinary people. This is a low cost to the tax payer as most of the cost is to the person buying the panels. these panels can be in and generating power within weeks, not months of even years for large scale plant.</p> <p>Time for the electrical generation and supply industry to allow small scale power systems to take their rightful place in the distribution of power. create a situation so more generating capacity can be created now by REWARDING PV cell and battery system owners!</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:53:37 | <p>I paid \$16,000 to install solar panels on my roof so I could pay less for electricity and reduce my family's use of fossil fuels. The rebate I currently get on the surplus energy we feed back to the grid is very minimal. To now think I would also have to pay a feed in tariff to get a minimal rebate would be a terrible decision in the wrong direction. The government should be encouraging more people to take up solar rather than punish those who are doing the right thing by the environment and the country and not deferring to the greedy wealthy power companies.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:52:56 | <p>I believe many solar owners have expended large amounts of money to install solar with no help or assistance from any government organisation. It would be prudent for the energy companies to at least give some thing back from the electricity they are gaining freely. Under NO circumstances should solar owners be charged for giving energy to the grid. This is outrageous!</p> <p>I paid a substantial amount to have roof top solar added to my home in order to reduce the drain on the state system and also to reduce my overall electricity cost as it has become unfordable to use grid only power any more for me.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:49:07 | <p>It is very unfair that additional charges are being proposed for feeding into the grid, when in fact the amount being paid for feed in is well below the wholesale price, the same electricity being sold back for about 10 times the price to other consumers.</p> <p>My solar panels will not be paid for for some time, and the additional charges proposed will mean that it will take much longer to break even if ever that can occur.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:48:56 | <p>This greed has to stop. A better system would be that all solar power producers be paid the same wholesale rate as the big producers and no connection fees imposed for feeding in.</p> <p>It is not fair that homeowners would be expected to pay to export to the network when power generators do not have to. If this occurs I will disconnect from the grid and install tesla power walls.</p> |

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| | <p data-bbox="360 188 461 207">Hi AEMC,</p> <p data-bbox="360 244 1043 263">I request no cost to solar export to the grid with the following reason:</p> <ul data-bbox="360 300 1935 383" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="360 300 1787 319">• It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent <li data-bbox="360 355 1935 375">• There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid |
| 2017-06-27 16:46:11 | <ul data-bbox="360 400 2085 635" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="360 400 2085 467">• I spent money & time to install solar on my home to reduce fossil fuel polluting the air & damaging the only planet we live on. The solar also reduced the cost of our electricity bill. <li data-bbox="360 496 2085 635">• At the moment we have an unfair feed in tariff of 6.1c per kWh + indefinite \$10 a month to have a net meter. The energy company are charging us about four times of 6.1c per kWh to use their electricity. Now if we are going to be charged an additional cost to solar export to the grid is there any point having solar on our roof. Doing this would not make it worthwhile for other home owners to install solar on their roof to make a better difference for our planet. If the electricity companies paid us to have the solar installed on our roof then they may have a cut in the electricity we make, but no such contribution has been made. |
| 2017-06-27 16:41:36 | <p data-bbox="360 663 2085 686">We have solar to help us pay for our energy use and with the feed in help out with putting less stress on our network plus minimising pollution from fossil fuel power stations</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:41:08 | <p data-bbox="360 715 2085 759">I live in a strawbale home with eight solar panels on my roof primarily to assist sustainability. Charging me for the solar exports to the grid would be grossly unfair as I try and keep my power use to a minimum to avoid the evergrowing power costs.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:26:57 | <p data-bbox="360 799 2085 866">The proposal to charge solar owners to export clean power to the grid is another distortion of our so called free enterprise system and ignores the broader benefits to the community of clean energy, particularly in relation to health and well being. Many of us already pay for meter readings of export power and simply to have the poles and wires pass our doors, let alone the small return we receive for power exported. The proposal is yet another example of a lazy energy policy which is unable to respond to a changing world in a rational way.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:20:56 | <p data-bbox="360 887 2085 932">We installed solar panels some years ago at our expense so that in our old age it would help us with the payment of electricity used by us. It is obscene to now read that you are considering charging us for our solar exports to the grid when numerous households are doing nothing to help with conservation of power.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:20:15 | <p data-bbox="360 954 2085 1005">It is daylight robbery to charge PV owners for network charges. especially in the light of the miserly return for power sent into the grid. I for one would choose to get off the grid altogether if this should occur. Battery storage is getting cheaper by the day, my preference would be to re-nationalize the whole electricity market again. This would bring power prices down enormously and benefit all Australians and not just a few non-tax paying multinational companies.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1011 405 1031">Sirs,</p> <p data-bbox="360 1037 2085 1091">We placed solar panels on our house a) because we believe in renewable energy as a way to clean up the air we all breath. b) because our state government (SA) was asking as many people as possible to instal PV panels as a way to ensure our energy future.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:16:05 | <p data-bbox="360 1114 2085 1165">The idea that we deserve to pay for the privilege of supplying clean energy to the grid is not only downright disgraceful it is disengeneous at best especially as the distributors then charge other households for the so called green power that households like ours provide to them. This extra money grab by the power companies needs to be seen and exposed as the outright rip off that it is.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1171 2085 1228">I am truly appalled that the AMEC is even considering this AGAIN after being told quite clearly last time that it most definitely should not happen. NOTHING HAS CHANGED. Kindly put an end to this nonsense once and for all and oblige</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:13:25 | <p data-bbox="360 1251 2085 1286">A fair feed in tariff is vital not simply to support families as they deal with increasingly high electricity costs, but also to encourage installation of more solar powered homes which allows less reliance on dirty power thus creating a cleaner more resilient environment for all.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1292 1626 1311">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when power companies don't have to pay.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:10:30 | <p data-bbox="360 1331 2085 1350">There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1356 2085 1394">I am a retired person on a fixed income, and charging me for power that I generate from solar panels that I had to buy in the first place, would cause me a serious financial problem.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 16:08:51 | <p>Let's get something very straight - it is totally unethical to penalise anybody contributing power into the grid. Your proposed penalty is what must be regarded as criminal extortion, no ifs or buts. Your outrageous, preposterous intention cannot, will not, be tolerated. The quicker battery storage units installed into homes and businesses using solar the better for the environment and communities.</p> <p>Invest in battery storage</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:06:44 | <p>Invest in pumped water storage</p> <p>Invest in more wind generations</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:02:22 | <p>We installed solar panels in order to support the transition to renewable energy. It is totally unfair that solar owners may now be punished with a charge to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large power companies exporting dirty power don't pay a cent. In order to ensure a reliable source of clean energy, householders should be paid a fair feed in tariff that recognises the true value of their contribution. I am glad that we took the step to a cleaner future: to now be confronted with a possible penalty is totally unfair.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 16:00:20 | <p>I am generating my own clean electricity for my own use from a system I installed myself. On the occasions that I have a surplus of power I am prepared to sell it to the power companies at a significant discount to what they charge me for their dirty electricity. I already pay a fixed amount for infrastructure in my electricity bill, that is for the same wires and poles that the electricity companies would use to connect my electricity back to the grid. Why should I pay twice??!!</p> <p>I have solar - already I am being paid a pittance of the free power I am giving the grid- it is monstrous that I would have to pay to give free power to the grid!!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:59:18 | <p>I have already paid a fortune to put the dam panels on the roof - but I did it for the good of the environment. The planet is heading for 4degrees warming, business as usual is not an option - solar is part of the solution and you are planning to penalise those helping solve the problem Have you no ethics?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:58:01 | <p>I fail to understand why solar owners should be charged for exporting clean, renewable power back to the grid. It's a particularly egregious suggestion when the big coal and gas power companies don't have to pay one measly cent. The suggestion is nothing more than an unfair charge that would punish the tens of thousands of hard-working Australian families who have put their hand in their pocket, done the right thing and produced cheap sun-power for themselves and their communities. Instead of this senseless move, AEMC would be far better approving a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar power, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I urge AEMC to reject this solar swindle attempt</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:56:33 | <p>How dare this suggestion even see the light of day. Which of your Numpty minions is in the thrall of the big generators. This proposal could have only been put up by a climate change denier who is receiving some form of inducement to suggest such a dumb idea. If it ever comes to pass I will just go Off Grid so the generators business model will fall over.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:55:33 | <p>i put on a modest solar array, about 6.5 years ago, i was not greedy , i only intended to self-supply & make a small profit from my feed-in to recoup my capital outlay..with rising elec. prices , i am very close now to having to pay for some of my elec. again..considering i am one of the reasons coal-powered generation can be safely laid aside..i would be aghast that i am now to be penalised for my vision & leadership.</p> <p>I am a self funded retiree, I receive no government allowances at all.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:52:26 | <p>To impose any tariff on us would seriously impact on our lifestyle / standard of living.</p> <p>We consider this as Un- Australian and unfair to older generations.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:49:25 | <p>Also what gives AEMC the right to impose this injustice on us</p> <p>Play fair you bastards</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:48:43 | <p>We paid a lot of money to put solar panels on our roof ,going without other things to pay them off over 2 years. Now all we ever hear is somebody wants to rip us off to use them. We are on age pension and have enough to deal with without this latest audacity. We did the right thing get your money from the dirty power companies.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:45:06 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Bieng a self funded retiree is difficult enough without profit making fees</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:44:02 | <p>It would be outrageous for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid, especially when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 15:42:47 | <p>I wish to advise that I very strongly object on the proposal to charge solar owners to export electricity to the grid. There should be a fair feed-in tariff paid to solar owners to export clean electricity to the grid. The solar system that I have paid for to be installed on my premises was at considerable expense and I consider it an affront to be charged to export excess power generated by my system for no return to offset the installation costs. I took into consideration the favourable effect on the environment that solar generation has when deciding to install my solar system. As I am on a pension with very limited financial resources, it would put a considerable strain on my future household budgetting if I was to be charged for both my electricity usage and pay to export to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:36:57 | <p>My wife and I are on Pensions. Years ago we made the decision to invest in Solar panels to try and save us from having to put up with cold winters, etc. The pension does not go too far and we could see that electricity was going to eat it up. So money went to solar instead of Superannuation. We paid \$24000.00 for a 3.8 Kw system. We figured that as long as we could generate a credit during summer we could use that credit during winter. We have not required payment from Energy Providers at the commercial rates they charge for usage and I therefore do not consider my Solar feed-in should be taxed in any way. Do other forms of power from Power companies have to pay to export their product - NO. We also believe Renewable energy (in accordance with Federal Government speak) should not be taxed at householder level - especially those who have not installed Arrays to made big profits. As pensioners we already have had to cut back on food, medicines and doctors visits. I could not tell you when the last time we went out to the pictures or for a meal. Should you decide to charge us for exporting the little amount we do, we might as well just give up staying alive.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:31:46 | <p>I vigorously oppose any ridiculous suggestion that exporting some of my solar power would attract a charge, given the big, dirty coal generators don't pay. Rather an increased fair payment for this power should be made to me. We are part of a distributed power future and should be encouraged in every way. I invested the capital on my retirement home to secure cheaper power and enable me to control major power consumptions to optimum solar generating times, thus lessening the demand on the grid. Charging me for exporting would hasten complete disconnection from the grid. I can't add more panels whilst still connected, but batteries & a few more panels then I am no longer paying anything and thus the distributors loose. Do not proceed with such a stupid idea unless you want to hasten customer disconnections.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:30:55 | <p>I have had my solar panels for 7 years. I got them not only to save on my power bills but to do something ecofriendly for the environment. I think it is outrageous that you are considering charging solar owners to export to the grid and I would refuse to do so. If this happens I will get batteries and save my power for my own use. We should be paid to export our power to the grid not charged afterall we are generating clean energy at our own expense. Please don't charge us to feed power into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:28:32 | <p>We put out system on before prices came down, to encourage our solar industry. Our 5kW system has cost us close to \$20,000 so we would like to get that money back and make some profit. A charge on us is unfair when coal fired power, which increases harmful CO2 in our atmosphere, doesn't pay. We installed solar to help our planet and now you are considering penalising us, rather than encouraging us - this doesn't make sense.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 15:28:21 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent for it. THEY ALREADY MAKE A PROFIT FROM IT WHEN THEY ON-SELL IT!!!!</p> |

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| | I am amazed that the AEMC is even such a hearing. We are in a new age and the AEMC should have long moved on from the views of the incumbent fossil fuel generators and the arch conservatives within the Government. |
| | I have held off installing a PV system in our new home because of the absurdly low FIT the ACT Government allows the retailers to pay. It seems AEMC wants to increase the discrepancy between the FIT and what retailers charge? |
| 2017-06-27 15:28:18 | Here I am planning a PV system to provide energy for my home and future EV while finding out the AEMC seems to have a backward thinking way of thinking on the renewable energy future. |
| | Wouldn't it be a more constructive use of AEMC's resources to be conducting a hearing on national guidelines for FITs that encourage ever more renewable energy to be produced on roof tops? |
| | As is clear from the above I am strongly opposed to this proposed gouging of the market with this proposed charge for feeding into the grid by the same corporations who "gold plated" so much of the grid. |
| | Yours sincerely I think someone has this whole thing the wrong way round. |
| | We as owners of solar panels should be being paid for what we produce. And we should be being paid more than we are now. |
| | We are producing clean energy from our own rooftops, meanwhile the grubby, dirty coal generators are just slipping their electricity onto the grid. I cannot see the fairness in that. |
| 2017-06-27 15:23:13 | Not to mention that the planet is getting hotter. Anyone in the AEMC noticed that? It isn't the little people like us who are causing it. We know who it is and that is why they should be getting shut down at every opportunity. |
| | We put panels on our house to make a difference, to help the planet and maybe leave something for those who follow us. |
| | The big power companies seem to be interested only in the now and to make as much money as possible in the shortest time period. |
| | Well it is just not on. |
| 2017-06-27 15:18:31 | Do not charge us, charge them, and charge heavily. We installed Solar power to relieve our reliance on Gas, Coal, or any other fossil fuel to power our home and using the residual to help reduce the use of fossil fuels. We were told it was the right thing to do sending our excess to the grid, it also helps in keeping our electricity bills down. Now you want to charge us, that's what I call a Ned Kelly act what next for pensioners? |
| 2017-06-27 15:06:44 | It is completely unfair to expect that those who invest in rooftop solar panels should pay some sort of tax or fee to put electricity into the grid. As it is, here in Tasmania we are being paid a derisory feed-in tariff. To then impose a tax on what we do feed-in would mean that there is almost no benefit for having solar panels. Perhaps that's what you want, so that people will stop putting solar panels on their roofs. Such a position is unethical and unconscionable, as the big polluting energy companies don't have to pay a tax for feeding electricity into the system. I urge you not to proceed with such a nasty and vindictive policy, which strikes at the small producers of electricity, who are trying to do something for the environment and their own economic wellbeing. Your sincerely |
| 2017-06-27 15:05:44 | Are they kidding? First they only pay a lousy 6c per kWh, which means we poor people go spend thousands on solar cells to HELP THE ENVIRONMENT, and what happens? electricity companies make a fortune. No, this is a total ripoff. First thing that should happen is that energy companies must pay a fair rate, equal to the subscribers charge, for power going back on the grid. We taxpayers built the grid in the first place, this doesn't give energy companies the right to gouge us. |

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| 2017-06-27 15:05:13 | <p>Mr Pierce, Henderson, Spalding. Australia is going through a period of austerity. You should know that. Water up, Power up, Cost of living up. Solar in W.A. on roof tops was an initiative of State Gov. People had to somehow find the money they didn't have to alleviate the burden of just keeping their heads above water by purchasing solar to help lessen the burden of every day living. You want us to pay for the privilege of supplying power to the grid when coal power doesn't have to. Why ? Join the real world and do the right thing. Leave Solar alone.</p> <p>As a solar owner I object to being charged for feeding electricity back to the grid. I've "done my bit" to reduce my electricity costs and to green the planet, but will be penalised for doing so.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 14:57:55 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I had rooftop solar installed to save money. It is getting tougher all the time to keep our heads above water.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 14:53:22 | <p>Being charged will put our family in more financial difficulty.</p> <p>The new idea to charge home owners to upload power to the grid is just silly it is counter productive and the rebate of 6 cents a kwh is much too low. I installed solar power to save money and to help Australia move to clean energy. I feel let down.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 14:52:51 | <p>Solar owners should be encouraged to be grid interactive, not penalised. Solar owners should be at the very least on the same terms with out-dated centralised coal power generators.</p> <p>The Feed-in-Tariff should be fair and encouraging. Rooftop solar owners have an important role to play in stable and diverse power generation in Australia. Clean power produced in a variety of sources is a move to stability and energy security. Let the FiT reflect this.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 14:48:51 | <p>To the AEMC</p> <p>The suggestion to make owners of roof top solar pay to export electrical power to the local distribution system is absurd and most unfair. Particularly when the utility companies pay nothing or very little for the excess power produced by the solar panels. The utilities then sell the excess power for 30 plus cents per kWh to other consumers.</p> <p>All users of power from the distribution system including owners of solar power installations already pay a connection/service charge to the utility companies whether they use or export any power at all. This appears to be a form of price gouging.</p> <p>The utility companies [poles and wires] really need to audit their own costings to minimise any inefficient practices, overheads and executive salaries.</p> <p>FAIR GO?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 14:45:33 | <p>The proposal to charge solar owners to feed back to the grid seems to be an admission of failure by the AEMC; that they are unable to devise a system to manage the grid as renewable energy inputs increase. Instead of dreaming up punitive ideas effort should be made to employ people who can.</p> <p>If such charges eventuate I and many others will add sufficient batteries to our system to ensure feed-in never occurs.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 14:43:13 | <p>Charging the owners of solar generating systems who export their excess energy into the electricity grid is immoral. Not only is this a form of discrimination, it is totally without logical foundation. Incentives were offered to all Australians to purchase and install solar energy generating systems at their premises with the aim of reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and to utilise a freely available, clean, renewable and sustainable energy source: solar energy. Why would any self-respecting government then propose to penalise advocates of solar energy? Electricity generating corporations in Australia already benefit from the excess energy exported from millions of privately owned solar systems and it is totally unfair to charge the supplier for that benefit. I am a self-funded retiree that depends on the reduced cost of electricity provided by my solar system and that was the reason I agreed to purchase and install the equipment. I would not have invested in the system if the prospect of a future 'supplier tax' had been initially suggested. Please reconsider your proposal.</p> |

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| | To The AEMC: |
| | Dear Madam/Sir, |
| | I am writing to object to the proposal to charge solar owners for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid. |
| 2017-06-27 14:39:29 | By purchasing and installing solar systems, these people have already contributed to the energy infrastructure of our nation and reduced the need for investment in new fossil fuel and nuclear power projects. This means they have saved companies and consumers the huge expense of building new power stations. They have also assisted in reducing our reliance on these dangerous and polluting industries. This contribution of energy-producing infrastructure must be recognised and applauded rather than punished. |
| | Now is the time our nation must implement policies that support and promote clean, renewable power. Global investors are looking for sustainable businesses that have strong prospects for long-term growth; we must not look backwards at obsolete industries but should support companies and individuals that look forward to the future health of our country and planet. |
| 2017-06-27 14:39:11 | Considering the huge disconnect between the rate charged by electricity retailers compared with the rate that solar owners are paid for feeding spare power to the grid, it is obvious that solar owners are being treated extremely unfairly. To impose a tax on the meagre earnings gained from providing a valuable service to the community would be the worst injustice a government could impose on its citizens. |
| 2017-06-27 14:38:53 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent |
| | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid |
| | Feeding the grid with solar / renewable/ clean energy is positive for people as well as the environment. |
| | People ought to be recompensed instead of being penalised for helping. |
| 2017-06-27 14:33:29 | Already with the tariff dropping and cost increasing, I went from getting money for the electricity produced to having to pay bills. Note that the panels produce the same amount of electricity. |
| | To think I'd be charged to provide clean electricity is scandalous, because unfair, counterproductive and exploitative. |
| | Pay a fairer price for clean electricity would make much more sense. |
| | Regards |
| 2017-06-27 14:31:18 | Please do not charge solar owners for supplying energy to the grid. |
| 2017-06-27 14:29:15 | I am disgusted that an attempt to charge me for allowing the use of power from my roof should even be contemplated. My panels were an expense not yet recovered. They are my small contribution to a greener world. I am delighted that others feel the same and eliminate the need for more power stations. |
| | I respectfully submit that I put solar panels in place to reduce the pollution of the environment. |
| | I have been appalled at the cheap price I receive for the export of power into the grid compared with the price I pay for importing power to my home. |
| 2017-06-27 14:29:02 | I would be most disappointed if I was charged for putting power into the grid which would represent a disincentive for me to do what I consider to be of benefit to the public and environment. The finances are a secondary issue with me as I have as my primary aim helping the reduction of pollution of the atmosphere. |
| | Please do not attempt to discourage the public from initiatives to reduce pollution. |
| | Our existing high electricity charges already include a component fixed charge for use of infrastructure, therefore it would be grossly unfair to charge us again for our input. |
| 2017-06-27 14:27:35 | Coal, gas and other other large generators do not pay to access the infrastructure, therefore clean solar generators should also have free access. |
| | We are doing our bit to clean up the Earth's atmosphere , and should not be charged extra for the privilege. |

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| | It is ridiculous that we should be charged to return power to the grid so suppliers can then on sell it at exorbitant rates!! |
| | I am about to install a 5kw solar system in part so I can help reduce Australia's dependency on dirty, filthy, environmentally destructive coal and help ensure people have an ongoing supply of clean power at reasonable rates. |
| | Penalising Australians who likewise want to make such an investment is simply further gouging behaviour by energy companies. |
| 2017-06-27 14:25:34 | Additionally, I am now heading into retirement and am installing solar as insurance against further gouging by power companies - allowing them to do this would mean there's no way out other than to install batteries, an expense I cannot bear at this point. |
| | Dirty power attracts government subsidies, power companies make super profits, and yet they want to charge households to further increase their profits. |
| | A basic minimum feed-in tariff should be legislated, and it should then be open to power companies to bid UP the tariff to attract customers. |
| 2017-06-27 14:25:29 | Any government that allows such highway robbery deserves to suffer massive defeat at election time...Australia should be leading the world in this sphere, not demonising citizens who seek a better future for all. Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid! |
| | Especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. |
| | Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally. |
| 2017-06-27 14:15:28 | It is grossly unfair to charge solar owners who export clean, renewable power to the grid. Instead, they should be paid a fair feed-in amount that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. We have put solar panels on the rooftop of our inner city apartment because we believe that it is a simple cost-effective and clean way to provide electricity to our home. If we were to be charged to send power to the grid, we would consider going totally off-grid as we have already invested substantially in our panels and could not afford any extra payments. |
| 2017-06-27 14:12:41 | Attention AEMC. I understand you are considering CHARGING citizens for exporting clean green electricity to the grid. That is outright daylight robbery. Those who have installed solar like myself have done so to reduce our carbon footprint and also to help live within our means as we age on a fixed income. The only thing you would achieve by charging people to feed into solar is to a) stop people installing solar b) push those with existing solar to batteries and c) bring about political intervention by voters to stop such an appalling abuse and rule change. People deserve to get a FAIR price for contributing to clean green energy in Australia. Nothing short of that will wash with the Australian public. I have solar and I VOTE. |
| 2017-06-27 14:12:28 | Let me get this right. I sell you my power for peanuts then you sell it for 4 times more then you want me to pay you for selling it to you. Yeah right. How does that work? Don't insult my intelligence! |
| 2017-06-27 14:08:32 | If its true that big power companies don't get charged to put power into the grid (dirty power) why should solar owners get charged? In fact, there should be recognition that solar will cost nothing in the future, where dirty power creates serious environmental problems. |

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| | <p>Dear AEMC - I would be very disappointed, to say the least, if as a solar PV owner I am charged an additional amount for investing in power generation on my roof exporting to the grid. It would be extremely unfair and totally at odds with what is needed in 2017 and the future - we need to encourage more household solar, not discourage it.</p> <p>I put up \$6000 of my personal savings to install PV panels, then recieved a fair F-i-T, now cut to 10 cents/kWh. That amount is not enough, but to impose a special connection charge to penalise PV owners would surely be a step too far.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 14:00:28 | <p>We solar owners are doing the nation a favour - we are using our own after-tax savings to build mini power generation units - what could make a more positive contribution to the power supply than that? And how it all adds up - 1.5 million households across Australia feeding electrons into the grid at peak times and bringing down peak prices.</p> <p>Please, do not accept the arguments being put by agencies far bigger than me, but with no more justification. We are not responsible for the current energy crisis and should not pay for it. The networks have known about this issue since the mid 2000s, and the innovation they should have undertaken then to the grid could have avoided the situation we are now in. Politicians and regulators have also been far behind the game for too long, not the technology pioneers who have solar PV.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:53:55 | <p>This is ridiculous. Solar owners are providing power to the grid and should be paid for it, not charged. Electricity companies already onsell our power at greater mark-ups than they pay us via the tariff, which is at a pathetic level for new purchasers. We invested \$10,000 in our solar on the basis that we would receive reduced electricity rates but also that we would get a feed-in tariff to pay for the electricity thereafter. We are not a charity and the system is capitalism! There is no extra infrastructure that could justify this charge to solar owners. In fact fed-in solar has allowed the electricity companies to reduce their own infrastructure requirements and stopped a couple of power stations needing to be built. Taxpayers paid for most of the infrastructure that the current electricity companies are using to make their money so you have a good deal already but this is sheer greed. When battery storage has reduced in cost enough to allow solar users to store their excess electricity you will see a big revolution in energy usage with the electricity no longer needing to be made in one place and transferred through cables to houses - we will provide our own electricity and make you redundant. The householder will become self-sufficient and another avenue of making money from the populace will have gone.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:51:52 | <p>Isn't it about time that you REWARD solar owners for helping the environment instead of penalising them. You should be paying them a respectable sum for exporting power to the grid instead of threatening to penalise them. You should be penalising the big, dirty power companies instead. When will you get the message about global warming?</p> <p>My wife and I made the decision to install solar panels, primarily as a move to reduce our carbon footprint. We accepted that there was no possibility of recovering the capital cost of the system in our lifetime.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:47:44 | <p>We do expect to receive a fair price for the energy we export to the grid and note that we are already paying our share of the costs of the poles and wires as a fixed charge on our monthly electricity account. Overall, our use of the distribution infrastructure is less than it would have been without solar panels. In the last 12 months, we used 5,400 kWh, 4,000 of these were imported from the grid. Simultaneously, we exported 2,800 kWh to the grid. During this period, our net inflow from the grid was 1,200 kWh, against 5,400 had we not generated 4,200 kWh from solar. Our unit is one of 4 in the development and is the only one with solar panels. It is fair to assume that any power we export will in fact be used by our 3 neighbours, so we argue that our installation has significantly reduced the stress on the grid, and we should not be penalised by increased charges. Many hundreds of other people are in similar situations.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:45:51 | <p>No way! Solar owners must not be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> |

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| | <p data-bbox="360 188 506 207">To the AEMC:</p> <p data-bbox="360 245 2051 264">Your intended plan to allow solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid is one of the most ridiculous and retrograde steps I've ever come across.</p> <p data-bbox="360 274 2063 354">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. The fact that feed in-tariffs are so pitifully low is already a charge on solar owners for feeding power into the local distribution network (it never even gets as far as the the main grid - my next door neighbour probably uses it at a profit of around 20c/kWh for my retailer.)</p> <p data-bbox="136 370 349 389">2017-06-27 13:45:29</p> <p data-bbox="360 360 1951 379">There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 389 2074 437">With more hours of sunshine than almost anywhere else on earth Australia should be at the fore-front of the solar industry. Why is almost every piece of equipment used in a household solar setup imported? Much of it from such "sun drenched" places as Germany and Japan!</p> <p data-bbox="360 446 2051 494">The rise of domestic battery storage over the next few years will almost inevitably negate your new TAX as very little will be exported to the local network. Such imposts will only accelerate the trend potentially leading to a further decline in the amount of "grid" power used by household with solar setups.</p> <p data-bbox="360 504 1279 523">Why not go the whole hog and TAX my roof area just in case I install/expand a solar system.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:35:55 | <p data-bbox="360 552 551 571">Wake up Luddites!</p> <p data-bbox="360 593 2074 641">I am pretty angry already about the initial cost of my solar panels even with a government subsidy. We were promised a fair return which has now been eaten away so that it's hardly worthwhile.</p> <p data-bbox="360 651 1861 670">I am now extremely angry that we only get 6c whilst the power companies get 29c and on top of that we are being asked to pay to feed power to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 679 539 699">What the!!!?</p> <p data-bbox="360 708 1503 727">I feel I am being penalised for my altruistic intentions of benefitting everyone by installing solar panels. What a joke!</p> <p data-bbox="360 737 1144 756">Please make it more equitable to the people who have purchased solar panels.</p> <p data-bbox="360 766 2007 813">As an early PV adopter our household spent hard earned money to pay the higher prices required many years ago. I am grateful for the 'feed-in tariff' we receive which partially compensates us for our higher financial outlays.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:33:29 | <p data-bbox="360 845 2074 951">As a longtime solar owner I strongly oppose a proposal to charge ordinary householders like us to deliver our emissions-free energy to the grid. We contribute to the general lowering of Australian emissions from the National grid and ought not be disadvantaged for this contribution. Alongside of this proposal, disadvantaging householders such as ours transferring emissions-free solar energy to the grid, it is also grossly inequitable to charge individual householders a fee not charged to major fossil based energy transmitters.</p> <p data-bbox="360 983 2074 1062">If this inequitable proposal is actioned we have enough panels on home rooftop to transfer to battery and will find ourselves in the position of being required to budget for a battery system. Thankfully battery systems are reducing in price due to other early adopters, but it is disappointing that this unfair proposal would lead us to cease buying our night time 'green energy' from the grid and use our own instead when the sun goes down.</p> |

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| | <p data-bbox="360 188 2096 240">I wish to state my absolute dismay over the suggestion that the owners of rooftop solar panels be charged for supplying electricity to the grid. My objections are based on the following:</p> <p data-bbox="360 272 2096 496">Being a single income household, we made a huge financial sacrifice to put solar panels on our roof, doing so because we believed that supplying clean solar energy was the right thing to do for not only ourselves but for our nation, in the light of the projected impacts of global warming at the time - impacts, I must add, that were then not close to the real impacts now emerging. I am horrified that there are moves to further penalise those of us who were aiming to do the right thing to move towards a clean energy future, especially as dirty energy such as coal-fired power is still supported and subsidised, even though it is clearly having disastrous environmental impacts. Given that, despite its support of coal powered energy sources, the government aims to move towards a clean energy future, it is clearly unjust to force those who supply solar power to the grid to pay to do so. Furthermore, I believe that, rather than inflict greater cost on us, past, present and future moves to supply solar power to the grid should be actively supported by paying us a fair feed-in tariff. This would benefit all our citizens, whether or not they supply solar power, because otherwise, more and more people will install batteries to take their solar power off-grid, which would undermine the public supply of clean energy.</p> |
| | <p data-bbox="360 523 2096 544">There is no doubt of the public concern about climate change and its support for green energy. As our representatives, the AEMC should be acting accordingly.</p> <p data-bbox="360 560 2096 592">Dear Sir/Madam (AEMC)</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:26:25 | <p data-bbox="360 619 2096 639">I am perplexed by the suggestion that small solar owners should be charged for exporting power to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 647 2096 668">On my electricity bill, I already pay a network charge of 78.5 cents a day irrespective of whether I use the grid or not. Another 5 cents for the off-peak 2.</p> <p data-bbox="360 676 2096 863">A solar owner is in fact doing a service at the distribution level. The solar owner that exports from their roof top solar means less energy needs to be supplied at the transmission level entailing energy losses on the transmission line which makes the power system less efficient. Power locally generated is exported locally in the most efficient way. So whose hair brained idea is it that local solar owners have to be charged additionally for exporting power? Perhaps the the AEMC in their wisdom could give me an explanation. Is it the incumbent fossil fuel generators who are seeking to impose this on us? I believe that the existence of the AEMC is to promote the benefit of the nation as a whole. The way to do it is to have diverse and distributed sources so that if failure occurs at one location due to inclement weather, it can be isolated. The remaining system can still operate. With central generating power, if the transmission line is down, there is suddenly a huge loss of power to meet demand. Such a condition is responsible for causing instability to the system. I can go on but I shall not in this limited submission.</p> <p data-bbox="360 871 2096 922">Thank you and I am sure that you will definitely not hear the end of this suggestion if it goes ahead. AEMC,</p> |
| | <p data-bbox="360 954 2096 975">It makes a lot of sense to generate power from a clean source.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:25:05 | <p data-bbox="360 1007 2096 1027">This is the reason we have invested a considerable amount in solar panels and installation.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1059 2096 1080">To be charged to supply any excess power to the grid would cause us financial hardship and ethical dilemma.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1112 2096 1133">Continuing with dirty, health damaging methods of producing power seems counterproductive when we have much smarter means available.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1165 2096 1185">Thank you for your consideration.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 13:24:25 | <p data-bbox="360 177 389 196">Hi</p> <p data-bbox="360 233 871 252">Charging solar owners is unfair and that's because;</p> <ul data-bbox="360 288 2085 424" style="list-style-type: none"> - we paid and support clean and renewable energy for the sale of our children and a positive future for all Australians. - Why should we pay when the coal burning companies do not. - In fact we should be paid more for supplying clean energy to the grid. - Our family are under some financial stress due to high prices of electricity and other utilities, extremely high prices of homes as we have a mortgage and bringing up children expenses (we have three). Any extra costs would put us under extreme stress. |
| 2017-06-27 13:19:13 | <p data-bbox="360 456 920 475">Thanks you for taking my submission into consideration.</p> <p data-bbox="360 483 2051 560">If solar users are charged to export to the grid, users are more likely to invest in battery storage, which will reduce the amount of "green" power available in the grid for AGL and Origin and others to on-sell (at a premium, no doubt) and will reduce the government's ability to count it as part of Australia's renewable energy production. A lose-lose situation.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:18:39 | <p data-bbox="360 584 2078 767">We all know renewable energy is the way of the future and some of us, myself included have gone to the effort of placing solar cells on our homes, effectively putting our money where our mouths are. To be charged a fee in order to feed our energy into the grid is unfair and will just add to the unfairness of the current feed-in tariff. We are making energy for the benefit of society as a whole including environmental and health benefits. Not to mention monetary benefits to the power companies and savings to the government. We should not be further penalized for our contributions as the power companies are making enough out of us as it is. As pensioners we rely on our feed-in tariff to help us pay for our own electricity usage. Surely every effort should be made to encourage more households to go solar and further protect our environment and our health. We also need to keep up with the rest of the world in regards to technology and not be seen as a backward nation. Maybe it's not too late to add another item to the athletics section of next years commonwealth games, we can call it the leap into the 21st century.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:17:47 | <p data-bbox="360 791 2051 895">having fitted a system years ago at a prohibited cost compared to today's price to produce a cleaner friendlier environment , to be able to use my own power , like my own water supply so as to assist and provide a service that the powers to be are unable at present . I find this money grabbing exercise abhorrent when the larger mostly foreign owned power suppliers do not .As a self funded retiree trying to cope financially at present is very difficult and this will exacerbate our situation and hasten our reliance on government funding .rgds</p> <p data-bbox="360 903 1637 919">Why is the AMC apparently joining with the government to discourage or slow the development of renewable energy in Australia?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:17:36 | <p data-bbox="360 959 2051 1007">As renewable energy has already provided many new jobs in an expanding industry, despite on-going government interference fuelled by the fossil fuel industry lobbyists, is this simply one more attempt to delay the inevitable changes which are already benefitting Australia?</p> <p data-bbox="360 1038 2029 1086">Why should people who have invested in solar panels be charged for feeding in their energy to the power grid when we are already disadvantaged by the minimal feed in tariffs which clearly provide significant profit margins to the power companies when this energy is re-sold at a multiple of its cost.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1126 2029 1174">Installing rooftop solar has also encouraged me to invest time and materials in my home to improve insulation, gap sealing etc which has significantly reduced my power consumption and has thus reduced my carbon footprint.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1206 2085 1254">I have also assisted others to make similar changes and to reduce their power consumption and their otherwise escalating power costs. This is despite the absence of positive information and policies from government and energy suppliers.</p> |
| | <p data-bbox="360 1294 1872 1315">We need policies and regulations to encourage the responsible generation and use of energy instead of the proposed policies which will do the opposite.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 13:13:17 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I am really angry about the proposal to charge solar generating households for putting power back into the grid. This is so unfair. Big coal generators from power companies do not have to pay to do this!</p> <p>We will have invested \$36,000 to put on solar. We get very little payment now for what we produce (6c/kWh) which is shameful when I pay Energy Australia up to 50c per kWh for buying electricity at peak times. Yet I have committed this money to help save our environment and do my small bit to reduce climate change. I would hope that we would be able to also save on our power bills. It also offsets the power dirty generators need to produce to provide the power our community needs.</p> <p>When we planned our solar we were going to receive 30c/kWh which we did for a short while. It has dropped progressively to now being a miserly 6c/kWh. You can see how the situation has changed. Now I am aghast that we may be charged for generating clean electricity.</p> <p>Solar power should be encouraged, not discouraged. There should again be a fair amount paid for our electricity as a matter of justice and protecting our planet.</p> <p>This idea is absolutely ridiculous.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:11:18 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>AEMC should be doing all it can to promote renewable energy sources to replace non-renewable sources.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>I am writing to oppose any charge to household solar owners to input energy to the power grid.</p> <p>It was the governments incentive to encourage domestic solar energy that enabled us to install our current system. We saw this a necessary step to enable us to be able afford a viable energy source in our retirement.</p> <p>It is unfair that the energy industry continues to espouse using polluting energy systems which are contrary to the Governments supposed stance on development of clean energy systems, and seeks to charge those who are providing clean energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:08:48 | <p>The AEMC needs to be doing much more to encourage the generation of clean energy, especially in respect to the intended phasing out of polluting energy systems. Those who do contribute solar energy should receive a substantial tariff, as we collectively are contributing to the government being able to meet its future clean energy targets.</p> <p>The affect of any charge for feeding energy to the grid will eventually cause domestic households to disconnect from the grid completely.</p> <p>Should the cost of energy to our household continue to become unaffordable, we have no choice but to consider alternatives.</p> <p>Our household system produces much more than our total consumption. With availability of energy storage systems, we would be well able to disconnect, and be cost effective, considering the exorbitant charges and poor feed-in tariff currently available</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:05:38 | <p>Please do not charge solar owners for providing clean energy to the grid. This is an outrageous idea and will encourage solar owners to go off the grid entirely.</p> <p>Please instigate a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar. Solar also provides network savings to the grid.</p> <p>We put solar panels on our rooftop because we wanted to use clean energy as much as possible. And provide others with our excess solar power when it was available. We still also buy power from the grid.</p> <p>I believe that we should be paid exactly the same price per kWh for the solar power that we export to the grid as we pay to buy in power generated by big power stations. This is fair.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 13:02:09 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>We outlaid 25 grand so as not to be beholden to the grid and massive power bills. We are shivering in our home cause we can't afford to warm the house up.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 12:58:23 | <p>Stupid governments are bought and paid for by the big corporations who don't want anything sensible, that people know are sustainable and better for everyone. But look out, as we aren't being taken in any more. The sooner we get rid of government, the better.</p> <p>I have paid thousands of dollars to have solar panels installed on my residence as my part in reducing my impact on the environment, and to reduce the constantly rising costs of electricity to my household.</p> <p>Being a pensioner, this is vital for me to manage my budget in a world of ever increasing prices overall.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:58:13 | <p>It is absolutely a rip off and totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a generous feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>I strongly object to any proposal to charge solar owners for exporting energy to the power grid.</p> <p>I strongly oppose the plan by the Australian Energy Market Commission to charge solar owners for providing energy to the grid.</p> <p>This move appears to be pushing a disincentive for people to invest in solar power and provide a clean alternative to the environmental degradation, and associated health problems produced by coal fired power stations</p> <p>My solar system has been providing energy to the grid for three years. The power my system has provided has been sold by the power company, AGL, at 21 cents per kilowatt while their return to me has been initially 9 cents per kilowatt in the good times, and now has fallen to 6 cents per kilowatt.</p> <p>This constitutes a swindle on the part of the power companies, and now your commission intends to add to that swindle by charging solar owners for your free use of our solar production.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:57:54 | <p>I also note that AGL has committed to increase power cost to the consumer at a rate of up to \$600 per year.</p> <p>I am not just angry, I am incensed by this blatant grab on your part.</p> <p>I invested in a solar power system, and a smart meter, at my own cost and without the concessions provided by the previous government. My reasoning was that as I was approaching retirement, I needed to reduce the costs of powering my home on a reduced income. I was also concerned by the effects of climate change on our planet, and felt that this investment would help alleviate the Australian Energy Market's reliance on the polluting effects of coal fired power production.</p> <p>I believe your commission's attempt to derail the roof top solar movement is cynical and grossly unjust, and strongly urge you to abandon this plan.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:56:16 | <p>It is unfair to penalise me for doing the right thing for our environment plus the initial cost to me for the solar system and install. Now you want to charge me again, you really know how to shaft people. If this goes through you will lose all credibility, which I might add is pretty low in my estimate.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:54:14 | <p>We've invested over \$30,000 already on our solar installation. We get peanuts for what we put back into the grid, and get charged big money for taking it back out. On top of that, we get charged \$1.65 per day just to have the lines coming to our house! The message is clear: don't add a tax to household solar producers. It will lead in the long term to people going off-line altogether and going it alone.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:49:35 | <p>It is totally unfair that solar owners be charged to export our clean, renewable power to the grid when dirty power companies don't pay a cent. We get little enough for our export of energy as it is. I will stop exporting if I am charged and just use the solar power at home. It cost me over \$11,000 to put in solar panels, the cost of which I only just recouped from the feed in tariff before it was changed. We should also get a fair feed in tariff, not the 6c I get now - only \$25 on my last bill- the pay on time discount at \$40 was bigger! Solar power has environmental and health benefits for the whole community, and also network savings to the grid. Solar and other renewable sources of power are the way of the future- even European companies like Germany with little sunshine are going totally renewable for power. It is ridiculous that a country like Australia cannot switch to solar and other renewables when countries like India are.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 12:48:33 | <p>The state persuaded us to install solar so why are we now being penalised for creating clean energy</p> <p>It is so unfair for us solar owners to have to be charged for renewable power to the grid. We Have rooftop solar to save on electricity costs. that's the reason we have done this</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:46:34 | <p>.How dare the big power companies want to make more money from us. We did this to save money, not to pay the extra. the absolute cheek of them. what a disgusting thing to do!!!!!!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:46:04 | <p>I believe that the AEMC is considering charging solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid. How unfair is that proposal when the major power companies don't pay a cent to feed their unclean power to the grid. Instead of penalising solar owners for feeding in clean, renewable energy, consideration should be given to paying a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. My wife and I are self-funded retirees who went to the extra expense to install solar to our residence so that we could reduce the expense of electricity over time. To date that has had the desired effect, but any additional charge, such as a feed-in tariff, would erode any benefit that we have gained. As Grandparents we also believe that clean energy is the only way to guarantee our Grandchildren a healthy future environment.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:42:24 | <p>No way will I pay this. I will disconnect from the grid and you greedy bastards can get stuffed.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:38:56 | <p>I have had a positive benefit from roof top solar. I put it in just prior to my retirement to control my energy (electricity costs). This objective has been successful with my energy costs now lower than the time before I installed the panels. The cost of the solar panels was quite high (around \$15,000 at the time). And I installed them on the basis of the rules at that time. I would be very angry if the rules now changed to make me pay for exporting energy to the grid and I would vote against the political party that allowed it.To pay for inputing energy to the grid would increase my electricity costs and impact on my living standard in retirement. Note that I also installed the panels as a contribution to fighting carbon emmissions and reducing global warming.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:38:39 | <p>In any event the world is trying to reduce carbon emmissions and penalising anyone for reducing carbon emissions is plain stupid.</p> <p>S proposal would have to be the epitome of the "green eyed monster". The fact that we saved for several years in order to be able to install our 2kw solar system, reasons being -: 1. That over a long period of time it would reduce our electricity costs. 2. That it would have GREAT environmental benefits for our climate. Your proposal is unbelievable in that you fail to include the COSTS borne by home solar installations to put on their OWM Solar generators. Yes you read that eight - generators installed at OUR costs. Add to this we already pay a greatly inflated price to access the grid (opportunism comes to mind together with greed). Any suggestion/proposal to impose a tax on people like us is going to come with a great big "finger" in retaliation.</p> <p>You are no doubt we'll remunerated to come up with these biased and psychophantic ideas but let me say in the end you will not win while you continue to oursue the agenda of destroying the home PV installations.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:37:21 | <p>In 2012, I started the solar panel installation process. It involved upgrading the house wiring and meter box upgrade to current standards from that installed in 1965 when the house was built. Inspection showed that the power line to the house was too low and below standard size in diameter. Installation of a new power line and the installation of a roof mounted attachment bracket was required after half of a Jacaranda tree was removed and the new power line installed was still too close to the ground over my drive way. The power supply team then decided the line needed to be shifted to a different street pole which required the installation of a mounting bracket on my roof and not on the barge board on the gutter line. Strengthening this attachment meant that two stay wires had to penetrate two roof tiles to be attached to roof structure.</p> <p>All this work was required to raise the supply line by four inches over my drive to the new standard, which for the previous 45 years was high above the passenger car that used the drive.</p> <p>Total cost including the new smart meter was \$10,200 and my feed in tariff set at \$0.33. This reduced to \$0.10 on 01 JAN 2017.</p> <p>My installation has supplied over 2437.231 kWh to the distribution network and I now receive 1 cent for each kWh for my input but am required to pay up to \$0.36 for each kWh I use from the network. And you think that after 41 years serving this country in the defence forces in various wars I am not in a fury about paying to supply the network. Either stop poking sticks at this lion, stop thinking how much more I am going to tolerate, or get another job that does not require as much brains.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 12:36:46 | <p data-bbox="360 177 456 196">Hi AEMC</p> <p data-bbox="360 204 2078 312">You guys must not try and further penalise solar owners who are trying to do the right thing to make electricity supply sustainable for all. When we take power from the grid at night time we are already paying our supplier a Daily service charge so how on earth can you think it is fair to pay AGAIN to put excess into the grid in the daytime. This would mean you are Double dipping and it is not on. If this happens then you will still miss out because I will install batteries and go off grid completely and you will get nothing from me for your poles and wires. Just leave us alone!</p> <p data-bbox="360 320 1778 339">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p data-bbox="360 347 1928 367">There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 375 857 394">Please do not go any further with this insane idea.</p> <p data-bbox="360 402 2036 450">The AEMC is charged with regulating the energy market for Australians, and as such, it must put the needs of the Australian public first, not the greed of corporations and government bodies.</p> <p data-bbox="360 485 2078 533">To charge a supplier such as an individual for providing the grid with FREE energy which will then be sold on to other users is absolutely unreasonable, and will utterly destroy any willingness on the part of solar energy users, to send their excess energy to the distribution grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 568 2078 616">Any charge to imposed on a supplier for providing otherwise free energy, would simply dissuade anyone from doing, it and undermine the entire concept of moving to a solar powered source of alternative energy - throwing Australia totally out of step with the international community.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:31:05 | <p data-bbox="360 651 2078 699">Australia has abundant solar energy available, and all Australians must be encouraged to make use of it, not charged a "fine" for doing so, because that is what any charge would really be.</p> <p data-bbox="360 734 2002 782">It is absolutely incredible that any organisation should think in such a backward and counterproductive way that they would consider imposing a charge when the solar providers are GIVING the excess energy to them for free!</p> <p data-bbox="360 817 819 836">The AEMC MUST NOT impose such charges.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:30:34 | <p data-bbox="360 874 2078 922">Australia MUST NOT be put in the position where it is seen as ACTIVELY DISCOURAGING the advancement and use of alternative energy by attempting to line the pockets of the "dirty" energy providers.</p> <p data-bbox="360 930 1373 949">All who feed into the grid should be paid at least the current wholesale price. Anything less is robbery.</p> <p data-bbox="360 957 875 976">Nobody should be charged for exporting to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:29:55 | <p data-bbox="360 984 2078 1064">Since when in history has a supplier of goods or services, that costs them to produce such services, been charged a fee by the receiver. Our whole way of life in a modern capitalist society is threatened by charging solar suppliers a fee to feed energy back to the grid. Only within a communist or extreme socialist society would this type of charge ever be considered. If this charge eventuates I will have my feed to the grid disconnected.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:28:24 | <p data-bbox="360 1069 2078 1117">My Origin Electricity bill for June 2016, a credit of \$86.07> Origin Electricity bill July 2017 no credit but a charge of \$290.13 after the pittance credited for solar input. There should and must be a fair feed-in tariff. The charges are outrageous and will certainly affect ourselves as self-funded retirees.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1125 2078 1173">I object very strongly to the proposal to allow owners of clean, renewable solar power to be charged for supplying their solar power to the grid. No charge is made for polluting coal-fired power stations to supply power to the grid. So, why is a charge to solar power owners being proposed?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:22:52 | <p data-bbox="360 1211 2078 1259">The Finkel review is suggesting that a renewable energy target be adopted. If that suggestion is taken up, rooftop solar would need to be part of the mix of renewable energy to meet that target. This is why a fair feed-in tariff, that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, should be made mandatory.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1294 2078 1367">If solar power owners were to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid it would totally defeat the purpose of installing solar in the first place. I would hope that the proposal to charge solar power owners is not a subtle scheme to make solar power inviable, and thus kill it off so that the electricity suppliers can charge whatever the market will bear!</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 12:22:37 | <p>I write to protest the thought that I may be charged for the free power I may return to the grid.</p> <p>Not only is it an outrageous suggestion, but, in my view, a form of stealing. I do not want to be paid for what I might supply to the grid. As it is 'generated by me', it is mine, not anyone else. What I think should happen is that what I supply should be held as a credit and applied to my overall usage.</p> <p>I strongly object to the notion of being charged to provide power to the grid - highway robbery.</p> <p>Conversely there needs to be a fair feed in tariff. The proposal to charge is direct opposite of where our nation needs to be heading.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:21:21 | <p>We should be leading the world on this matter - not lagging hopelessly behind.</p> <p>My ancestor progressed his coach transport business of the late 1800s from horse and buggy to the then modern motor buses - he was an outstanding successful entrepreneur and provided strength to his community.</p> <p>I have been using solar panels since 1986 (Solarex), in Queensland; due to life events I am now renting and dependent on grid power only – and that means coal.</p> <p>I have friends in Victoria and Queensland who have mounted solar panel arrays on houses and factories. I can't do that because I am renting.</p> <p>I'm living on the cyclone coast, literally: I have experienced the higher frequency of higher cyclone intensity marked by Yasi, Debbie ... but at least I can keep warm up here, even if the wet seasons are increasingly debilitating.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:18:55 | <p>The GBRWHA is my "backyard." My NQ colleagues include scientists (JCU, AIMS). Consequently I'm acutely aware of the REALITY of climate change-related rising temperatures and acidification of the GBR lagoon killing more corals with every new "high". I'm aware that GBR tourism operators, through no fault of their own (at least since the statutory rezoning of the GBRMP in 2003), stand to lose their businesses as the corals fail to recover; there will be a reef, it will support some fish, but it won't be THIS reef.</p> <p>Now, in old age, I may have to move back to Victoria. There my power needs will be far greater and beyond my ability to afford. Even then the government will say I'm not allowed to end my life by choice. My choice might realistically be between keeping warm (and contributing to dangerous climate change) and falling off a cliff.</p> <p>The Australian privileged class - including politicians - is in control. But they favour their little individual lives over the rest of the world, in every sense.</p> <p>We, the people, are in the hands of those politicians who choose to misinform and divide and cheat us instead of educating and leading us forward with hope backed up by informed and democratic decisions to make the rapid transition, so urgently needed, to forms of renewable energy.</p> <p>Coal-fired power MUST be phased out - quickly - instead of subsidising it. Morally wrong and practically stupid! Politicians supporting coal have so very visibly sold their souls to the god of money - their mock-pious parliamentary repetition of the Lord's Prayer is an obscenity.</p> <p>Management of The Australian Energy Market Commission,</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:18:40 | <p>I am offended to read that your organization is contemplating a charge for private rooftop solar power to enter the grid.</p> <p>I believe that the Australian community is in favor of minimization of wastage, and this includes the opportunity to generate electricity from solar.</p> <p>I also believe in using this tool which is a benefit to all.</p> <p>I believe that the current coal powered generators need to look for better management of their industry, and your organization must look to encouraging the public to use renewable energy at no cost to their generation, as is the case with the large commercial generators .</p> <p>I also believe that unless your organization supports a no input charge policy for small solar generators, you should be replaced!</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 12:16:50 | <p>This is lunacy. charging small home owner to feed energy into the grid. Such a policy will cause a ground swell of off grid owners telling you and the electrify industry to go get stuffed. Loosing the bulk of solar off roof energy to run industry during the day. The person who thought this stupid idea up should be charged with crimes against humanity. Obviously a fossil fuel climate denier. CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING AND HAPPENING NOW FASTER THAN EVEN THE WORST CASE SCENARIOS. Wake up to the reality of failed states and plummeting crop production rates plus loss of Australian icon a \$63 billion asset the barrier reef. Cease and desist this stupid idea now.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:16:28 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:14:44 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. charging solar owners for use of the electricity grid is like asking plants to pay to use CO2 to create oxygen! Charge the power companies more to pay for the infrastructure they need to supply the market with their product! Solar energy can be shared via mini-networks, and doesn't require the infrastructure that is failing!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:09:00 | <p>To charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid would be counter productive. Small scale solar already pays connection and transmission based fees, why should they pay some other fee for PRODUCING power? The feed-in trariff should recognise that the energy is CO2 clean and atmospheric emissions free and thus avoids costs to society resulting from global warming, sulphur oxides, and particulates typical of coal fired power stations. My 10Kw solar array produces more energy than I use on a yearly cycle and, since I live in Tasmania, reduces the draw down on our Hydro dams during summer so the energy capacity of the state is increased painlessly. I also produce power closer to where it is needed so I save the supply authority on transmission costs as well. If you charge money for exporting power and I reduce the amount I export then you end up hurting the society in which I live by reducing the overall capacity of our grid to deliver power where and when it is needed.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 12:01:18 | <p>We took a chance. on retirement we purchased 2.5kw solar system and was stung \$15,000 by greedy suppliers. The same size system can be got for \$3,000 now. we are small power users and feed lots into the grid, preferring clean energy for our planet. we have not recouped the outlay yet and are now faced with another rort, money grabbing energy companies wanting us to pay for the grid feed. other energy producers, like coal and gas do not have to pay to feed into the grid. Roof solar is now the biggest energy producer. if not for us more expensive, dirty coal mines would have to be dug. like Adani, near the suffering Great Barrier Reef. please encourage clean energy (no such thing as 'clean coal') we will need a clean air, productive food earth for future people. we, the clean energy producers at our own cost, will have to fight to save our environment. 1. we can all go off the grid to show our value. 2. we can install batteries to disconnect from the grid. 3. we can convert to electric, ' solar' powered cars. we oldies are still to be reckoned with and will instil in future generations the will to protect the precious environment in which we have to live. PLEASE LISTEN AND TAKE NOTE. WE NEED YOU TO LOOK AFTER THE EARTH. YOU NEED IT TOO.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:56:59 | <p>Re your thought bubble, charging for Solar power fed back into the grid. Do you seriously think we are going to sit back and accept that when we are being ripped of by the energy providers when they are paying 6.1c and charging it back on average .29c. My wife and I are on a full pension and we installed it to offset the exorbitant existing prices and still rising. Any more charges which would be tantamount to daylight robbery and I for one would support a 24 hour shutdown of all solar and see what happens to the grid then if this doesn't prove a point one would still have to leave it shut down because we couldnt afford to keep it operating.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:55:22 | <p>Regards QLD State government is already allowing and ignoring the electricity energy providers charge 4 separate charges for meter reading each quarters, which cost me in excess of \$100 dollars per quarter. This is extortion. And now you want to charge another extortionate fee for providing power to help others on the grid and to reduce coal power generation!!!</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 11:55:04 | <p>This is the 7th year that our household has been exporting energy to the grid from the solar panels on our roof. Over this time, we have sent approximately 14,400 kWh of clean, non-polluting electricity to the grid to be used by others. I cannot see why this is considered to be a negative outcome and why myself and others are now going to have pay for the "privilege" or be penalised for doing this. Surely it is a good thing to have non-polluting energy being generated and used like this. This practice should be encouraged not discouraged. Putting an impost on people who export to the grid may send some of them off-grid forever. The ability to go completely off-grid is becoming more appealing everyday as battery technology becomes ever more cheaper reliable and efficient. The more people that choose to go off-grid the more likely it is that the grid will enter the much discussed "death spiral" which will be no good for anyone, except perhaps the battery retailers. The more onerous it is for solar owners to export to the grid, for whatever reason, makes the option of going off-grid forever, all the more appealing and justifiable. If anything, solar electricity exporters should be paid a fair price for the energy they produce and should be on the receiving end of policy that encourages them to keep producing clean energy for all to use, not the opposite. There does not seem to be a logical, fair minded reason for introducing this new tax on home solar generators. Pardon me for being cynical but this sounds like it is just another attempt to discourage clean energy and protect the encumbent fossil fuel companies. This will become an election issue if it goes ahead. Please do not charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:54:59 | <p>Re your thought bubble, charging for Solar power fed back into the grid. Do you seriously think we are going to sit back and accept that when we are being ripped of by the energy providers when they are paying 6.1c and charging it back on average .29c. My wife and I are on a full pension and we installed it to offset the exorbitant existing prices and still rising. Any more charges which would be tantamount to daylight robbery and I for one would support a 24 hour shutdown of all solar and see what happens to the grid then if this doesn't prove a point one would still have to leave it shut down because we couldnt afford to keep it operating.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:53:40 | <p>Regards To the AEMC, I wish to make a submission to clearly inform you of how much Australians insist on a fair treatment of home generated electricity. I paid thousands of dollars to install solar pv panels for many reasons. I needed to minimise bills after illness forced me to retire early. I saw this as a way to invest in my family's future, at the same time as improving our environment and as part of being a responsible citizen in saving our country from having to wear the entire cost of meeting our obligations under the Paris agreement. This seems very appropriate as my lung cancer was from working in a coal fired power station. I currently get 5c kWh and get charged 33c kWh. Nobody would think that is fair. Not when the power I supply is cleaner safer and more efficient than power generated hundreds of kms away by burning fossil fuels. If the AEMC made this any worse than it currently is, it would make millions of Australians very angry and much more likely to disconnect from the grid completely. We are happy to contribute, but demand a fair go. Please consider that a great many people with solar power are elderly and have already paid to build our networks and infrastructure. To gouge any more from them is wrong.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:51:04 | <p>It is unfair to charge households for providing clean, renewable power for the grid and just makes it harder for them to cope with energy costs. Since renewables are the future, we need to support solar owners rather than penalise them.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:47:08 | <p>Solar owners are forward thinking members of our community who have gone out of their way to help save the planet, they should be thanked and not penalised for supplying "clean" energy to the grid. The feed in price should be at least similar to the price charged for the power we use. A forward thinking AMEC or Government would increase the feed in price encouraging more people to install roof top solar equipment thus decreasing the likelihood of the Government having to spend a fortune on another power plant to satisfy the needs of our growing population</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 11:46:46 | <p>Dear Sirs, Australia's Present power problems are clearly the result of poor planning by the decision makers who never wanted to believe solar and other new technology was coming. The penalties now to be extracted as a consequence should not under any just circumstances be born by those who did embrace the future in a timely manner.</p> <p>We at present are seeing Australia being dragged {tragically not leading}, into a future of High tech renewable energy generation.</p> <p>Talk of charging those who are in it to subsidize those anchoring us to the age of steam, is nothing short of ridiculous. Compounding the poor decisions that have left us being dragged by a wave we should have been surfing.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:45:31 | <p>As a solar Generator myself, I have now seen over a decade of outrageous price hikes granted to those who generate at the cost to humanity of treasure like our reef, whilst at the same time NO increase in the rate i can sell clean power for! To add to this obscenity, I must defend against the oft regurgitated proposition that i should even be charged for contributing!</p> <p>It is not hard to see why we are where we are. Your decisions will form some significant part of the blame for where we end up.</p> <p>It would be discriminatory to charge solar owners to export the clean, renewable power that they produce, whilst subsidising the export of dirty power. Additionally, the feed-in tariff for clean power should be raised to reflect the environmental and health benefits gained through the lessening of dirty power production, and the network savings of neighbourhood power production.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:43:39 | <p>The impact of charging for solar exports to the grid would be economically disastrous for households, and environmentally disastrous for this planet.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is unfair and unethical for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent 2. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. 3. When a government does not apply a carbon tax, there certainly should not be a charge for solar owners to supply clean energy to the grid. 4. As a younger person I thought it was crucial to install solar power to reduce my carbon footprint. I should not be singled out for punishment because I care about the state of the environment we pass on to our children. 5. Now, as a retiree, I have quite enough expenses to deal with, including the rising cost of power, without having to worry about being charged to export excess clean energy to the grid. 6. This is an unjust and completely ludicrous idea! |
| 2017-06-27 11:39:47 | <p>Dear AEMC, Please put a stop the the solar swindle that the energy companies are trying to subject rooftop solar owners to, as the big and dirty power companies don't have to. Us solar owners are trying our best to have a clean environment for future generations of Australians and should not be penalized for doing so as we got on board in the first place at the suggestion of our Queensland Government to have clean energy. I have been producing solar energy for close to 8 years now and my Energy provider charges me a dollar a day to read my meter which they gouge out of my energy production and is a rip off. They didn't charge me that when I started producing energy and I was in credit then but now I have to pay them and it's goes up every quarter. Please consider this very carefully as the Energy companies are making life a lot harder for most Australians to live a reasonable life with bills going up all the time.I am a pensioner with very limited funds to live on. Thanking You</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:38:20 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household Owners who have considered the future of our environment have already paid top dollar to have solar panels installed.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:36:37 | <p>The feed-in tariff should take that into account. I've installed solar panels to take away the worry of increasing electricity bill, it has not been as good as I would expect but better than not having it. As a senior I have been taken advantage of by the AGL Energy.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 11:34:44 | <p>To the AEMC,</p> <p>I'm writing in protest to the proposal to introduce extra charges for solar panel owners to be selling their power back to the grid. Mind you with the recent reductions and decimation of feedback tariffs, this is a double hit for citizens who chose invest in a renewable clean energy source, that is provided FREE (you're trying to tax the sun), in view with a more sustainable future for all people. Furthermore large energy companies do not have these types of additional fees.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>These proposed changes are archaic, there should be a greater emphasis placed on renewable, clean and sustainable energy sources and they should be supported more fervently by the AEMC.</p> <p>Thanks for your time</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:29:55 | <p>Have you heard of Climate Change? Have you heard about Australia's energy problems? Rising prices should have been a bit of a give away. Wouldn't it be a good idea to ENCOURAGE people to install solar systems? Penalising people helping Australia is an idiotic idea that can only have the backing of vested interests.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:28:54 | <p>its about time solar energy producers are given some recognition for what they do to help the enviroment and also soupport the grid</p> <p>Not only is the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) already gouging Australian citizens for access to what is an essential public service. It defies belief the AEMC is actively trying to make those with Solar energy pay to export it back to the grid! This behaviour is tantamount to fraud and common theft by the AEMC. Instead the AEMC should recognize the contribution of solar energy towards network savings with a fair feed in tariff.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:28:17 | <p>The AEMC should be recognizing the solar contribution made to traditional power generators' climate change obligations, including the health and environmental benefits of solar feed in. The AEMC should be advocating a much fairer feed in tariff rather than trying to gouge from renewable energy sources.</p> |
| | <p>Solar users are quickly becoming essential energy providers to the grid in times of high demand. Solar users will not accept this unfair charging to export energy to the grid. The AEMC may find many Solar providers will disconnect from the grid leaving the AEMC in times of high demand, where?</p> <p>It is completely unacceptable that the AEMC can even suggest such unfair and anti-competitive behaviour.</p> <p>Don't you already pay a supply availability charge to your energy provider,</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:26:40 | <p>ie the supply is there what difference does it make if your importing or exporting ?</p> |
| | <p>So if people are going to be billed to export can they bill the network provider for their own "supply availability charge" ?</p> |
| | <p>I would like to make a submission regarding the AEMC's proposal that solar owners like myself should be charged to export excess solar electricity to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:25:52 | <p>I oppose this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Power companies are not charged to export power 2) Most large scale power production comes from sources that pollute the environment with carbon emissions whereas my excess electricity does not. Hence solar owners should be rewarded for their environmental contribution rather than penalised. 3) In my particular instance I will just about never recoup my \$4,700 outlay as I am a modest user of power and export far more than I consume (to date 4574 kW vs 2963 kW). As a pensioner, should I be charged to export I would have difficulty paying for day to day living expenses. 4) I installed rooftop solar in order to minimise utility bills and to contribute to the environment via my financial outlay. The latter has been achieved but not the former. 5) The uptake of rooftop solar should be encouraged so that Australia is recognised by the world as an environmental leader. <p>Please take into account my submission.</p> |

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| | <p>I TOTALLY object to the AEMC even considering charging Solar owners to export to the Grid. The only generators that should be charged to export to the grid are those that create pollution, and not those that create clean energy. One would believe that the Commission has had a brain fade.</p> <p>Solar provides distributed power generation, and therefor should provide decrease distribution costs.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:25:12 | <p>Why put a financial impost on Australian households struggling with energy costs and not impose any tariff to the big foreign owned dirty power companies.</p> |
| | <p>As an Australian citizen I object and I object very strongly to such an idiotic idea as to charge solar owners to export to the grid. Get real, and encourage more Australian citizens to install clean solar energy and go off grid. How about some positive thinking, instead of trying to money grab of Australian citizens.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:24:14 | <p>I put up my rooftop solar ten years ago when it was still an expensive option, because I knew it was right for the planet. I get a miserably poor return for my excess power sold to the grid, and am outraged that I might be charged even more for my contributions to the nation's wealth. If this evenuates I will seriously consider going off grid completely.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:22:03 | <p>It is unfair that I, as a solar owner, should have to pay to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:21:20 | <p>I call on the AEMC to ensure that solar owners are not so unfairly penalised for assisting in the fight against climate change.</p> <p>As a very intelligent person said one day "just because we still have rocks does not mean we should stay in the stone ages". So it is with coal and even gas. It is past time that we made energy efficiency a whole package (insulation, glazing, efficient white goods, orientation) and encourage and support every citizen in a quest to become energy efficient. Solar panels and batteries are a perfect starting point. We have never been on the grid and have lived very well, raising three children, with just a reasonable level of awareness about our power useage-not hard.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:15:03 | <p>Solar owners should not be charged for exporting clean safe energy, when you do not even charge the polluters. There should be a fairer feed-in tarriff.and a level paying field would be welcomed.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:12:17 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:12:09 | <p>Were doing our bit to help save the planet by putting power into the grid why should we be punished for doing the right thing!</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:09:33 | <p>Why am sending power to the grid at 6cents per kWh when the Retailers are selling be to me for 25c/kWh</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:08:46 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>We invested in solar panels to provide us with cheap, green & renewable energy.</p> <p>On occasion we have surplus energy to our requirements. Should this energy be taken up by the grid we would not expect to discriminated against by being charged for this input while commercial suppliers are being paid for production !</p> <p>Solar electricity is being encouraged & promoted across the globe while in Australia the concept is to penalise the initiatives of individual installers - it is time to recognise that we're in the 21st century.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:04:59 | <p>The idea of charging home owners to feed electricity back into the grid is bizarre, we are paid 12 cents per Kw-Hr and our supplier then resells that power (that they have NOT produced) on to either us or others at almost 3 times the feed in tariff.</p> <p>The idea of charging the home owner is surely a joke.</p> |

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| | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>As a responsible Australian citizen, I have put PV panels on my roof. This is my contribution to our goal of reaching the emissions target that we want. Unlike the Government, I say that WE want to minimise our emissions - the government are resisting this responsibility as much as possible. You charge dirty-power exporters nothing. I see a charge on exporting clean energy as a clear sign that you do not want it.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:04:48 | <p>The feed-in tariff is now negligible, and yet you want to charge us a fee! The message is that you want to discourage clean energy production.</p> <p>I have not yet paid for my PV expense, even though I have had it for over 8 years and receive the premium feed-in tariff. However, I don't mind if my contribution is valued. I resent the regular "kicks in the teeth" I get for doing my bit. This proposal is yet another one. You are effectively saying you do not want clean energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 11:03:07 | <p>I realise that the grid is not set up for large amounts of feed-in, but that is simply because you managers have not done anything about it. There are solutions and it's about time you implemented them. The situation has been evident for decades, but nothing has been done about it. The solutions are now much more expensive than they would have been if acted on at the start - suck it up! We must embrace clean energy for the sake of a safe future.</p> <p>It is most unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>It costs a large amount of money to have solar installed on my roof and it will take a long time for me to see the benefit of having solar. In fact I think any solar I export to the grid should be recompensed to me at the highest rate my energy provider charges as that is when they will be receiving power from me.</p> <p>We live in central Australia with abundant sunshine and installed a 2 K system on our family home as part of the then Solar City program that Alice Springs was part of. It was quite expensive at the time but allowed for good returns from Power & Water for excess power sold back to the grid.</p> <p>We did this because we could see this is going to be the future of power generation and wanted to add our small impetus to this.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:55:13 | <p>While we committed to helping advance solar collection as a means of reducing carbon emissions in our part of the world. At the same time thousands of people installing solar the fiasco of the carbon tax left Australian industry with no direction and a massive loss of momentum for our country in renewable energy. People will write of this lost opportunity in the future.</p> <p>To hear that there is now a consideration to charge people to feed back into grid was irritating but not surprising given the last decade of inaction and contradiction. A large percentage of Australian homeowners and businesses have done the same and will not be happy with this shifting of the goal posts. It could be seen as a "sunshine tax". How will AEMC be perceived by these solar committed Australians and indeed history as we eventually move forward?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:46:15 | <p>I respectfully request that this feed in charge idea gets relegated to the waste bin and not considered again.</p> <p>Please make this a fair deal.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:46:06 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>I had solar panels installed for cost saving and environmental concerns re coal mining and burning plus the cost of coal fired power stations.</p> <p>I am on a Pension and any additional costs make this extremely difficult to manage financially.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:45:51 | <p>I produce solar power using solar panels on my roof and on a daily basis a percentage of this is exported to the grid. I understand that a charge is being considered for this, which I strongly resent. In fact, it is time to recognise that as a producer of electricity, a fair feed in tariff should be paid to me. I receive 6.8 cents per kwh and then have to pay well over 30 cents per kwh to retailers at times when I am not producing electricity from my panels. This is grossly unfair.</p> <p>It is inequitable when big power producers are not charged for exporting electricity to the grid and are also paid a fair rate for electricity provided. Please treat us all fairly.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 10:44:25 | <p data-bbox="360 188 483 207">Dear AMEC</p> <p data-bbox="360 220 2040 268">I do not believe it is fair to charge me as a solar owner to export my solar electricity. I have already spent money installing solar panels which are producing clean, non emission making electricity. Solar owners should be encouraged,not discouraged by additional charges.We are doing the right thing by the climate and future generations.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:42:49 | <p data-bbox="360 288 2085 360">Just because the public have chosen to take control by generating their own power they shouldn't be penalised by the greedy power companies who are only trying to increase their profits by introducing new charges for doing nothing. If we added a new charge for walking into our store to every purchase how long do you think we would be in business. Just because the power companies have a monopoly doesn't entitle them to gouge their customers. Likewise it is unfair for government to increase connection fees to fix a problem that the power companies have brought on themselves for not spending money on upkeep of the power grids.Bring it on and and it will only lead to people stepping up their own generation and withdrawing from the grid which will further exasperate the power companies.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:40:40 | <p data-bbox="360 456 1122 475">Please do not let them get away with this insulting and greedy grab for more .</p> <p data-bbox="360 483 2063 592">I installed solar panels on the roof of the family home in good faith under the assumption that I would receive a fair feed-in tariff, but I now find that that the tariff is far lower than even the rate I must pay for off-peak power, and on top of that, there are plans afoot to force me to pay a feed-in fee. I would only agree to a fee if it were equitable and the large power generators also had to pay at an equitable rate. All of this unfairness from the AEMC is driving me towards looking at the option of batteries and to aim to get off the grid completely.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:40:28 | <p data-bbox="360 608 2085 743">I am totally against individual solar power collectors having to pay to feed electricity into the grid, especially when the big power producers don't pay. The use of solar power by households surely releases gas and coal fired electricity for use by industry and commercial consumers. We put collectors on our roof 4 years ago and have had problems with the inverter recently, but when everything was working it greatly reduced our power bill. This is the way of the future and the government and the big power producers should realise it, embrace it, and make it easier for households to install. Not make it difficult and expensive to install, then charge us for doing the right thing environmentally and economically. Get off your collective comfortable high horse, use the world wide research already available, and make Australia a better place.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:34:36 | <p data-bbox="360 775 2051 884">Dear Sir it is very unfair to charge me to feed excess power from my solar system into the grid because I am trying my very best to help transition Australia's energy generation from dirty sources to clean energy. This is in the best interest of Australia at the cheapest cost to the energy providers. I should not be punnished for this and it gives the energy providers extra time to change from dirty to clean energy. Having spent lots of money of my own already to get clean energy, which has as yet not been recovered, it would severely impact financially to the detriment of my life because I am a self-funded retiree/pensioner with very limited financial resources.</p> <p data-bbox="360 887 1760 906">I have put solar on to help Australia and change energy supply to non-poluting sources for the benefit of our environment of this land Australia.</p> <p data-bbox="360 914 2051 967">I believe all persons that have put solar on to help in this regard should be rewarded for having spent their own money to do so by having a fair and reasonable feed-in tariff paid to them and not be charged for that priviledge. It is in the best interest of Australia in the long term.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:33:20 | <p data-bbox="360 999 584 1018">Dear AEMC members,</p> <p data-bbox="360 1026 2040 1078">I consider it an unfair imposition by the AEMC for it to propose that solar owners be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay to export the power they generate.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1086 2040 1139">To be fair to all parties the feed-in tariff must recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar power and the network savings it provides to the grid, especially on days of high peak loads in summer .</p> <p data-bbox="360 1142 2085 1216">I installed a 2.3kw solar PV system at my house in 2011 to reduce the greenhouse emissions arising from my household's electricity use and to help reduce the financial impact of rising electricity tariffs on my budget. As my wife and I are retired pensioners, charging us for exporting some of our solar power to the grid would have the opposite effect and add further pressure to an already limited budget which will be under even more pressure in future due to further increases in electricity, gas and other prices.</p> |

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| | <p>Why should solar owners be charged a supply charge when major suppliers such as coal fired, polluting power stations don't. We are already charged a daily Sullpy Charge to cover costs of line construction and maintenance so this is simply another charge on the consumer.</p> <p>As solar, once installed is non polluting solar owners should be rewarded for protecting the planet, not penalized.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:28:26 | <p>We installed solar to cut carbon emissions from our premises and to thy to insulate ourselves somewhat from the ever increasing power charges. You continue to award increases every time you investigate. How do you justify this other than looking after the coal industry.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:25:56 | <p>Continuing power charge increases are adding to the financial burden of pensioners and lower income families. Your contemplated charges on solar feedin will add further to this financial burden.</p> <p>We should be paid more for what we send to the grid, not charged for it. I would not have put it on if I knew I was going to be charged for it. Being pensioners we struggle with power bills now with them increasing all the time, without having this extra charge inflicted on us.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:25:47 | <p>It is utter insanity to charge people for this. At this stage in world affairs we should be doing all we can to set up alternative forms of power. In fact I don't get anything for what I send back to the grid -- if I do: I have no way of knowing. But one day I'm going to get one of those powerful batteries and get off the grid. Surely this will help the difficult situation we are in.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:23:13 | <p>Charging Solar Power users is a disgusting and contrary to a sensible and fair power supply policy. More solar power should be encouraged, it is pollution free and reduces the demand on the grid.</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:20:07 | <p>The proposal to charge household solar owners a fee to feed energy into the grid demonstrates a lack of innovation and a commitment to infeasible dirty energy.</p> <p>The existing extremely low feed-in tariff means solar owners are already providing a community service at personal expense. The resistance to household solar evident in power companies, and proposals such as charging a fee to feed power into the grid looks like a money-grab, pure and simple. It will further disenfranchise household consumers from the existing power companies. Please consider a sustainable model for transitioning Australia to more clean energy, rather than quick and dirty fee-hikes in a closed market.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:19:53 | <p>I already pay extra for "green energy" from the only power company that services my region. Please don't penalise forward-thinking citizens for caring about the environment and taking steps to transition to clean energy when it's clear that coal is not sustainable, and the national gas market is in chaos.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-27 10:13:18 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I am currently producing more solar power that is fed into the grid than I am consuming, so I am effectively being charged to supply power to the grid at a substantially reduced cost, just so that the energy companies can resell it back to me at a significant profit!!!. The notion that I am being charged to supply power to the grid, by a system I have paid to install, just so that the power companies can resell it to me and others for a substantial profit is obscene; and more obscene that Government and the AEMC allows this to happen!</p> <p>To think that the AEMC wants to add a charge to solar energy producers for supplying CHEAP energy, just so the retailers can increase their profits is UNCONSCIONABLE.</p> <p>If the Government is really serious about wanting to reach emission reduction targets, they should be providing incentives, not disincentives, for installing solar systems. If it wasn't for the thousands of Australians that have installed, at great expense, solar systems on their roofs, where would we be now with the power companies shutting down their coal fired power stations....what S.A experienced would pale into insignificance!! Indeed, if it wasn't for the solar power that is currently being fed back to the grid, I'm sure the coal fired power stations would not be shutting down to ensure the reliability of power supply.</p> <p>The Government is underestimating the benefits that roof-top solar power generation brings and the Government and the AEMC should do more in rewarding those that have installed solar power on their roofs....paying only \$0.117/kWh when energy retailers are charging over \$0.30/kWh is a disgrace!!</p> |

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| | I strongly object to any possibility that solar power generators be charged for providing their clean energy to the grid. We should as a nation be working towards greater use of and investment in renewable energy in our power mix to meet our international obligations and the safety of our children and future generations. A charge is completely illogical and unethical. |
| 2017-06-27 10:11:02 | There should also be a fair price paid for the energy of solar users that goes into the grid. Currently we pay 4 times the amount for energy than we receive for our contribution. Tell me how this is fair? |
| 2017-06-27 10:10:08 | We are an ordinary Australian working family trying to do our bit towards ameliorating the effects of climate change in the way we use power. It is about time our leading government bodies came out of the dark ages and caught up with ordinary people who, on the issue of solar power, have invested in our future. I am a 74 year old former pensioner who was denied the pension earlier this year. From earning \$350 per quarter from my panels, I now am paying a small amount for my power. If I have to pay for trying to reduce my family's carbon footprint with solar panels it will bring me close to financial hardship. You can't seriously be thinking of penalising clean, renewable power? What do the big power companies pay to supply non-renewable, pollution generating power? It's time your organisation stopped protecting multi-nationals profits and penalising the average Australian. This country has one of the most expensive power prices per kwh in the world only exceeded by Germany and a few others. Now you want to charge solar homeowners to put power into the grid, you have to be kidding. If this is so, you will have many people cutting off the grid and going stand alone, then your business model will be in tatters. Like many friends I will go battery and cut the grid. |
| 2017-06-27 10:08:47 | We need a fair feed in tariff and also get rid of the daily standing 'service supply charge', which is another way of getting more money for nothing. The current electricity problems are caused by inept governments selling off the power system for a quick buck. You tried this before in 2013 and failed, there are enough solar owners now to change governments that don't listen. Wake up before it's too late. |
| 2017-06-27 10:08:33 | I urge the AEMC to stop their unfair plans to charge solar owners for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Come off it man!!!! You need a reason? How is it fair that we essentially "small scale power producers" are penalised for producing power, whereas the big giants using dirty technology are free to charge users whatever they like and do not pay a single cent for producing dirty power???? |
| 2017-06-27 10:07:58 | Not to mention the pittance we are getting for feeding into the grid. |
| 2017-06-27 10:07:15 | This is ridiculous and it smells of bullying and GREED!!!! Do not charge solar producers to input Charging solar PV owners for the power they export to the grid is intrinsically unjust, since the power they export is then sold for profit by network operators. Accordingly, feed-in tariff rebated from retail bills should match the price paid to wholesale generators. |
| 2017-06-27 10:05:08 | Furthermore, charging people for the power they export is an abject rejection of the reality that centralised power generation is a doomed business model. The grid of the future will, in part, be a peer-to-peer distributor, to which extent it will be paying for its upkeep and maintenance by fee for carriage. Also note that Australia's coal-fired power stations are, for the most part, approaching the ends of their useful operating "lifetimes". |
| 2017-06-27 10:00:36 | Instead of expending capital on building new coal-fired power station, existing power station owners could move their business models to installing solar panels (and batteries) on retail customers, and metering their usage. By doing this, they'll be making more profit per MWh. |
| 2017-06-27 09:59:25 | I oppose allowing solar owners to be charged simply for feeding their energy back into the grid. The whole solar thing is getting ridiculous we are in Tasmania so the infrastructure is in place and yet they want to lower the cents per Kwh we get and now want to charge to take the power all this is going to achieve is more people going off grid and then they will have no power to import or export. We are seriously looking for batteries so we can have nothing to do with the energy companies so where will that leave them?? |
| 2017-06-27 09:59:06 | We have all ready paid to have the solar panels fitted, so why should we pay twice for the same thing, we were asked to help in the solar electricity collection for our houses, and then we get penalized for do what we were originally ask to do to help the country, we are[?] a democratic country we all help our way of living. |

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| 2017-06-27 09:59:03 | The 6 cents feed-in tariff is unfair anyway - it should be a lot closer to the 24c that I have to pay for energy that I import when the sun isn't shining. To even consider charging us to supply free, clean electricity is bordering on insanity. There's probably a way of sending the excess power straight to earth anyway, in the unlikely event that this greed-based idea comes to fruition. I thought this was meant to be a fair society - let's see some fairness here then. |
| 2017-06-27 09:57:38 | Hi, There can be no possible good reason for charging a fee to input power back into the grid. Those that would benefit are leeches on our society. This would definitely have a negative impact on the road to our clean energy goal. |
| 2017-06-27 09:57:11 | We have a solar electric array on our roof - we are strong supporters of renewable clean energy generation and we were prepared to stump up a painful \$21,000 to do this - Our electricity helps prop up the grid during peak summer periods when air conditioners are in full cry. We always generate more than we consume - we are charged about 25 cents per kwh when we need to draw down electricityif we are going to be given a very mean 5 or 6 cents per kwh when we supply back to the grid AND ALSO BE CHARGED FOR PUTTING POWER INTO THE GRID, IT MAKES SENSE to BUY STORAGE AND go OFF-GRID - this means that we will pay NOTHING to the electricity suppliers (we already pay daily supply charges) and less people will be left to pay to prop the network up -many of these people are going to be in lower-income households. Please SCRAP this mean-spirited attempt to discourage solar power generation. |
| 2017-06-27 09:56:00 | Owners of solar PV systems should not be charged for the energy they feed into the grid. This energy replaces expensive coal fired power and will help Australia meet its emission targets. I installed my 2 kW PV system because I wanted to reduce the environmental impact of my electricity usage and make a small difference to the world my grandchildren would have to face. This decision cost me \$15 000 for installation. I use most of the power myself and the small amount fed into the grid helps pay for the service charges and supplies power to my neighbours. Aurora Energy then sells that power to my neighbours. I should not be charged for a service I am supplying to Aurora Energy |
| 2017-06-27 09:55:56 | W are saving the Govt. and power generators the cost of infrastructure Now they want to charge us Get lost . If I could afford it I would be off the grid in 5 minutes. |
| 2017-06-27 09:55:32 | The primary reason for installing solar power was to help combat climate change but it came at a hefty price. To disincentivize solar installation is environmental vandalism. |
| 2017-06-27 09:54:51 | I really do not understand. Solar Owners have forked out an initial investment to better their community, their State, their Country while trying to invest in the world. However, the Government continues to try and find ways to 'go backwards' after starting this VERY positive shift in renewables. The REAL problem people, business, and votes have is the Governments of resent does not show stability in their policies, their messages, and their vision for the future - which does not build TRUST, CONFIDENCE, and a genuine future plan going forward. |
| 2017-06-27 09:49:41 | My advise to you and all others that are in the area of making decisions to make this country great - stop making it up was you go. GET together, make a plan for the countries future and utilise REAL specialists within to ensure intelligence and not alliances form correct decisions. Again, REALLY? I support a mix of clean, renewable energy alongside other forms of energy supply and I am doing my bit to support the solar energy initiative. However it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. |
| 2017-06-27 09:48:46 | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have outlaid considerable funds to install a 5 kW solar system and it is totally un acceptable to be paid a mere 6 cents/kWh for the energy I feed into the grid and then be charged up to 60 cents/kWh for the energy I use. I expect a more equitable form of compensation for the energy that I feed into the grid and this should be much closer to the rate that I am charged for the power I use. |
| 2017-06-27 09:46:25 | This is disgraceful corporate greed and only acts as a disincentive for the public to embrace clean energy which is exactly the OPPOSITE of what the government and responsible corporations should be promoting. |
| 2017-06-27 09:46:25 | I think charging house owners a few for making clean energy back to the grid is a stupid.So don't do it. |

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| | <p>I can't believe you are serious about charging solar owners to export power to the grid. These people are doing the planet a favour. They are generating clean power as opposed to dirty coal generated power, and you seriously want to charge them for doing this?</p> <p>You pay them next to nothing for generating and supplying this clean power to the grid, where it is sold at profit by the power retailers.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:44:01 | <p>It is also lowering the requirements of the grid wiring from the power stations by supplying the power closer to the end use. Hence only having to transmit that power, possibly, to the house next door or in the same street.</p> <p>The AEMC should be assisting and encouraging the generation and supply of clean power to the grid. This helps the country and the planet.</p> <p>I do think that the AEMC should have a sit down and rethink their ethics. Are you there working for the country or for the profiting of the power generators and retailers?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:42:08 | <p>Every roof in this country should be covered with PV, and you should be encouraging it, not trying to prevent it. Get with it.</p> <p>Home owners who have solar should not be charged when exporting excess power to the grid, such a proposal just is a grab for cash based on greed.</p> <p>The way we produce energy has changed and all home grown clean energy is helping in lowering CO2 out put.</p> <p>In fact solar power should be given a fair price for exported energy into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:41:59 | <p>The fact is if people are charged the quicker batteries will be used to store home energy and power companies will loose more customers.</p> <p>Solar generation has the effect of off setting air conditioner usage in the summer. The rest of the year it would be an off peak generation but in the winter it may be offset against heating and refrigeration. This means that it is valuable to the network and should be paid for and certainly not charged for export. If an export is charged for, I would have to consider the introduction of batteries - something which I can ill afford. An export charge would be a retrospective change to the power environment and would be very objectionable.</p> <p>I think it's incredibly unfair that government has benefited from people like me, with solar on their roof, off setting the need for more power stations to be build and now want to slug me with the cost of feeding in the energy I create!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:41:52 | <p>We put solar on our roof to save money and help the environment. Putting a tariff to feed in would really set us back. It is akin to a window tax and just like that old tax, I am considering a battery system for my excess power if the silliness of a tariff continues.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:39:25 | <p>Under no circumstances will I accept a charge for exporting the power I get from my solar panels.</p> <p>The more people who foot the cost to put a solar array on their roof & export to the state power grid, the less the government has to think about starting up new potentially polluting power generating stations.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:37:46 | <p>With a battery bank, this makes the generation of natural power from the sun much more flexible, & usable.</p> <p>The longevity of both pv panels & batteries makes for a very economical solution to our power provision problems.</p> <p>It seems to me that the generosity of solar owners who are happy to give their excess power generation to the government should be commended rather than penalized with extra charges. The house which has the grid connected is already paying the line rental, so why should they have to pay again?</p> <p>Why arn't the power stations paying to export their power through the grid?</p> |

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| | <p>I have installed solar panels on my roof to support cleaner energy production in an effort to curb global warming. This is one of my acts to assist the planet to remain below 2 degrees of warming, and thus to assist people, animals and plants to continue to live here.</p> <p>Other forms of energy production, such as coal and gas fired power plants, do not pay to put energy in the grid and neither should I. It is time that the grid operators updated their systems to cater for renewable sourced energy and stop acting like bullies who want to keep new comers out of their game.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:35:35 | <p>I am adding energy with no adverse health effects and should be congratulated for not adding to the health budgets of governments. Fossil fuels are a health hazard and should be banned, or made to contribute to the cost of the sickness they inflict on our health.</p> <p>If the grid cannot cope with my contribution to the power required by the people of Australia then I will install batteries and use it all myself. I pay tax and have little say in how it is spent but I am in control of my power production.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion. Dear Sirs,</p> <p>In a time when we need to change to clean energy as a priority, it is beyond ridiculous that anyone should have to PAY to EXPORT electricity to the grid. No generator pays to export electricity to the grid. This is plainly a stupid idea to discourage domestic generation and those of us who do provide this green energy are fed up with this miserable and unethical attitude adopted by the so-called "powers that be" in trying to attack this valuable resource we provide.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:34:44 | <p>The network is more than compensated in monetary terms through the prices charged for green energy.</p> <p>It's time the export tariff to most customers was INCREASED to accommodate the benefit to the community of the environmental benefits of that export.</p> <p>Any attempt to put a charge on export to the grid will move many users to battery storage sooner and eventually off grid all together. So the "cunning plan" will simply make things more expensive in the medium term for those who cannot afford battery storage (unfair) and, in the long term, will hasten the demise of the "big grid". The latter is a good thing anyway...</p> <p>In short, I will also vote against any political party supporting this kind of move and campaign against any company supporting this kind of move in the market.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:33:04 | <p>I am a pensioner, my wife and i had enough money to invest in solar as .we could not afford our electricity bill.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:30:31 | <p>Just keep in mind if you charge me for my grid input i and thousands of others will go totally off grid with batteries this is just the push we need.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:30:02 | <p>There should be a fair feed -in tariff that recognises the environment and health benefit of solar,along with the network saving that solar provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:27:57 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged for putting power into the grid when they are doing the power companies and the environment a favour.</p> <p>I have already paid to have solar panels put onto my roof - an expensive venture. I have already paid to be connected to the grid. I am using and contributing CLEAN energy back into the grid and NOT being reimbursed correctly for it. What a travesty to think it is ok for me to be charged for SUPPLYING the state with clean, unpolluting energy particularly when big companies killing the world with their dirty admissions are not even penalized for the damage they are doing. What sort of uncaring government is this? I will only vote for a government that supports encouragement of clean energy and in fact makes it mandatory.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:27:44 | <p>Unfair on those who have taken the clean energy path, only to be penalised for doing so. Typical of money hungry big business, and no wonder why households want to go off grid.</p> |

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When I made the decision some years ago to purchase solar panels and an inverter for my house, I did so to produce clean renewable energy. The investment was expensive, partly subsidised by the government, with feed-in tariffs for extra power we produced to sell to the grid.

When electricity prices started to rise more and the energy producers started finding it tough, fingers were pointed at solar power owners, as an easy scapegoat for the rising prices. This failed to recognise the significant contribution made by the government in not noticing or ignoring the oversupply of electricity through power stations they gave the ok to be built. Since then there's been desperate grabs at any benefit the early adopters of solar power were getting from generating electricity in a renewable way.

The latest in this grab is to propose charging solar owners for providing their energy to the grid.

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Australians should be encouraging more solar ownership, instead of trying to make it more difficult and expensive for solar owners. The government has it backwards in attacking the people - instead the government should be representing the people and the future of this country by promoting solar and avoiding future costs of power stations that wouldn't be needed if more people had solar.

Similar to how large businesses can avoid taxes and middle income earners pay the majority of tax in this country, power companies are avoiding paying for exporting power to the grid, where its being proposed to charge Mum and Dad households to do so. This is unfair, unethical, and against the people.

Australia needs to move towards renewable energy, and householders with solar is a big part of that. The people have spoken, they want renewable power and they have demonstrated willingness to pay to install solar systems in their houses. The solar owners are contributing to Australia's move towards renewable energy, and the feed-in tariff should recognise this benefit, and the reduced future costs of new power stations due to the existence of home solar.

I am deeply concerned that AEMC is trying to hobble solar owners and discourage future solar ownerships, by this proposed charge. Please listen to the people of Australia, who are calling for clean energy, who are still putting solar on their rooftops despite the government's discouragement, and who are speaking out for a better future with clean renewable energy.

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| | <p data-bbox="360 188 1413 209">Submission to the AEMC regarding proposed charge to small exporters of Solar power to the national grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 245 2033 323">I wish to express my utmost disagreement that this proposal is a good idea! My opinion is that it is a totally stupid idea in that it will discourage further expansion of new & existing home owners installing solar power systems if they haven't done so already.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:17:44 | <p data-bbox="360 359 2096 491">I have used solar energy to power my homes since 1997, yes that is 20yrs, two entire decades!! At my first home, "Koornong" 6.5km from Beechworth (1997-2012) the system was, and still is, a 2kW "stand alone / off grid" system with 1100Ah of energy storage. Since installing a 4.41kW (with 700Ah storage) system in Oct 2012 on my new award winning, "low energy / carbon positive" home in Beechworth that system has contributed 6.46 times more clean energy to my local grid than my home has imported from the grid. (21660kWs vs 3354kWs) Enough clean energy for 3-4 other much less efficient local homes to be powered by clean "non fossil fuel" generation.</p> <p data-bbox="360 528 2033 603">In my opinion solar producers such as my self should only be charged proportionally, as a percentage equal to our import v's export ratio, or at least much less as a daily supply charge. It is my understanding that the clean energy that is exported from my system uses very little of the grid to get to the local consumers of that energy so why should us Solar exporters be charged a "grid use" fee when the big centralised generators are not charged a cent to export their generation across the entire grid??</p> <p data-bbox="360 639 2063 691">If this proposed charge is legislated and implemented I will very likely choose to disconnect my home from the national grid and once again be totally self reliant & "off-grid"!! But that would also mean that my system would no longer be contributing to a cleaner and more sustainable national energy system.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:16:21 | <p data-bbox="360 722 1081 774">The AEMC tried to implement this charge several years ago and it failed. It was a bad idea then and it is STILL A BAD IDEA NOW!!</p> <p data-bbox="360 791 2069 866">You proposal to charge for household solar input o the grid is unfair as the large power producers arent being included.It would further discourage the takeup of rooftop solar and all the benefits it brings to the environment and greenhouse gas reduction..You should be looking at requiring the network suppliers to provide an increase in feedin tariff that reflects the worth to them of this green power.</p> <p data-bbox="360 874 2063 922">The proposal to charge solar owners for exporting energy to the grid is outrageous. Instead solar feed-in-tariffs should be increased because household solar increases the supply of clean energy at times of high consumption and helps lower prices.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:15:05 | <p data-bbox="360 959 2096 1062">Non renewable energy from coal and gas is polluting and because we don't price carbon, is effectively subsidised! This is wrong. Australia should follow the lead of Europe, China and many states in America and place a price on carbon pollution and increase feed-in-tariffs for clean green solar energy. Solar energy provides savings to the grid and puts downward pressure on prices. It is absolutely unfair and unacceptable to charge solar owners to export clean renewable power to the grid when coal fired power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1070 2096 1201">It is manifestly unfair to charge owners of solar panels more to use the network than any other user. Everyone uses varying amounts of power so to target one particular group for extra charges is wrong. The network is a piece of infrastructure that is used by all people and businesses connected to the grid so everyone should pay the same amount. Solar owners lessen the cost of the grid because transformers do not need to be upgraded as power usage in an area grows as the any additional power is offset by the solar power being generated. If the cost of the network is not being met by current supply charges then the supply charge needs to reflect the true cost of the network so people can make informed decisions about whether the network is value for money.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:14:57 | <p data-bbox="360 1238 2063 1289">To charge solar owner more for network connection will only drive them to battery storage faster and therefore they will not be connected to the network at all and the cost of maintaining the network will be shared among a smaller number of users driving the cost up further for those still connected.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1318 2033 1369">The whole scheme seems to be small thinking and petty minded to target a group who are assisting the environment and reducing the need for new power stations for no valid reason.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1401 1234 1425">Please squash this stupid proposal to charge solar owners more for network connection.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 09:14:04 | <p>I disagree most strongly with the proposal by AEMC to charge people with roof-top solar systems to feed energy back into the grid. Such people are already paying for the cost of the poles and wires in their power bill from the power companies. In Tasmania there is a daily supply charge on the bill which covers the cost of poles and wires. Another charge would be a duplication of that fee. Solar owners are making a significant contribution to the energy security of the country yet we were not recognized for the important contribution we made to the energy crisis in Tasmania last year. This significant contribution should be recognized by the payment of a feed-in tariff equal to the wholesale price of energy in the market and with no additional fees and charges such as that proposed. There is not a doubt that this proposal on the part of AEMC is both unjust and unfair.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:12:13 | <p>As an Australian that has taken the initiative to use clean free power from the sun I am dismayed that you would consider charging me a fee to do so. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. Solar power is the future and it can and will revolutionise the way the whole world generates power. The government should be embracing this technology and the people that are helping to progress its effectiveness by putting our hard earned money into it.</p> <p>There should also be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises that we are prepared to sell our excess power to the government so it can be used to boost the supply of clean energy. Our power should be bought from us at a fair price and then sold at a fair price and not used for profiteering but to reduce the price of power for all while protecting the environment</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:10:33 | <p>My wife and I are retired. We installed solar power to our home to not only control our ever increasing power bill but to do our bit to reduce our carbon footprint and hopefully provide a liveable environment for our four young grand children into the future.</p> <p>To now change the rules on our investment will undermine our ability to further reduce our carbon footprint. We need some stability at our age. The cost of living increase daily and from every direction. Our power bill is our largest annual expense and without the benefits of our solar power investment would mean further cutting back in our monthly expenses.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:08:41 | <p>I do not accept that my wife and I should be penalised for trying to do the right thing and urge the AEMC not to move the goalposts on people who are helping to solve the climate change and energy supply problems.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>This proposal seems designed to make me go down the battery route- which seems inefficient for the community as a whole</p> <p>It undermines any positive feelings towards the companies and government agencies responsible for the grid.</p> <p>I am concerned about the current proposal to charge solar owners for exporting the power they produce to the grid. We have solar panels and have recently had a net meter installed so I am very conscious of both this issue and of obtaining a fair feed-in tariff. We have had to pay to instal solar panels and for the privilege of doing "our bit" for the environment, health benefits and savings to the grid network so it would be unfair to charge us for exporting this clean power, especially when big suppliers of "dirty" power don't have to pay anything.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:05:00 | <p>We are already suffering from the impact of higher electricity prices and really don't need an extra charge to be imposed!! Especially a totally unfair one!</p> |
| | <p>Please reject this proposal!</p> |
| | <p>Thank you.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 09:04:05 | <p>As a retiree with limited income Solar power panels were installed when we moved to Victoria to our present abode. Not only was I hoping it would save us some money on our power bills but be socially responsible action to take.</p> <p>There is no doubt power generation is changing and one moves with the times, hence solar panels.</p> <p>It was made clear that the power companies would not give a fair return on the electricity we generated and was added to the power grid. That was understood but again ethically and on principle we felt it was the right thing to do.</p> <p>To actually charge us for the power we provide, virtually free(a paltry sum from the supply company being deducted from our power bill), is robbery and flies in the face of inevitable change in power generation. King Canute was not successful in turning back the tide neither will the government nor the power hungry power companies.</p> <p>No NO to being charged for any power generated by solar roof top electricity.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 09:00:33 | We opted to install solar panels about 8 years ago, my wife wanted no more electricity bill, well that did not work! I have watched the suppliers ripping off the solar panel owners, with what I believe is the tacit approval of all level of Government. So here is us providing a free energy supply, at our own cost when installed, and getting a pittance in payment back. So I believe it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be, no, there must be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar owners provide to the grid |
| 2017-06-27 08:59:27 | It is tantamount to madness to set a charge that penalises solar panel owners unfairly for exporting to the grid. To whom it may concern, I cannot believe that any one is considering to charge solar PV cell generators to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. This is completely unacceptable. |
| 2017-06-27 08:56:40 | If I am charged for solar exports to the grid, it will place undue stress on my household budget. I have invested in a solar PV installation to help the environment (saving on excess dirty coal consumption) and expect only in return a fair FiT for the power that I produce. |
| 2017-06-27 08:55:44 | There is an overwhelming need for a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. |
| 2017-06-27 08:54:42 | We would feel betrayed by the current government if the proposal would go ahead... This is a most unfair proposal when one considers the relative ROI of households to the big power stations. I made the investment to minimise the output of CO2 rather than to save money - the big power stations did not. |
| 2017-06-27 08:53:15 | There should be a much fairer FIT I had solar panel for electricity and water whilst I was working because I knew that I would have to go careful with my spending once I retired. I'm on a state pension so solar enables me to stay warm in winter and cool in summer without breaking the bank, but it's a fine guideline and changes to the charges will mean less use of my electricity. I can just eke out sufficient now, and further charges will mean I will be cold/hot or go without some food if my bills go up further. |
| 2017-06-27 08:52:25 | Please do not charge solar owners for exporting energy to the grid. Other energy providers are not charged. I intend to go solar and consider this discrimination to be unfair. I am greatly disturbed by the AEMC suggestion of charging the owners of solar rooftop systems to supply excess electricity to the grid. Organisations, such as this, should be at arms length to the Government of the day, not be trying to entrench the myopic view of a few dinosaurs that reside in Canberra. |
| 2017-06-27 08:51:52 | Power generated anywhere in the system, should attract the same cost of distribution as coal generators pay - That is "zero" - the feed-in tariff should also attract the same remuneration as the large generators, after all anybody on the system can use the extra electricity that is generated, this would also stop the power companies from pocketing the difference whilst increasing power costs to the public. |
| 2017-06-27 08:51:15 | If this policy is implemented, then I will be increasing my solar generation and going completely off grid, along with many others I would imagine. Stop this senseless greed . Solar can save so many problems ie pollution and coal plants not being required as much as more people get panels . How dare you charge people ! |
| 2017-06-27 08:51:06 | Stop this senseless greed . Solar can save so many problems ie pollution and coal plants not being required as much as more people get panels . How dare you charge people ! |

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| 2017-06-27 08:51:05 | <p>We in North Queensland donot have a choice of suppliers & as a result have to pay full retail for out power supply. Ergon have raised the fixed prices a "service fee"& now a new one "meter service charge". These total about \$400 per year to the standard household bill, before you even turn on a single light. These "fixed" charges have risen by 350-400% over the past 6 years. NOW you want to add another "fixed charge"for Solar owners. STOP your GREEDY GRAB & give something back to the everyday working man (& pensioner). We pensioners would like to thank you for our one off payment of \$62.50. (No doubt this will be absorbed by the increased tariffs on July1)</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:49:47 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:48:48 | <p>People who put solar panels on their roof are contributing to the global effort to avoid catastrophic climate change. It is manifestly wrong to charge them penalties for their service to the planet.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:48:46 | <p>I'm still trying to understand why we would be charged for providing electricity, cleanly generated and to the suppliers so they can charge to provide it to someone else. The environmental benefits of clean generation should far outweigh the negative impacts of coal generated electricity. Having had a 3Kw system put in nearly 4 years ago now it has made a great impact to our budget as we are nearly neutral in our usage now.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:48:14 | <p>This has always been a ridiculous suggestion. To charge small scale family solar generators for their free clean power is stupidity. I already pay a surcharge for all my electricity infrastructure in my bill. The same as everyone else. That surcharge covers everything and is fairly distributed. What I don't get is a fair feed-in tariff return on my investment in solar to do what others don't.. contribute to the grid. Charging contributors even more when the leaners are doing nothing is absolutely unjustifiable. Just to explain it to you again;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent •There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid •We invested in solar to help reduce peak usage issues in summer in Sydney, and to get towards carbon neutral pollution neutral sustainable city housing for our children. What are you trying to do??! <p>- It is extremely unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>- There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:43:37 | <p>- We incurred significant cost to install the solar system with the understanding that we would receive money for feeding from our solar panels into the grid. Penalising people for doing the right thing by changing the rules later is definitely not the right thing.</p> <p>- I am retired and my wife is going to retire after some time. We are not prepared for the extra financial burden that is being planned to be imposed on us. It will create extra hardship in our retired life.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:42:19 | <p>The solar feed-in tariff is already very inequitable system. Solar customers sell their excess energy for a small amount and then gets sold on for a profit. To add a fee to solar customers for providing clean, cheap energy in built up areas does not stack up for financially. Solar customers are making electricity cheaper and not more expensive. Charging a fee for feeding into the grid can not be supported on economic grounds. They already buy the energy at rates lower than they charge, what else can they want? Oh Yea, to charge us to put clean energy into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:42:08 | <p>Why only solar? what about all the other inputs. I just can't see the logic of this and why penalize solar when coal does not pay the charge.</p> <p>Charging to put solar feeds from households into the grid will simply be the death of the solar energy to a great extent. and that is a bad thing being as this industry will be providing jobs of the future while coal becomes even more obsolete.</p> <p>BAD IDEA -- MUST BE A PROPOSAL BY THE COAL INTERESTS.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 08:41:11 | I paid a considerable amount of money to put solar panels on my roof, to do my bit to provide clean power for Australia. There was no mention at the time of charges to export to the grid. I have a 20 year contract and I regard it as a breach of that contract to be charged to export my electricity. |
| 2017-06-27 08:38:35 | Unfair for me as a solar owner to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when dirty big power don't pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have spent significant budget of my household to install a rooftop solar + battery system, to save on my energy expense. To impose a charge on solar export would add to the cost, while the energy provider is able to sell my hard earned contribution for almost nothing, while raise their price without much hindrance. |
| 2017-06-27 08:37:38 | I have roof top solar panels. I believe it's unfair to charge us to feed clean renewable solar energy back into the grid when large polluting electricity companies don't get charged. The Victorian government has just increased the feed-in tariff for solar owners because the Essential Services Commission found that distributed energy adds value to the grid - environmental, health and network benefits. I put solar on my rooftop for environmental and economic reasons. I am a worker on a low-income, and I have not yet paid back my investment in solar panels. Charging me for exporting to the grid may make a significant difference to my energy bills. Even worse, it sends a message to would-be solar investors that will impact negatively on our solar industry and our environment! DO NOT charge us for exporting to the grid! |
| 2017-06-27 08:37:08 | We should not have to pay to return power to the grid. You close the power stations down without organizing replacement power, your problem not ours Dear AEMC, Solar owners shouldn't be charged simply for exporting energy to the grid. |
| 2017-06-27 08:36:43 | Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally. Charging solar owners more, when decentralised rooftop solar actually makes far less use of the poles and wires than the old polluting power stations do, is utter nonsense. Please scrap this proposal as it has been already twice before. |
| 2017-06-27 08:32:10 | stop this insane move to discourage people to install solar we are trying to help the environment |
| 2017-06-27 08:31:50 | I undertook to save and install solar in order to have input into slowing climate change and to protect our environment. Why do wish to punish we individuals who care by even contemplating this charge. The conventional power plants do not pay it, I believe. The current situation is already discriminatory, with companies such as Origin paying less per unit than they charge us, on top of a penalizing daily fee. Think rationally, and long term benefit for all of us, this country and this planet |
| 2017-06-27 08:30:54 | I paid for Solar up front. It was sold to me with idea of helping me reduce my power bills & providing CLEAN ENERGY, not DIRTY ENERGY!! The Government's ripped me off by wiping the feed in tariff, the power companies ripped me off by increasing the price, and after much pleading, the Gov't has been so generous (not) to give me back 5c in feed in tariffs, but now want to rip that away from me by thing of charging me for CLEAN ENERGY exports back to the grid. You're ripping households off, where s you should be looking at charging the DIRTY ENERGY Company's. STOP THE ROT NOW!! I vote too! I think that it is outrageous to charge solar owners for the electricity that they produce when other electricity producers do not. |
| 2017-06-27 08:28:58 | There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the dollar value of the domestic solar contribution to the electricity grid and the benefits to the environment and health that domestic solar producers make. This charge on domestic solar producers would make electric power consumption more expensive for those who have installed solar power. Are the coal fired power plants afraid of competition from the home owner solar producer? |
| 2017-06-27 08:22:23 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean power to the grid, there should b a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, I have spent a considerable amount of money to ensure that I can sustain and contribute to clean renewal power, to then charge me again is reprehensible. |

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| 2017-06-27 08:22:09 | <p>Dear Sir/ Madam</p> <p>I consider that it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. I also consider that there needs to be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I had solar panels put on my roof in 2012 when I purchased my home and was able to get the feed-in tariff of 44 cents/ KW when installed due to arrangements being offered by the Queensland government. I am appalled that some politicians have claimed that this is the reason for the price increases in electricity & this claim is still made by many householders who have not installed rooftop solar. I consider that it is very unfair that I took advantage of a scheme that was offered by the government & now the governments wish to penalise me for taking the action that was promoted at the time. The inefficiencies of the current energy transport grid & cost for maintenance & upgrade are not being fairly considered. This includes the need to move to a cleaner form of energy that I was proud to be part of.</p> <p>I, as a solar owner am unhappy at what the government intends, I did the right thing but this government appears intent to not provide accurate information about the benefits & promote an polluting form of energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:21:55 | <p>I do not agree with charging Australians to feed electricity back to the grid.</p> <p>My sister just got solar panels and is payed 6 cents per kilowatt to feed back to the grid but when the sun goes down is charged 33 cents so all the excess she generates during the day is fed into her neighbours house which costs the power company 6 cents and then charges the neighbour 33 cents and now they want extra feed in charges as well.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:21:36 | <p>I believe this should not be allowed to happen.</p> <p>I have solar to reduce my carbon footprint and supply my home with energy from the sun. What I receive from the company to supply the grid is ridiculous but to charge me to put power into the grid? No way.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:21:09 | <p>Make the power companies pay, they cause pollution, I don't. I get precious little back for my infrastructure that I paid for and I supply the grid ! Charging me for my supply to the power companies would be double dipping!</p> <p>We believe that it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when huge dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:20:57 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar.</p> <p>When we retired, we deliberately used a large part of our lump sum finds to buy both solar power units and solar hot water. At that time it was to reduce electrical costs. There was no offer of rebates for us!!!</p> |
| | <p>So now, with us having to essentially pay to transport our power back to the grid, it is a type of "double whammy"!</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:20:10 | <p>As pensioners, we feel that bit is grossly unfair that we are being charged for our solar exports to the grid.</p> <p>I don't have solar panels on my roof because my home is in a heritage overlay area and Council makes it difficult for would-be suppliers. It outrageous to learn that solar owners could be CHARGED for exporting power to the grid! Power is so much needed since Governments have sold out to damaging gas and coal big businesses, mostly foreign owned - and have allowed coal and gas mining to ruin the earth and poison the water in the process. Big business then sends gas and coal overseas, with the profits and off shore loopholes to avoid paying taxes, and leave Australia short - and predicting blackouts in the coming summer! The population has increased ahead of getting our infrastructure sorted.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 08:17:21 | <p>Clean energy systems - solar & wind with battery storage along with tide and existing hydro to ensure continuity must be given urgent priority by Local, State and Federal governments to build our own systems and utilise the sunshine & wind Australia is blessed with to supply the entire country. Australian businesses and ordinary citizens will be more than happy to pay a fair price for a clean and secure power supply.</p> <p>Australia should be self sufficient - also plenty of jobs created - reduce unemployment at the same time. Set up costs - starting with funds diverted from Adani proposal - would be returned over time when we all pay our energy bills. What has been done since Paris agreement? I would rather my bills to be paid to clean energy systems owned by Australia/Australians, made in Australia. How proud we could be - how we could create employment, too - PAYE taxes more reliable than big business avoidance. After all the talk, talk - we need action - more solar NOW.</p> <p>I am putting in solar in a couple of weeks firstly to reduce our power bills but also to provide cheap clean energy to the grid. Why on earth would you penalise me for that? In future thousands of households could collectively contribute a significant amount of power to the grid. Pay us don't penalise us</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 08:15:23 | Why should we have to pay to export our free power to the grid. You will only make people more independent by going off grid and therefore lose the power we generate. This appears to be about big business concerns and not at all about intelligent thinking. |
| 2017-06-27 08:14:55 | It is unfair to charge solar power producers to export energy when the big dirty power producers dont pay anything. A good price for my exported energy allows me to pay extra for green energy off the grid which Otherwise I could not afford. I am writing to protest the the proposal of a feed-in tariff for producers of solar energy. |
| 2017-06-27 08:14:12 | Clean, environmentally friendly solar energy is the future of power generation. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have not had solar cells installed because of the feed in tariff. The cost is prohibitive for my household. |
| 2017-06-27 08:12:06 | Australians will not put up with unfair, unwise charges. Re-think this bad idea. We are flat out importing and developing battery storage ,it's going gangbusters, . The idiotic energy systems will be a thing of the past in a few years, good luck with your stranded assets dummies. |
| 2017-06-27 08:09:56 | AEMC - It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. |
| 2017-06-27 08:09:55 | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I did not make the decision to 'Gold Plate' the poles and wires, a decision that significantly increased the cost of power and which prompted us to get solar cells on our roof. Now we are being charged for any power that we might put back into the grid. This is a significant turnaround from the original, sensible payment to householders for contributing to the grid and doing their bit to reduce the impact of climate change. |
| 2017-06-27 08:06:18 | I object to this unfair discriminatory treatment of those who have adopted solar energy for the sake of the planet. For those of us who adopted the technology many years ago, it was a conscious and sometimes onerous decision to pay a lot of money for buying and having solar installed. I began with getting a solar hot water service over twenty years ago, and later, after an unexpected tax refund, I decide to get roof panels as well. I'm very happy with that decision, but think it unfair that those who outlay their money in this way, for the benefit of the environment, should be penalised rather than rewarded for their actions. |
| 2017-06-27 08:05:04 | Dear Sirs, My wife and I decided to invest in solar panels six years ago, not just to save on electricity but out of a conviction that people like us can make a real contribution to reducing fossil fuel emissions and helping to mitigate the undeniable effects of climate change. During this time we have already seen the feed-in tariff progressively reduced. This is already punitive on ordinary people like us who have invested in environmental solar, contrary to the big coal-loving minority of politicians who have a disproportionate voice in the Australian media. Now the AEMC is considering charging us for the clean energy we put into the grid. This is a slap in the face for Australians who care about the very real risks to our future. Sadly, it is also very much in keeping with the current trend of 'clobbering the small man'. Additionally, this move would lengthen the time it will take us to recoup the investment we made six years ago and thus impact our family finances. My wife and I seriously hope that common sense can prevail and that, at the very least, we be treated the same as power production companies - even though our power production is clean and environmentally sustainable. |

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| 2017-06-27 08:03:22 | <p>Adding an electricity feed-in charge to homeowners with grid-connected solar panels is unfair and unjustifiable (the big energy producers get paid billions of dollars to feed power to the grid), and it will be incredibly counterproductive.</p> <p>If we want a resilient electricity grid then it makes good sense to distribute as much of that power-generating capacity as possible. Charging people to feed into the grid will make it uneconomic for them to remain connected to the grid, so many or most will disconnect and use battery storage. That eliminates the ridiculous charges and means they can continue to power their homes during a blackout, which grid-connected homes can't. It also places extra burden on the big power stations and the grid because solar homes, by pumping electricity back into the grid during the day supply electricity during peak demand, to the benefit of all.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:59:56 | <p>It looks very much as if this extra charge is a short-sighted ploy by people corrupted by the big power companies to discourage solar power. Such a move disgusts me and vast numbers of other Australians. The AEMC should be responsibly working for the nation, not helping a few insanely greedy power producers rot the system at Australia's expense. Moves such as this really bring home to people how we should nationalise the big electricity producers. All the recent scams they've run recently make it clear they don't operate in the national interest, but are parasites.</p> <p>The renewable energy and clean technology field is an area of growth, not only in Australia but even more rapid growth is occurring internationally. This is the future. Unfortunately Australia has locked itself into a 1950's style energy system that provided all the requirements for that time, but unfortunately has now become outdated. This requires transition to the renewable energy technologies that are strongly supported by the vast majority of Australians. However, there is also an upfront cost to this transition which is becoming the major hurdle and barrier to Australia moving forward. Even though all investigations indicate that renewable energy generation will be the cheapest form of electrical generation into the future, (and why wouldn't it be - there are no fuel costs once the technology is established) governments are baulking at the up front investment required to move Australia from the mid 20th Century to prepare for the rest of the 21st Century.</p> <p>One of the major talking points that supporters of the 1950's technology publicise is the intermittency of renewables and the impact that has upon frequency control and inertia of the network, claiming that only conventional generation technologies has this ability. There are now options with increased storage, flywheel technology, insertion of capacitors and super-capacitors that can manage these concerns. It also stimulates the investigation for greater technology developments and other storage options such as waste to energy, concentrated solar and molten salt thermal recovery systems that will similarly provide a synchronous supply of electricity into the grid. The bottom line is that small scale solar and domestic renewable energy options are the first steps in this transition and are leading the charge towards this clean technology revolution. There is no justification for penalising them for being early adopters, first movers and innovative leaders within our community.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:59:12 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to have to pay to export clean, renewable unused power to the grid when they have already gone to considerable expense in providing that power. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar power, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>It will soon be economically sensible for those of us who are currently exporting our unused power to the grid to install sufficient battery storage to enable us to disconnect from the grid altogether.</p> <p>Your current policy of exorbitant network access charges and minimal feed-in tariffs is stupidly unfair and is blatantly taking advantage of our desire for cleaner, cheaper, natural methods of producing electricity.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:47:21 | <p>I strongly disagree with the idea that we should be charged to put our surplus energy back into the grid. We all installed Solar in good faith at our own, although Government subsidized, expense. The clean energy we produce is then sold at a premium.</p> <p>It is also very unfair to keep changing the goal posts after people have committed themselves. We are already being charged so many cents per day to read the solar meter when it is read once every three months and takes about 10 seconds to ready and book down.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:38:47 | <p>Hence enough is enough don't impose any more charges on people</p> <p>Totally UN fair to charge solar home owners to put energy into the grid.....big business like coal and gas don't....so don't do it to people doing the right thing.</p> <p>Who are you supporting?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:38:31 | <p>I'm providing a public benefit by feeding emissions-free energy back into the grid during daylight hours. I paid an up-front capital cost to have my PV installed, and chose to do so, on the understanding that it provided a benefit to both myself and the wider public - so why would AMEC penalise me for that?</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 07:33:38 | <p>Dear Sir/Madam Members of Australian Energy Market Commission: I am writing to you in regard as to whether solar owners should be charged for the energy they export back into the grid and my humble opinion is that they should not be charge.</p> <p>Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally.</p> <p>My wife and I retired and now spend a lot of our time indoors and so we decide to invest in solar panels for our home to better assist us financially and to ensure that our children children's will have a better environment.</p> <p>This idea is not the way to go so I implore you not to implement it.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:33:18 | <p>Thank you for your time and hoping for a positive response in Australia's pensioner's input to this idea.</p> <p>We should be payed more for our feed in tariff, why are we being payed a pittance, when the power companies are almost getting it for free. We forked out thousands of our hard earned dollars to help the environment, yet the big companies want to hinder this change. It has never made any sense.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:21:08 | <p>It would be totally unfair to charge solar owners for exporting power to the grid especially since the big electricity companies don't need to pay to send power to the grid. I put solar on to help the environment and to provide cheap power for my retirement but it's not easy with the pathetic feed-in tariffs we are now being paid. If we had to pay to export solar to the grid our household would be unfairly much worse off when we are trying to do the right thing.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:18:56 | <p>We were among the first in our town to put solar panels on our roof at great expense as the cost has come down considerably since then. Now to be told we could be charged for exporting our energy is utterly criminal! We did it for the environment as well as to save on energy bills and as aged pensioners we find this new proposal downright rude to say the least.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:17:37 | <p>The next election is not far away Dear AEMC As a Solar panel owner we am writing to object to the idea of charging solar owners for exporting clean energy onto the grid when dirty fossil fuel power companies dont have to pay.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:13:24 | <p>We have made a significant investment from our household budgets to install a solar system and export our excess electricity onto the grid. This is a significant saving to the grid poles and wires network because the energy is used locally and does not have to be transported large distances from dirty power stations.</p> <p>It also helps Australia to reach its emissions target and reduce the impacts of climate change which as we have recently seen can have a very detrimental effect on the grid when extreme weather events occur.</p> <p>Charging domestic solar power exporters sends the wrong message to Australian electricity consumers. You should be encouraging greater take up of solar panels and local electricity supply to reduce the need for expanding the grid which drives up prices. We have to use every available supplier to resolve the energy crisis and you should be encouraging greater supply from solar system owners not discouraging it.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 07:04:27 | <p>Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing CLEAN, RENEWABLE, cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:59:53 | <p>Charging small PV users to feed into the grid is not a good thing for the 1.7m+ households that are trying to do the right thing for the environment whilst protecting themselves from the highest electricity prices in the developed world. If Yallourn power station, one of the dirtiest carboon emitters on earth, doesn't have to pay anything to feed its generation into the grid (or pay anything to account for its climate destruction / health impacts) then small PV users shouldn't have to pay anything to feed in clean power (which helps Australia meet its Paris Climate Accord commitments).</p> <p>We already get low feed-in tariffs that don't account for the positive impacts on reducing peak demand and the environment. Additionally, the power we feed into the grid is then on-sold at a large profit by our retailers. Maybe look at that profit that already exists for the retailers and re-distribut to distributors / transmitters if required. I believe a better initiative would be to provide incentives to users to purchase battery storage to keep more of what we produce behind the grid if that's the outcome you're after.</p> |

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| | <p>I am not sure how the proposed charge on those with residential solar installations can be justified. My understanding is that when I pay my electricity bill I am already paying for the service infrastructure that brings the power to my home. Am I now to pay again for the same infrastructure to take the power I generate back to the grid? Sorry, I don't get it. In addition:</p> <p>The proposed charge is not to be imposed on all generating systems that supply power to the grid. Why?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:59:25 | <p>Feed in tariffs are already blatantly unfair and this charge would be a further disincentive to those who wish to do the right thing and be pioneers and part of the inevitable move to renewable and clean energy.</p> <p>I am a pensioner and have set up my energy supply and usage in a way that will be affordable for my wife and myself during our retirement. Any further charge associated with this arrangement will just make things more difficult for us.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:54:50 | <p>Please be sensible about this. Home owners should be applauded for investing in the future health of this planet and its inhabitants and given every possible incentive to be part of the global move to sustainable, clean and renewable energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:50:48 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid not only are solar owners getting ripped off for the electricity they produce which the electricity suppliers re-sell at a 300% profit and there is no costs incurred to produce that energy for electricity supplies , true parasites!!! The infrastructure in place has been paid by these same producers many times over, with solar there is less network equipment used as most solar users have done away with "special tariff" switching equipment(another revenue producing scheme). These charges are driven by multi-national companies which are sucking wealth from this country. Get a battery and go "off grid", maybe they will come up with a tax for using photons!!!! These charges are simply driven by greedy parasites who contribute nothing to the nation, the problem is essentially allowing "private enterprise" into the Power utilities as the call then was "cheaper power, more competitive!!!" Total bunkum.Solar has shown to give the common person some control in their lives and the big power utilities are trying to take back control of peoples lives</p> <p>I installed solar when the scheme first began for ideological and monetary reasons.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:26:41 | <p>It was a wise decision. I've since watched successive governments mismanage the energy market through a lack of commitment, indecisiveness and incoherent policy. I am one of thousands of solar Australians who are fed up with this injustice. To make us pay for their ineptitude is scandalous especially with the massive increases in energy costs that we will all be bearing soon.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:14:32 | <p>I think it's unfair I have invested a lot of money in solar</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:13:23 | <p>This is the dumbest thing I have heard in a long time. Why would you penalize people who are investing in producing clean energy?</p> <p>Dear AEMC</p> |
| | <p>It is simply unfair to solar owners to be charged for the exceed energy they generate when it goes back in the grid. When the coal power stations and other polluting sources of electricity don't pay a cent.</p> |
| | <p>When there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with he network savings tat solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:12:35 | <p>We have put solar panels on our system to stem the rising costs of electricity by the main power companies. But also to do the right thing for the environment, by not digging up coal and burning it. There are so many things wrong with that process that impacts more than just environment.</p> |
| | <p>Having paid to put in our solar system is one thing, but then to hear that you are thinking of charging additional costs to those who have solar is simply unfair. Why should the individual pay extra for trying to help the environment? Is this a penalty for trying to do the right thing?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:10:10 | <p>Please reconsider your decision on this matter and take into account all the solar panel systems assisting with providing a reliable power source for this country. Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid for electricity companies to sell. Big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing this unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap, sustainable sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally.</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 06:04:25 | <p>Dear Sir or Madam</p> <p>why try to get extra cash from people that are doing a great thing by saving the atmosphere from pollution. Take a look at the poor way the politicians state and federal waste so much money on bad planing e.g. Victoria freeways</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:03:49 | <p>We truly care for our environment by using the sun for our power production. What right do you have to tax us for protecting and cutting emissions.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 06:00:57 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I have a 3 kW photovoltaic array on my roof, which i installed to reduce my greenhouse gas emissions. It has been financially beneficial as well, so i love my solar. Having to pay to export solar energy to the grid would be an impost for me, let alone an entirely stupid idea to constrain solar, for the benefit of the planet destroying fossil fuel industry.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 05:56:56 | <p>We have decided to install solar on our new house for multiple reasons, not the least of which is the savings we will make on our ever increasing energy bills. However, we are also happy to be moving away from being reliant on dirty coal fired electricity production. Now we're being told that we are to be charged by those producers?</p> <p>This is an absolute disgrace in this day and age and a desperate bid by the coal industry to stay afloat. The people and the market and the science have determined that coal has had it's day, it is now time for these dinosaurs to realise that.</p> <p>May I suggest that feed in tariffs actually be raised to encourage more home owners to go solar. It is a cheap form of energy production that creates no pollution or green house gasses and makes perfect business sense for both home owners and electricity distributors.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 05:34:53 | <p>I live in the Latrobe Valley and I was so happy to see Hazelwood close. I've also noticed how much quieter it is without it running. Time to wake up guys, embrace renewable energy and ditch coal forever!</p> <p>Coal and gas power stations made an investment into their infrastructure. So too have solar generators. Charging solar generators for production from an investment we made doesn't make sense. If it is to cover the use of HV /LV infrastructure that was/is funded by taxpayers, who happen to also be solar generators, then it is simply double dipping. You already purchase our energy at less than half what we pay for yours. Without further explanation your idea reeks of greed. Especially with big energy providers venturing into storing their energy production for peak grid usage. I suggest further thought on the definition of the word "fair". Or maybe, if solar generators are such a thorn in your side, perhaps provide a streamlined and cheaper process to have us physically disconnect from "your" grid?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 05:20:05 | <p>The world needs more solar and everything possible should be done to encourage homeowners and commercial premise owners to put panels on their roofs - not discourage it by putting unfair charges on them to export the energy they've paid thousands to create. Climate change is happening faster than we even imagined. Let's do everything we can to slow it down for our children's and grandchildren's sake.</p> <p>I object strongly that solar owners be charged to export non polluting, renewable energy to the grid. How could that possibly be fair?</p> |
| 2017-06-27 05:15:12 | <p>The opposite should be the case because electricity retailers are charging more for renewable power, so the suppliers of that power should be payed a fair feed-in tariff instead of a charge!</p> <p>I live on the Tasman Peninsula, at the end of the power line, and every solar owner that feeds in sun powered electricity means less that has to come all the way from a long way from there. The increasing incidence of drought is putting pressure on the hydro power in Tasmania and the Bass Straight cable is a problem, so the more power we can produce in Tasmania the better it will be for everyone.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 03:39:58 | <p>Fair go mate!!!!</p> <p>Stop the rip off</p> |
| 2017-06-27 02:33:16 | <p>It is totally unacceptable that hou should contemplate a levy to penalise citizens who invest money in moving to a renewable energy future! Whats next? A tax on air and water? Must we take to the streets to oppose this outrage?</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 02:22:47 | <p>I understand you are considering charging owners of solar panels for feed-in to the grid. I wish to protest this most inequitable proposal. I have supported the environment thru my pocket by installing solar panels,ie put my money where my mouth is! Adjusting the solar rebate after the event was in itself a 'retrospective tax' however to now consider charging me for my investment adds insult to injury. Climate Change requires strong positive action to support renewables. This proposal heads in the other (wrong) direction. I do not understand why solar home owners -- I have 6.3 kW of PV panels on my roof -- should be charged for exporting clean, renewable energy to the grid. Big, polluting, coal burning power companies do not have to pay a cent for exporting power to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 02:15:45 | <p>there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar brings to the grid. Solar owners have installed their panels at their expense and have, collectively, reduced the wholesale price of electricity by bringing extra capacity to the market. This extra capacity has arrived with no increase in CO2 emissions. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged for this export of renewable power, considering the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 01:52:55 | <p>The effect of charging me for my solar exports to the grid would be to provide strong impetus to install battery storage and disconnect from the grid entirely. I believe many other solar owners take the same view. This would remove a huge amount of capacity from the grid. I am credited 8 cent kWh for my export. To me this means that electricity is only worth that and I buy it back a few hours later at 38 cents. So, I already pay dearly for this. I also already pay for the connection and had to buy the meter. World best practice is 6 cents kWh with main generators guaranteed a fixed price for their power. Most developed nations also provide RET credits for power exported and can then import the same - in other words, they are paid the market price for the power they export. I am easing the peak load on the grid and should be enabled to use the grid as an extended battery because I am ameliorating the peak load demands on the grid. Ongoing uncontrolled cash grabs of 4 times CPI are unsustainable and if some positive actions are not taken by the "regulator" then I plan on converting to a diesel generator - just like in India. On the current trajectory that is about the power system that we are heading toward. I will be championing off-grid (sadly Solar/Diesel/Battery) all through suburbia because I am tired of my investment in Solar being a target for cash grabs and the alleged cause of all the travails in the intrinsically flawed electricity market scheme in this country. Submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission</p> |
| 2017-06-27 01:42:02 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent 2. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid 3. I am about to install rooftop solar and I do not want my contribution to supplying power to the network to be exploited |
| 2017-06-27 01:27:31 | <p>Unfair & unreasonable impost on pensioner living on the poverty line who installed solar believing it to be an environmentally sound attempt at cost saving. I don't understand how this proposed fee is justified. Please reconsider.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 01:19:07 | <p>I have invested in solar panels so I can do my part in mimimusing dangerous CO2 emissions. I am doing this because my house has ideal orientation and I firmly believe that we can - and must act to produce clean renewable energy. I believe there must be an incentive for people to do this rather than a penalty and I see charging homeowners who export clean, renewable power to the grid as political punishment by ideologues who back the polluting, no longer efficient coal industry. If a solar power producer pays a price to use the grid why doesn't a coal based power company have to pay? This is inconsistent policy and stupid policy. There should instead be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid If you persist in financially punishing those who Produce solar exports to the grid I will have to move off the grid entirely and move to battery storage. Clearly you will alienate a huge and growing number of solar producers who want clean, affordable renewable energy.</p> |

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To whom it may concern,

I find it reprehensible that by being forced into a situation where power pricing is continually going up and then having wires and poles more than gold plated to make things work I borrowed \$20K to install system just to be able to keep my family warm in winter. there was originally feed in tariff that was applied for 4 years and now this has been dropped to 6 cents a Kw, yet the same company I buy my electricity from is the same who makes 36 cents or higher a Kw from my own power and now I should pay to export to the grid as well! How many times does a system and the people who run it get to hurt the public for being given little choice to try and survive, my own wages have not grown in 5 years and the company I work for is exploring more product being supplied from overseas. will the same companies who now want me to pay now still expect me to make sure I service a system that gives me no return while I still pay off loans etc.

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How will this make my future look again the same as last time I'm given very little option than to explore battery storage and stand alone generation and once this happens if it becomes cheaper than what I can buy power, I will be showing anyone who wants to know how to do exactly the same. what will be the end result? further power insecurity for the grid as people will no longer be supplying the grid through renewables, just imagine 2 million houses no longer putting their power into the grid.

Coal plants that have shut were done by business for one reason it was too costly to maintain and that most plants were 50 years old. Why is it ok for Alinta to say openly that it was cheaper to buy power than to make it as manufacturing is closing, so closing was the best company option.

how you as a controlling body you can not see how you have been manipulated and what has been allowed to happen or believe the companies are so bloody poor for making millions of dollars for nothing, and giving anything to back to maintain it is not going to happen if they can convince you to pay on export.

For me I will think of how I can cover the 18% increase that's coming and given I have dropped every health / car / house insurance cover I had i don't think this year will be good.

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We put on solar panels about 8 years ago to reduce the cost of power. Since then we have been both placed on a pension. After spending so much money to get the solar panels to begin with and now you want to charge us as well.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

Dear AEMC,

This is my submission into the proposal on whether solar owners should be charged for the energy they export:

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

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We installed solar PV to generate clean electricity because we don't want to be tied to having to use coal generated electricity as it is seriously polluting and damages human health. We have been very pleased with the results from our solar system and annually averaged we export the same amount that we use, to the grid.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.

If we were to be charged for exporting our clean solar electricity to the grid (which is totally immoral) we would have to consider getting battery backup and leaving the grid to go standalone. This could be fatal to the grid considering the number of solar systems that are now exporting to it and could cause the well known "death spiral" as exponentially more and more solar owners leave the grid.

Please don't allow electricity companies to force this impost on solar generators.

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| 2017-06-27 00:48:44 | <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I see no reason to be charged extra to send our clean solar energy to the grid as the cost of our power increased when our solar panels were commissioned. In addition an extra fee does not seem to take into account the fact we already pay a fee to maintain the lines that lead to our property therefore not encouraging individuals to become responsible for their own energy use.</p> <p>Best regards</p> |
| 2017-06-27 00:45:06 | <p>Having bought solar panels when they were very expensive to help the changeover to renewables, I find the proposal to charge for putting energy into the grid quite outrageous when I already pay exorbitant prices when I need to take it in (and so support the infrastructure). In addition I generate the power at peak load times and so minimize the need for additional power station infrastructure. Such an action would carry a political cost in my case, and would mean my considering dropping off the grid altogether.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 00:42:29 | <p>The proposed rule change by the AEMC to allow solar households to be charged for feeding back into the grid will open the door for power distributors to further gouge the market with their outrageous pricing structures. Consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The notion that the network costs are higher because of the bi-directional flow is hard to accept, given that there is little evidence of an increase in poles and wires with the advent of rooftop solar PV's. - Solar owners should not be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid if the big non-renewable power companies are not charged a quantitative equivalent. - Currently our feed-in tariff approximates the wholesale price of electricity, yet the retail cost is 5 times that amount. Surely that differential should be sufficient to cover 'network costs'. - There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. - We invested in rooftop solar for environmental reasons and to reduce costs. Any further increase in costs makes you wonder if it was worth the effort. - If this proposed rule change were to come into affect, we would have to consider battery storage or going 'off-grid' completely. <p>We therefore would strongly oppose the proposed AEMC rule change.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 00:37:22 | <p>The grid transports energy from generator to user. Either make all generators pay for the use of the grid, and allow this to be recouped by the final pricing, or charge final users for the transport from generator to user as happens now through the daily connection charge.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 00:25:14 | <p>It does not make sense to charge one lot of generators for the use of the network, and not other generators.</p> <p>It is time to view the grid as a distribution medium from points A to B and set a consistent usage mechanism. I suspect it is impractical, maybe even impossible, to charge on a distance basis like the phone network, but a "volume" charge should be consistently possible.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent to put their energy into the grid.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 00:17:49 | <p>It is ridiculous to suggest consumers be charged for exporting solar power to the grid. We should be paid a fair Net feed-in tariff for our unused power.</p> <p>I will be installing a battery to store most of the unused energy I produce, and if I find I am charged for exporting to the grid I will do my best to stop this from happening.</p> |
| 2017-06-27 00:14:47 | <p>It appears that the AEMC in its exceeding wisdom is proposing a charge for us good citizens who invested our own monies in the production of clean renewable solar power, while overlooking the big dirty power companies. They should instead propose a fair feed-in -tariff, that recognizes the health and environmental benefits we provide to the nation notwithstanding the network power savings.I am a Centerlink pensioner, whose pension was cut by 50%. Power charges increases together with the proposed "levy", or charge will unable me to heat my home in winter or cool it in summer. I have worked hard and saved diligently my whole working life in order to be able to enjoy the fruits of it in old age. Why is it that I and my wife are being punished for incompetence of politicians and governments,who continue at all times to reward themselves and increase their salaries?</p> |

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| 2017-06-27 00:05:02 | <p>Dear Sir, I really can't understand the thinking behind this absolutely disgraceful idea to charge solar owners for exporting clean renewable power back to the grid. These solar owners are doing the right thing by the environment and helping the country to reduce its emissions. I note that there is no such charge to the power companies who actually do pollute the environment. I believe that most fair minded people agree that there should be a fair feed in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefits of solar along with the savings to the grid network. We spent, for us, a large amount of money installing solar believing it to be the right thing to do not only for us but also for the country and the greater good of the environment. We believe that it is totally unfair to add more charges to our household bills for exporting solar energy to the grid which in fact benefits the nation. This suggestion, wherever it came from needs to be sent back there as it really is not on and common sense which clearly is not so common prevails.</p> <p>Do not allow solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:51:55 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:47:10 | <p>My solar panels generate very cheap power that I cannot use myself. The power companies resell 'my' energy at a great profit for them. To charge solar owners for exporting clean renewable power while the dirty power companies don't pay a cent is not fair. I'm seriously considering disconnecting my solar panels since already low feed-in tariffs will be further eroded.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:45:05 | <p>It is unconscionable for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. Power companies who obtain the energy from non-renewable sources do not have to pay to provide power to consumers. In fact they are subsidised by the taxpayer through a range of concessions including the non-nonsensical "direct action". Recognising the unfair feed-in tariffs being paid to roof-top solar IPART in NSW has recommended substantial increases in the amounts solar producers are paid. How does the AMEC rationalise charging solar producers to contribute clean energy to the grid? If one of the concerns of the AMEC is diminishing power going into the grid why would it consider action that would see solar producers like me increasing the number of panels on my roof, installing a battery and going off grid completely? Allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding power back into to the grid wasn't a good idea in 2013 and it isn't a good idea now.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:44:34 | <p>Why should we pay to sell the energy generated by solar panels to an energy company who will then sell it as Clean Energy at a high price. This does not encourage people to generate their own electricity and therefore help with reducing the impact of climate change. Plus this would also make Australia look stupid to the rest of the world with having lots of sunshine to generate power and then charging people to do this.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:43:49 | <p>Persons, I find the concept that back to grid solar power providers might be charged for providing that power, Risible. Since the" renewables caused the S.A blackouts ' farce the input from politicians & Bodies as yours has been scattered, out of touch & confused. We in Tasmania pay \$100.00 per quarter infrastructure charges which I presume would cover any costs [if in fact there are any].</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:41:04 | <p>I would like to make a submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), who are considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> <p>It is utterly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power back to the grid when the largest and dirtiest power companies don't have to pay a cent. There needs to be a fair feed in tariff which includes the environmental and health benefits and benefits to the grid via network savings solar brings. I have had solar for over 6 years, I paid a premium to ensure I do my part to encourage renewables and now AEMC want to penalise me for that! Utterly ridiculous and disgraceful.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:39:49 | <p>it is unfair to encourage and subsidise these systems that are helping to power the new clean generation and helping Australian families, then penalise them for doing so. large scale generators don't have to pay to export, how is that fair?</p> <p>a fair feed-in tariff would reflect the benefits that solar PV has on helping to suppress wholesale prices and generating close to where it's used on local electricity networks rather than needing large distribution lines.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:36:40 | <p>I installed a small system thanks to a generous subsidy and it's helped me keep control of my electricity bills. Now, it makes sense for me to expand my system but not if I'm going to be charged to do so, it wouldn't make any sense to anyone</p> <p>Charging me for my exports will mean I will be compelled to leave the grid altogether. This means that everyone loses. Me, the power companies and others using my exports. Crazy ? All exporters should be paid a fair F.I.T. for the environmental and health reasons that solar provides.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:24:11 | <p>I have had solar panels for over 8 years because I believe in the science. And we should all be self sufficient by the end of our lives when we can no longer have input to the general community through work after a lifetime of contributing. I have taught sustainability for many years and live carefully within the concepts. It just makes sense. It is so wrong to penalise those wishing to do the right thing when others just add fuel to the fire of climate change. I protest in the strongest terms. Taking advantage of those thinking, caring members of the public who wish to sustain the planet is just appalling planning. Think again!</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 23:22:23 | As someone who has paid over \$6000 for solar panels, and only receive 7.5cents per KW fed into the grid, yet pay 21cents per KW used from the grid, it is unconscionable that I should be charged another fee for feeding in my excess energy. As a country we need to reduce our carbon footprint, not discourage the use of solar panels by making it too expensive or uneconomic for the average person to invest in them. Big, dirty, polluting power companies don't have to pay this extra charge, so why should we, that are producing clean energy have to pay more - on top of what we have already paid! Plus the power companies already make a profit on what we put in when it is sold to someone else! Extra charges like this would make me consider going off grid, then how are the power companies going to make their money? |
| 2017-06-26 23:18:35 | Not a bloody chance. I'll go completely off the grid before I pay for something, that I should be getting paid for |
| 2017-06-26 23:17:27 | Hello AEMC, The public are doing their best to stop global warming through investing their savings in roof top solar systems. They should be applauded for doing the right thing. Feed-in tariffs are currently a quarter of the price charged to neighbours for the electricity produced by power companies - a 300% profit to power companies is extreme already. Charging people for feeding in power which power companies are already making a huge profit on is plainly insulting to all those people who are trying to solve our global warming problem. I am shocked that the AMEC should consider that solar owners should be charges for feeding in power. I trust that logic will prevail and that such a suggestion is squashed. |
| 2017-06-26 23:17:07 | I am an owner of a rooftop PV solar system. I feed my unused electricity into the grid and get a measly 7c per kWh for it. When I have to buy it back I am charged 27c for the same energy I put into the grid. If you think it is fair to charge me to sell my excess electricity at 7c you've got to be kidding. Instead you should be giving me a decent price for the energy I provide. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. It wasn't so long ago that power stations couldn't cope with mid-summer peak power usage. Now residential roof top solar fills that gap. We are a necessary part of the energy generation equation. Don't think that we will just abide by your unfair decision. Now that batteries are coming down in price, most residential roof top solar producers would rather go off grid completely than pay an unfair unjust tariff....and then where will you be on hot summers days when you can't meet demand without us. Treat us fairly and we will treat you fairly in return, but if you insist on going ahead with this proposal don't expect us to just accept it. |
| 2017-06-26 23:12:29 | Am I actually reading this correctly? Solar owners, who are reducing CO2 pollution and the load on the grid, are to be CHARGED to feed their spare power back to the supplier?? I must be missing something. Has been supplying you people 'clean coal' dust to snort?? I simply don't believe that this approach is even under consideration. Adoption of this proposal or anything even remotely allied to it, will ignite a groundswell of anger and opposition to any political party that's dumb enough to endorse it. You lot should be paying a decent tariff TO solar owners that are supplying power to the system, not trying to support big coal by taxing us. |
| 2017-06-26 23:08:58 | The big Power Companies don't have to pay anything to export the energy they generate, so why should home generators who supply their excess to the grid be slugged? This charge would be simply unfair! We put solar panels on our roof because we believe in doing our bit for the environment by helping to provide clean green energy. |
| 2017-06-26 23:07:00 | Absolutely ridiculous, we try and do the right thing and suddenly someone wants to charge us for it. No wonder people go completely of grid. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay a cent. |
| 2017-06-26 23:05:04 | Also, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I was an reasonably early adopter of residential solar and therefore paid more for than the installation than the current pricing. I still have not broken even on my investment. Any extra charges makes the break even point further away. |
| 2017-06-26 23:03:54 | Australia needs further investment in rooftop solar energy. This is truly a stupid idea to charge us. |

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| 2017-06-26 23:03:17 | <p>Since when does a person with something to sell have to pay for the privilege?!</p> <p>When we installed a solar system on our roof, we, along with many others in our region, paid good money and considered we were a part of a large "Power Station" providing clean energy for this area, and reducing the need for a government built power station. We were encouraged and supported by our local council, and as a community achieved a significant contribution to a clean energy future, providing electricity for ourselves as well as for the town.</p> <p>I cannot see any justification whatsoever for charging anyone for supplying a commodity to others!</p> <p>I have just invested in installing a 5kw system in my new home to lower my cost for power now that i'm retired and on a pension.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 23:01:09 | <p>On my last home i received a fair rate of 47 cents to feed back into the grid this has been dramatically reduce on my new system.</p> <p>For the AEMC to even consider a charge for solar owners to feed back into the grid would be a step backwards and would increase my cost of living which is difficult enough when on a pension.</p> <p>I would not support any Government which would consider introducing such an unfair burden on solar power homes.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:58:44 | <p>If solar owners are to pay then all providers of power to the grid should also pay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent •There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid |
| 2017-06-26 22:57:49 | <p>I have solar panels on my roof, and I feel it is most unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid, especially when big [dirty] power companies don't have to pay anything.</p> <p>I paid to put solar on my roof because it is helping the environment, and to help keep my power bills lower. Being charged to export my renewable power to the grid would have a very negative effect on my household, and perhaps would not be worth me having the panels at all.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of having solar panels, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>Thank you</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:56:58 | <p>The idea of charging those who are trying to protect our planet for putting excess energy into the grid is ridiculous and offensive. What we want is fair payment for the surplus electricity we produce and recognition for the benefits of distributed production, health of the community and environmental contribution that we make. Coal fired producers do make a valuable contribution to our lifestyle right now but more and more of them will have to follow AGL's lead and come into line with community expectations before we all perish.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:55:23 | <p>We bought our house Bundaberg it has solar panels, however we were unaware that we would not be receiving any FIT! . So for the last 2yrs we have given away our elec generation that we didn't use to Ergon for sweet f all and now you want to charge me for the privilege of having solar. it is after all just another tax that you are laying upon solar owners ! Seems to me that this is a example of "people for the govt.... not govt for the people".</p> <p>Last year I had a large and expensive 40-panel 10KW solar system installed on the roof of my home. I did this because it is urgent that the whole of Australia switches to clean energy as soon as possible, and I want to do my bit.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:50:59 | <p>Now I hear that you are planning to charge people like me for exporting electricity to the grid, while the big power companies, which pollute the environment, will not have to pay anything.</p> <p>This is unfair. The tariff should recognise the health benefit of solar, and take into account the expense that private households have gone to in order to take pressure off the grid.</p> <p>Whose interests are you serving? Not those of ordinary Australian households. And not our fragile environment either.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:47:53 | <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Charging solar panel owners for contributing clean energy into the grid, but we pay coal burning power stations(WHICH NO ONE WANTS!) for dirty energy. Is this a joke? What kind of moron comes up with a plan like this? Is the AEMC funded by taxpayers? If so, why? Why are we paying for sell-outs for the coal industry?</p> |

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2017-06-26 22:46:09 Please use common sense and DO NOT PENALISE those of us doing the right thing by the planet.
It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

2017-06-26 22:45:19 I have personally installed a 5kW PV system on my roof and also have evacuated tubes for hot water. I do not understand why, if I have paid for my equipment, I should now be required to pay for energy being fed into the grid. There is no reason for it.

Charging me for solar exports to the grid would make my investment next to worthless. This charge plus the severely reduced FIT that now exists hardly makes it worth the financial investment to produce solar energy.

To AEMC,

Once again its a put it to the little guy??? Charging me for my Solar exported back to the grid??? Come on give me a break.

Solar is basically free electricity (and clean too) to the rich electricity providers to onsell to my neighbours at full price without any unkeep costs to the grid.

The environmental benefits alone should mean that I am being paid a fair price for my little grid for what it provides to the non-solar community.

There are so many things that I could say that support rejection of your proosal to charge solar owners for exporting to the grid but you already know them but choose to ignore them because we are just the little guy in the picture.

Personally we have been sick and tired of the ever outrageously increasing electricity costs just to live in this country. Last time I looked we are supposed to have a high standard of living but I don't think that high standard was supposed to send us broke? My God you can't even afford to have a heater on in the dead of winter these days etc. Hardly high standards, more third world? Why are we having to pay for decades of poor management because the infrastructure has not been maintained along the way. That should be part of the business cost to provide us with the service of providing us the power not the users cost?

2017-06-26 22:45:14 Now you propose to charge solar owners for exporting to the grid!! We try to get ahead and you kick us back two paces for every one we move forward.

How about us solar owners get together and start up a battery business and kick the bloody grid all together! We are a growing group you know (or at least I hope you are about to find out!) and we all vote and will stand up to any fight that is brought our way such as this one.

Well I hope you get inundated with solar owner submissions against this out of touch ludicrous unfair proposal so you can see we maybe are not that little a group afterall.

I also add....

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.

There should be a mandatory fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Yours, disillusioned, angry, just simply in disbelief...

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| 2017-06-26 22:44:02 | <p>Home solar electricity generators should not be charged for exporting electricity to the grid. No other generators are charged for supplying energy, they are able to sell their energy at market prices. They can even decide not to supply because they would rather hang out for a higher market price. Home solar electricity generator do not have this luxury. We are forced into an invidious situation of being hit with steadily increasing charges and steadily reducing payments for our energy. The proposal is clearly an attempt to encourage more home solar generators to enter into direct commercial arrangements with the retailers. The big danger with this idea, of course, is that it is likely to encourage more and more home solar generators to upgrade to battery storage and go 'off grid'. What would be far more appropriate would be the subsidising of battery storage and smart community metering so that individual home generators could take advantage of high demand periods and high market spot prices and program their system to release their excess energy for community use. The big generators are able to do this, why shouldn't individual home solar generators? The technology already exists. The other thing to remember is that home solar generators do have their own costs - purchase, installation, repairs, cleaning, replacement etc. A fair tariff is one that allows individual home generators to make a profit in this land of free enterprise. Not only that, solar creates far less environmental costs and creates far more jobs then, eg fossil fuel generators, so should be encouraged and protected.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:42:33 | <p>We are constantly being warned about the negative impact fossil fuels are making on climate change, so responsible people like myself have done the right thing and purchased, at considerable cost solar panels. Why is it that we are now to be potentially penalised for producing our own power, and feeding excess back into the grid for others to use. Clean energy is the way of the future and should be not only encouraged, but subsidised, while energy reliant upon the burning of fossil fuels should be discouraged. Stop this senseless attack on ordinary Australians trying to do the right thing by not only ourselves, but our neighbours and the community and environment in general. Penalising ordinary Australians for converting to clean energy will discourage others from making the change and only perpetuate the pollution emitted from burning fossil fuels.</p> <p>Dear AEMC, my wife and I do not yet have solar power on our rooftop, but are seriously considering it due to the increasing unreliability of the power network and spiralling costs through long-term planning inadequacies of the national grid, apparent market manipulation and extreme profits by the companies providing electrical generation and distribution.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:38:40 | <p>It is not only grossly unfair and inequitable for AEMC to consider allowing the introduction of a charge against solar power owners for feed-in of PV generated power to the grid, but it is positively ludicrous to suggest that there is a legitimate cost to large power providers to ride on the back of small PV owners, who are supporting the power supply and relieving the network from providing 100% of the power generation with increased investment in the national grid. The capital cost to small PV owners for installation of PV cells is not inconsiderable and represents significant investment - not a cost to the large power companies.</p> <p>In addition, small PV owners should be accorded a reasonable business rate for providing excess power not used in their premises. The current low feed-in tariff of approx. 4c per kWh (unsubsidised) is unrealistic, compared with the wholesale price of power sold by the electricity generators.</p> <p>Small PV owners are now providing such significant levels of power supply for either consumption at the premises or to the grid, that it is having a significant impact on the total power supply required to be generated by major power generators and taking the pressure of grid security.</p> <p>This contribution should be acknowledged, not with punitive action to charge for this supplementation, but to recognise the valuable contribution for its overall worth.</p> <p>There are obviously additional intrinsic benefits of small PV owners providing power supply, such as reducing the carbon footprint and reducing the pressure to find other environmental solutions for Australia to reach its commitment to the Paris climate accord.</p> <p>We earnestly seek your resistance to charging small PV owners for their valuable contribution of power to the overall national grid requirements and for AEMC to find a way to more meaningfully provide an equitable feed-in tariff for excess power not required for consumption at the premises of origin. Yours faithfully</p> <p>Since I commenced paying utility bills when I was old enough, I have paid the cost of supply of electricity, and gas (infrastructure), in addition to the consumption cost of the electricity / gas. When I installed a solar PV system more than five years ago, I have exported a significant amount of clean solar energy into the grid, more probably than the amount of energy that I have used - to the benefit of Australia.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:34:58 | <p>If the filthy coal companies, supported by our infantile politicians, are able to feed into the grid for free, surely this benefit should also apply to small contributors such as myself. If this charge were introduced, we would then be doubly charged, once for export into the grid from our solar system and a second time through the supply charge for importing into our home when we are not generating energy.</p> <p>Poor thinking AEMC!</p> |

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| | <p>With global warming affecting the planet to the extent it is, we need to find alternative means of providing power both domestically and commercially. As responsible citizens we have taken the option of providing as much power for ourselves as possible to relieve the pressure on the grid infrastructure. Having invested, from our own pocket, in this technology, there is no way we should be charged to export surplus energy to the grid which the power companies then use and charge on. They in turn are not charged a cent to export energy they generate from from questionable polluting sources.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:31:37 | <p>In view of our efforts to make a difference to the environment, we should be paid a fair and reasonable tariff that acknowledges our environmental impact, especially when the power companies charge up to 30 cents per Kwh not only for the power they produce, but also for the excess power we supply them on the grid. The government needs to recognise our input and the benefits that accrue from the efforts of all the households that have made the effort to try to improve the environment of this planet and not give in to demands from the power companies who are only interested in the profits they can generate irrespective of the cost to the planet or the communities they serve.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:30:55 | <p>Why do I need to be charged to export a clean, renewable power to the grid, when big power companies don't have to? The rates for feed-in tariff are just one third of what we pay for using power from the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:29:59 | <p>I'm outraged that the Government were pushing us all to go Solar and now that I have, they want to unfairly charge me to export my clean power to the grid, yet large and dirty Companies don't have to pay a cent. A fair feed in tariff should be charged to all. I'm an aged pensioner who lives on my own in my own little house and I went solar to cut down on my electrical bills after my mother died. Should charging me for my solar exports to the grid I will have to sell up and move. It is totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big, dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:28:18 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I put on roof top solar to ease power usage of the grid and to gain a fair return for the expense incurred.</p> |
| | <p>Yours faithfully</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:28:14 | <p>I installed solar to make savings on my energy usage, and consider it inequitable and grossly unfair that I could be charged for any feed in to the grid. Ultimately, solar owners like myself will, if forced into this unfair position, go it alone. The AEMC is no doubt being pushed by the energy companies for this change, but ultimately it will be the public who will decide and leave the grid. Polluting coal and gas generation is finished and the sooner the power generators understand that the better.</p> |

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To Whom it may concern,

The reason I recently installed a 5kWh PV solar power system to our home, back in March 2017, was to help reduce our electricity bills which arrive every two months. Over the last 2 years, our electricity costs amounted to around five thousand dollars. I have records of electricity bills going back to 2004 and have noticed that electricity prices have steadily increased over the years. To me, installing a PV Solar System was a, no-brainer, idea. It was all about saving a little bit of money from each electricity bill, to reduce the costs of living.

The PV Solar System cost me nearly nine thousand dollars to get installed. I figure that over the life of the system I may get some of the purchase price back in savings, plus, reducing our power bills, a definite bonus. Any surplus power is contributed back to the Grid as clean energy, which is good for the environment.

I still cannot believe that it was not very long ago, the feed in tariff was over 40 cents per kWh exported back to the Grid. Today when you now only get 7 cents per kWh exported, this a bitter pill to swallow. However if I import any power from the Grid, it costs me 24 cents per kWh. I only get 7 cents back per kWh unit. Now I hear that the AEMC wants to tax the small amount for exporting power back to the grid, a percentage of the tiny 7 cents per kWh I get back in return, the purpose, because I am contributing clean power back to the grid, really, now that idea is totally unfair, to the point of outrageous. Pay solar system owner a fair price for each kWh exported before even thinking of such a greedy tax.

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To date, as of the 26th June 2017, the solar system that was installed on our home, has contributed to the grid, 2.377 MWh of clean power, a CO2 savings of 1.26 ton, or equivalent of having planted 32 trees. This is only 3 months. Over a 10 year period, this will be a huge advantage to the environment and to our cost of living.

There needs to be a fair feed in tariff for new system owners for at least 12 -15 years and then on a sliding scale after that. How is paying 24 cent per kWh fair when in return only get 7 cents per kWh back for a kWh unit returned to the Grid? This unit of power is exported, goes to my neighbour where he/she then pays for that same unit of power, 24 cent. A profit to the power company of over 200%, effectively, free power, for the power company, this is a win-win, situation. AEMC, please do not introduce an import tariff tax, to solar power owner, for contributing clean power back to the Grid. Enough is enough. If this tax is implemented, it will only add to our electricity costs, and we pay too much as it is for our electricity as is and the cost of living in general.

It is about time small home owners contributing to the electricity grid with clean renewable energy be paid a fair price, at least 12 -15 cent per kWh exported. And, how is it fair that someone who installed a PV System some years ago gets 20 to 40 cents per kWh exported, when I only get 7 cents? The whole feed in tariff needs to be fairer for all. I believe this would be a step in the right direction.

Regards

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent

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We installed rooftop solar almost 5 years ago now and our output to the grid has always exceeded input from the grid. This hasn't meant we make a profit. Our bills for electricity have always been positive, but less than before. If we get no feed-in tariff (it's now down to 6c per Kilowatt hour), what is it all for ?? Someone is ripping us off and they aren't game enough to increase their electricity charges to the non-solar people, but we're considered fair game. Please AEMC, don't let that happen. Let's see some justice in this one-sided affair.

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It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed in tariff.

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We should be doing everything we can to encourage people to provide renewable energy, not discourage it.

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| | <p data-bbox="360 177 907 196">To The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)</p> <p data-bbox="360 233 1883 252">It is TOTALLY unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p data-bbox="360 288 1966 308">Also here should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:17:00 | <p data-bbox="360 344 2072 451">I put a 6.25kW solar PV setup on our house 3 years ago because the electricity providers were really starting to price gouge the consumers, especially here in South Australia. We currently only get around 6 cents per kWh but have to buy what we need from the provider at a rate that is in excess of 4x this when the provider has not had to do anything for it... this is GROSSLY unfair! and to then have AEMC want to start CHARGING households just for using excess solar to the grid is a TOTALLY INSANE proposal !</p> <p data-bbox="360 488 2072 560">Charging us for our solar exports to the grid would have an extremely deleterious effect on our household as by lowering our electricity bills through having roof top solar has enabled our single income household to just keep "our head above the water"... so, PLEASE, do not charge household to export to the grid... coal generators do not have to so we should not have to!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:12:53 | <p data-bbox="360 568 965 587">As if I didn't need another reason to disconnect from the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 595 2029 647">Don't penalise me for installing solar to reduce emissions and reduce the load on the energy network in an effort to realise some of the tangible environmental and health benefits that solar provides.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:11:31 | <p data-bbox="360 679 1554 699">Stop thinking of the profits of power generators and consider, for once, and support the wants and needs of your citizens.</p> <p data-bbox="360 735 2029 815">Any interference with the solar industry and favouritism for the big power companies and big business will see a permanent loss of my and my family's political support for your government. I could not support a government which stifles people's attempts to improve their environment and health and make some cost savings on their energy needs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:10:50 | <p data-bbox="360 831 1778 850">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p data-bbox="360 858 1928 877">There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 885 2007 938">We used our hard earned cash to future proof our power supply and and by doing so we believed it would be good for Australia if we help to cover the ineptitude of our governments and other public servants who think they know better.</p> <p data-bbox="360 946 2072 1050">Its because of organisations like The Australian Energy Market Commission and governments who make such stupid statements like has just been said that we have no trust in governments of all persuasions to look after anybody other than themselves, it must give your organisation a great feeling of power over the population and this is why you make such submissions, who are the individuals who have such big heads that they think that by bullying the population you will feel all powerful. Please name the person who made up this stupid statements so we can write tho them in person.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1058 2051 1110">Think about what is good for Australia, not what is good for the Commission. (who are you lot anyway, we have too many bullies in this country who do not have the country and the peoples needs in mind.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1118 2072 1190">I, and all the solar owners that I have had contact with think it would be a great idea if all solar owners switched off their panels in a rolling strike for a week at a time until the powers that be build more power stations to cover the losses we input to your profits, this is not an idle threat, think back when the state government changed a few years ago and decided it would be a great idea to stop the 60c input tariff.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1198 2072 1251">We threatened to do the same thing then and were willing to switch off, after some research the state government realised they would have to cover the loss of solar and the pulled their heads in and left the tariff. There are more of us now and there has been big sell offs of infrastructure and no maintenance so you are behind already.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1259 882 1278">BE WARNED it will happen and we are not amused.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1286 1117 1305">While you are thinking about it we must be paid a fair input price, NOT YOU.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1313 875 1332">We will see you all in the dark soon if it goes ahead.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 22:07:59 | <p>To the powers to be! When will you people learn it is the little guy who carries this country all you do is continually kick us in the guts for using our own initiative to try and keep our heads above water with ever increasing power bills due to the incompetence of successive governments over the past 20 years. Try to bring in this tax for input back to the grid by the everyday battler who is making this better cleaner world to live in and you will be committing political suicide. What have you done to increase the rate we are paid for what is fed back to the grid. I hear .065 cents is to be the going rate this coming financial year. BOLLOCKS!! Get your minds out of the coal companies pockets and start looking after your voters! Be aware the sleeping GIANT is awaiting your move!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:07:45 | <p>I cannot believe that the AEMC is even considering this, let alone proposing a charge when household solar production is fed back into the grid system. Even IPART in NSW has recently stated that solar produced electricity results in savings to the grid distribution system. (savings in energy transmission losses etc). I totally object the concept that solar owners be charged for feeding electricity back into the grid.</p> <p>Instead, there should be mandatory FIT's for solar production which allow a fair and balanced return on investment by the solar owner in the same way as there should be for Energy retailers and distributors. All the respective figures for both sides of the argument are now very well researched and known by everyone and for the AEMC to disregard the interests of solar owners with UN-BALANCED support of the mainstream energy producers, distributors and retailers is wholly unconscionable.</p> <p>Can we please publically see a statistically relevant and in-depth assessment conducted with solar owners that has been produced by the AEMC to justify their proposal that solar owners be charged for feeding electricity into the grid ? After study of many (recent) reports, it's my assessment (AFTER allowing for recent cost spikes in wholesale electricity prices) that there should be a MANDATORY FIT of approximately 15.3c - 16.4c per kWh. (Certainly not an impost of a charge)</p> <p>Get real please !!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:06:52 | <p>I find it unfair that solar power producers would have to pay to bring their power to market when coal and oil producers do not.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:06:22 | <p>The Australian population clearly wants to increase the amount of electricity produced on domestic photovoltaic systems. This is evident in the increasing uptake of this technology. Electricity pricing should encourage this change by paying a higher feed-in tariff.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:04:21 | <p>I have been involved in supporting Community solar panels for our local Council, because we want a cleaner less polluting environment. Surely it is not necessary to charge those exporting excess power to the grid! There needs to be co-operation between all producers, large and small, not one penalising the other, it smacks of greed and inefficiency, as well as disregarding health benefits.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:02:55 | <p>It is greatly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when dirty big polluting power companies don't even have to pay a cent! Also there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. As fossil fueled electricity is removed the grid needs the addition of renewable power which is the direction our energy sources must move towards if this planet and everyone on it is to survive!</p> <p>Our society and our economy demands that renewables be fed into the grid WITHOUT PENALISING contributors but pay them a just fee for providing this essential service.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:02:52 | <p>We need a tax on carbon NOT a tax on renewables. Let common sense and wisdom prevail here instead of bowing to firmly entrenched vested interests which are destroying this planet!</p> <p>You should not charge any solar power export charge to solar PV generators as the grid connection is already in place and fully maintained by the day to day use of electricity. In addition PV power is clean and should be preferred to dirty coal power for which the coal and gas fired generators do not pay connection. Fees either. Charging for solar power connection to the grid for export of power would have to be because of additional costs to the grid and there are none as the exporter is already connected. PV export is used close to the generation point on the grid and so is more efficient as there are few if any transmission losses.</p> <p>Charging for the export would make me review my connection to the grid and force me to upgrade my system more quickly to include full self sufficiency using battery soorage.</p> <p>As a retiree I do not think that the should be charges made that are clearly designed to favour dirty power for carbon dioxide emitting power generators and that I cannot afford.</p> <p>Your review should be looking at how more people can provide PV and other solar power to the grid not how to screw us over. I vote and I care.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 22:01:29 | <p>Make it fair. Individuals and families with rooftop solar are investing in the future of the whole country. They deserve to have their contribution recognised and supported. Not to be expected to fund the big companies. It's ridiculous.</p> <p>Be sensible to the aspirations of the people. We want solar power, not coal fired pollution. The people have spoken through their actions, in purchasing rooftop solar. Make the feed in tariff fair.</p> <p>Thank you</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:01:25 | <p>It is grossly unfair to charge Solar owners to export renewable clean power to the grid. As we get a miserable return for providing solar power to the grid the idea of charging a fee to export it would be disastrous. It would destroy the incentives to install solar panels. I cannot understand why the AEMC is even considering this! We should be encouraging all households to install solar panels as a way of cutting down our use of non renewable energy. I have installed solar panels in an endeavour to provide all my power requirements. More fees will encourage me to be free of the grid as soon as possible by installing battery storage as it becomes more efficient.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:00:42 | <p>This is totally unfair! Why should solar owners be charged for providing clean energy to the grid? Our urban solar panels are providing energy to prop up the grid on hot days, when demand is high and power is commensurately dearer. What other industry provides its product to a retailer and is CHARGED for the product it is producing? Clean electricity is more expensive for consumers to buy than that produced from coal-fired generators, so solar producers should be paid MORE, let alone be charged for the electricity we export. This is an absolute rip-off! How can this idiotic proposal be seen to be serious - really, it is theft wearing a different hat. This proposal should scrapped immediately and solar owners recompensed fairly for their exported clean power. Remember, solar owners are voters too and we will remember those who would penalise us for doing the right thing for climate change. DON'T DO THIS!!!!!!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:00:14 | <p>I/we totally believe that it is unfair to be charged for a connection fee and to export clean, renewable power to the grid when the big power companies do not. We want to be given a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>We have had a two (2) kilowatt system on our roof for five years now and we have been happy with the systems performance from the start. We took advantage of the scheme to install the system with the Government subsidy but it still cost us in excess of 9 thousand dollars to install at the time. We did this In order to think of the climate environment and to relieve pressure on our household costs which it has done well for us. If there were any further rule changes applied to households such as cutting feed in tariffs and applying additional "connection" fees in this increasing age of austerity it will lead to a reduction in living costs and standards for us and those around us.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 22:00:12 | <p>Please do not tax solar energy which is fed into the grid. It seems totally unfair that renewables are discriminated against in this way ,and that individual householders who have installed solar systems are negatively impacted when in fact they should be rewarded with reasonable feed-in tariffs for making a positive contribution to the environment and the future of the planet.</p> <p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:57:07 | <p>* It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. We have already outlaid a significant amount of our own money to help take the pressure off energy providers.</p> <p>*There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:55:22 | <p>*We installed solar on our rooftop as our personal attempt to further reduce continuing damage to our environment and to help reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. It is now the responsibility of energy providers to act too. We, who have spent a considerable amount of our own resources should not be further penalised by these unfair proposed charges which will further erode the living standards of low income earners like ourselves who rely on the pension to make ends meet.</p> <p>So the little Australian is required to pay to supply clean energy to the grid from their home solar panels when coal Companies are not required to pay. To me this is typical of what we, the majority of the voters in this Country have come to expect from Government. This is no surprise to many solar owners. My motivation in installing solar was to help the environment, but at every turn this motivation is being crushed by a Government hell bent on continuing with fossil fuelled power purely for economic reasons with little regard for the environmental future of the country.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:53:56 | <p>I installed solar panels because I wanted to reduce my carbon footprint, not so that a power company could make a profit by reselling my surplus energy. If this proposal were to get up, then power companies could be making a profit on the back of my investment.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:51:56 | <p>It is absolutely wrong that citizens who pay for the installation of solar panels to generate clean energy should be charged for sharing any excess power their outlay has generated. It is far more appropriate that their contribution to a cleaner world be rewarded.</p> |

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| | I have a small solar setup which I implemented for two reasons: to help the future health of the planet, and to save money. |
| 2017-06-26 21:51:29 | I would be extremely upset if you implement a payment system for exporting to the grid. This would harm the industry and be a negative move against supporting renewable energy. It would do nothing towards the health improvement of the planet. Do the big power companies have to pay? |
| 2017-06-26 21:51:17 | Illogical for our planet |
| 2017-06-26 21:47:24 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. To whom it may concern at the AEMC. |
| | I would first of all like to voice my disgust in the governments who sold of our tax payer funded commonwealth owned electricity systems to make a quick dollar due to their mismanagement of taxpayers funds caused by their stupid nation destroying policies especially those of the early to mid 80s that put so many people out of work. |
| | I would then like to ask why the same governments would input tax the same taxpayers who have paid for their own clean energy systems that help to supply the grid but not the large energy producers who charge increasingly ridiculous prices for supplying our electricity needs. I can only think it is because these energy companies are funding the major political parties. I find this to be extremely annoying and dare I say corrupt. |
| 2017-06-26 21:46:30 | I would further like to submit that the input tariff paid to household electricity producers is way to low, if the commonwealth of Australia (that's the people not the government) still owned the electricity supplies and or did not have private companies market electricity on their behalf, energy prices would logically be lower as we would not be paying the shareholders and highly overpaid upper management of these companies. If these companies make a profit then we as producers and suppliers should also make at least the same profit margin, I would be quite happy to pay tax if I produce more energy than I use. Furthermore there is less network needed therefore less cost when electricity produced locally is being used locally which the majority of home power generation is. |
| | If this ridiculous tax is passed I for one will do my best to get off the grid completely because even with all the governments assurances I know things will only get worse, its about time our governments especially the present federal government started thinking about the Majority not the rich minority of their electors, one vote for each elector with policies to reflect it and some voters are not more equal than other, that is in my mind corruption. |
| 2017-06-26 21:45:38 | Do not charge solar owners for putting power back into the grid. They are making a huge profit on this solar power input, without any cost to the power generators or retailers. This action will only drive home owners and others off the grid, exasperating their position, when the grid will be needed even more in the future, when electric vehicles become more wide spread. Its time to stop the polluting of our only home/planet from the fossil fuel generators and their greed to continue to do so at the expense of our planet and all living things. This is only another way to stymie the growth of renewables. |
| 2017-06-26 21:44:40 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have a 10 kw system, if this proposal goes ahead I will install an off grid system and they won't get any of my solar power or the over priced service fees they charge, SO BRING IT ON. |
| 2017-06-26 21:42:37 | We are a retired couple who have tried to future proof our expenses and help the environment by installing a large solar panel plant and a battery. It would be grossly unfair and criminal to charge us for adding to Australia's energy requirements when the dirty coal and gas companies don't have to pay extra especially as we keep hearing that Australia may have an energy shortage in the near future. This idea is wrong and I will protest loudly and to my local parliamentarian if it goes ahead. |
| 2017-06-26 21:42:29 | I will not be voting for any person in a political party who supports theft from the people who are committed to feeding power into the electricity grid. Many of us well-informed voters are thoroughly fed up with dishonest, unethical politicians. |

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| 2017-06-26 21:42:04 | <p>I am one of many solar energy providers to the NSW / Australian grid in a bid to offset global warming. Contrary to the political lies and deceptions that is fed to us every day I also help to reduce the load our immediate area places on our antiquated grid and generators.</p> <p>Our contribution to reducing carbon is important to the economic and political future and stability of both Australia and the millions of people in the South Western Pacific region who are facing total loss of their Island Nations.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:41:14 | <p>The greed and corruption of our short sighted political system has made us look like fools to the rest of the world as we promote our cheap carbon energy overseas whilst penalizing Australians with ever increasing energy costs.</p> <p>Successive State and Federal governments have supported feed-in tariffs and thereby encouraged the export of energy into the grid. Any change in that policy that would see clean energy produced by consumers disadvantaged would be politically and environmentally disastrous.</p> <p>I wish to state my opposition to AEMC's intention to charge solar owners for the feed into the grid. This not only penalises solar panel owners but conflicts with the supposed ambition to support a reduction in greenhouse producing power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:40:17 | <p>Why aren't We given a feed in incentive for contributing clean energy, and the dirty power producing companies pay a penalty?</p> <p>It seems that the only way to benefit from my attempts to contribute to a healthier environment is to buy batteries and become as independent as possible without grid power. I am on a pension and thought this investment in solar was not only my contribution to a better future for my grandchildren but also to ensure that my power bills were more affordable in the future. Now I find that these contributions which will save the grid production costs will penalise me! This is unconscionable.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:37:57 | <p>I see that the charging of people with solar panels a fee for supplying power to the grid as a ludicrous thought bubble by some infantile minded individuals that have no understanding of the right of individuals to sell their assets, that is what this power is , we have paid for the infrastructure so the power produced is ours to trade as we see fit, To put it bluntly, it will be a cold day in hell before you charge me for selling something I produce, if you try it we just all go off grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:36:40 | <p>I'm on a state pension and bought my solar panels just before retirement. I was hoping to pay them back over the next five years whilst I was on a parity feed in tariff. Unfortunately I have only managed to pay off half. That would not bother me too much as I bought them because of a moral duty to future generations. Similarly I try very hard to reduce my carbon emissions to the very minimum.</p> <p>I'm only on a state pension and would not expect to be charged for doing the right thing. I would expect to be at least acknowledged and possibly rewarded. Imagine what another payment would do to my meagre pension. I cannot afford it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:35:55 | <p>What right does the government/power suppliers have to free power generated by our solar systems. I invested a considerable amount of money 6 yrs ago with then a modest system. I am entitled to get a return on my investment. I did this for environmental reasons and to help insure against rising power costs as we are on a pension. The impact on not charging for solar power export to the grid would put a lot of extra expense on our meger budget. This would encourage people to put in battery storage or even go off the grid. How dare they even suggest that they want to steal our power we went to the expense of installing and the up keep of these panels for our own use.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:35:46 | <p>This is obvious protectionism at its worst guaranteeing state owned monopolies an income and penalizing those that invest in new technologies . The irony is that the polluters are protected and the clean energy producers who are try to prevent global warming will be savaged. This blatant action destroys any faith left in the AEMC to make an intelligent decision.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:33:52 | <p>It is utterly disgusting that the commission is considering actually charging solar customers for the privilege of selling excess power back into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:33:36 | <p>Even more so given the truly woeful prices they get for it compared to the amount people are charged for the power they take out of the grid, I have never heard anything so ridiculous. Like all solar owners I could simply disconnect my system from the grid and you would get nothing and I would still be powering my home during daylight hours and anything not used would be wasted so there would be no gain to the power companies.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:33:33 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>We had to save up to put the solar panels on our house to try and reduce our electricity costs and now we are going to be charged more for doing so! How is that fair. I am 86 and can't afford higher electricity costs what with other charges going up too.</p> <p>We all need to do what we can to help conserve the planet and Australia has an abundance of sun and wind - why doesn't the government harness these free benefits and why do they want to punish those who pay for solar systems so they are doing their bit to help the world!</p> |

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To whom this concerns,

I am one of the many thousands of Australians who have solar panels on their roof and are enjoying the positives of knowing we are doing our bit for a cleaner greener Australia.

We have paid to install solar and now expect to be able to feed our unused solar back into the grid so the pressure is taken off the need for fossil fuels to power homes and industries. So it is hugely unfair that you would even consider charging me for this act of clean energy. This is extremely unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable energy to the grid whilst dirty power companies don't pay a cent. Is this yet another case of the fossil fuel industries having the Australian Energy Market Commission in the palm of their hands.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar as well as the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

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Solar users should be recognised and congratulated for taking on the costs of installing solar panels and not penalised. Solar owners are being responsible citizens doing their bit to protect our environment, an environment that is showing serious signs that it needs help, and help is being given via all that use and embrace alternative energies renewable energies.

Sadly, if you in a moment of madness decide to charge me for my solar then you will impact severely on my and my husbands ability to provide and support our children through their education. This will also impact on who I vote for at all future elections and will go a long way to destroying any faith my children and I have for a clean green future where government and their agencies say they are there for their people when in fact they are only there for the big polluting industries and companies that our governments also look after.

Instead of fostering a new generation that has some faith and trust in government and their subsidiaries, a, your, decision to charge me and the many thousands of solar users will only ensure our next generation is full of distrust and scepticism on anything government or similar.

We all know only too well that our worlds wellbeing and future is locked closely to changing the way we think and use fossil fuels. Renewables, solar are our key to the survival of our planet and we all know this. Please be forward thinking, please be prepared to think outside the box that the fossil fuel industry and companies want and embrace the only way forward and forget about charging solar users for providing clean safe energy back to the grid.

I have been a single working parent and bought solar panels to reduce the impact on the environment.

It is a quiet clean input with no outlay or ongoing costs to grid power.

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So we are offered a small price for the extra power exported to the grid above our own use. Then we'll pay for the privilege to sell this excess to the grid so other consumers can pay a premium for it.

Please don't allow this double dip.

When I retire in four years the solar panels should be an asset not a liability.

No penalty for us- we should be rewarded.

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| 2017-06-26 21:32:58 | <p>To The Policy Makers at The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC),</p> <p>I wish to add my utter disgust to the growing list of extremely annoyed solar power producers, for the arrogance and contempt with which you are considering to dare charge us for contributing clean energy from the Solar producing equipment we have invested our hard earned dollars in, on good faith that the Australian Government would not only welcome this contribution to the Nations Energy Supply, but that we also would receive a fair and equitable payment for this clean energy.</p> |
| | <p>As an Australian Citizen of 75 years, Very angry at hearing of this submission from what I presumed was a Commission setup to benefit all Australians - Not Just the Big producers.</p> |
| | <p>I am extremely and justifiably annoyed, disappointed and Hereby Urging you to give immediate attention to rescinding this very Counter productive and Unfair Proposal.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:32:00 | <p>I think charging solar panel owners for the electricity that they generate is obscene and ridiculous. We paid thousands of dollars for our systems to support clean energy and now you want to penalize us for it? Back off and understand the future is not with coal.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:31:09 | <p>to charge us to export our sun driven power to the grid is insane as our energy is clean and non polluting and is a benefit to all so leave us alone</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:30:42 | <p>Solar home owners should not be charged for exporting energy to the grid. They have gone out of their way to purchase their systems so that they can supply themselves and their neighbours with power. They already pay daily service charge and help reduce grid losses by supplying locally. This is nothing but a Sun Tax on home owners and is a totally stupid idea.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:27:50 | <p>Thanks</p> <p>Roof top solar is an asset to the electricity system and should be treated accordingly.</p> <p>Solar power should be paid for. As it is distributed across the grid i imagine less is lost in transmission costs, so if anything, a higher rate should be paid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:27:46 | <p>I am one of those Australians that has invested in the future, yet Australian LNP politicians are clearly intent living in the past, with their ideological support of coal guaranteed to damage the future of today's young Australians. This recent attack on those with solar panels is quite unacceptable. As a passionate early adopter I am determined to do what I can to help move us to a society powered by sustainable, non-polluting energy. With solar PV, battery storage and solar hot water, I believe I am contributing to a more sustainable society, yet the Australian LNP are determined to see Australia remain a global pariah. So, it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. Further, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:26:34 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent for the same privilege. If they argue solar owners are getting a free ride on their infrastructure, remind them for whom the infrastructure exists. If they don't like it, take it back. It's not for them or their shareholders. It's for the people of the state of Victoria.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:26:24 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>Finally, charging for solar exports to the grid will result in more people finding innovative ways to leave the grid. They can and they will. It's only a matter of time.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:23:23 | <p>I am vehemently opposed to penalising households for providing electrons to the grid. In fact they should be adequately compensated for their contribution to a cleaner happier community</p> <p>NO Justification as [1] We have already paid for the grid - it is Freehold -by paying our electricity A/Cs in bygone years, and [2] by Government Subsidies which we paid for with our taxes, and [3] NO improvement or up-grading has ever been made to the grid in over 60 years, same wires, same Stobie Poles. Maybe 2 transformers died in 60 years, that's a maintenance issue., Also [4] We 9Solar Owners) are already paying the difference between the paltry feed-in tariffs and the current Wholesale price.</p> <p>The entire drive to suck more out of Solar Owners is just exercising Monopolistic Greed.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 21:21:49 | <p>I strongly oppose any charge to solar power generated on homes which feedback onto the electricity grid. I worked hard to pay off a \$10,000 loan which I took out in order to put solar panels on my home. I did this, not to avoid paying for my energy use, but because I am committed to doing whatever I can to lighten my environmental footprint. Generating power using renewable sources ought to be being encouraged and supported, not penalised. People like me, who are putting our money where our mouth is by investing in solar energy are contributing to all Australians, and should definitely not be charged a fee while large, polluting coal companies are not charged for the energy they put in. There should be a fair feed-in tariff, recognising the environmental and health benefits of solar power, along with the network contribution that our solar panels make to the whole grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:21:28 | <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>The suggestion of having to pay to export my solar electricity to the grid is nothing but absurd. Please tell me what companies in Australia pay people to use their products/services? This is an unsustainable business plan. This is the problem with Australia - constantly penalising the small business and propping up the unprofitable. As it is, where's the fairness in the pathetic feed-in tariff we get in NSW where we sell our clean Green energy for less than 19% for what the retailers sell Green energy for. If I can't get a fair price for my exported solar, or if I have to pay a fee to export my solar, I and many, and I mean MANY will shut our solar systems down, and come the next heatwaves, the grid Will Not keep up with Demand.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:17:29 | <p>Why is there so much argument about solar energy. Surely it's a no brainer. Renewable energy is obviously the future. Whether one believes that humans are responsible for climate change or not global warming is with us. Fossil fuel (including natural gas) has a limited life. Alternatives have to be found. The sun is tipped to be with us for the next 4.5 billion years and it is pouring more energy onto our planet than we could ever use. Tapping into this energy source in the most efficient way possible is surely a step to solve the limited the problem of fossil fuel's limited life span. Now is the time to act. So why are so many agencies bickering about solar feed in. Surely the cost of supplying solar power to the grid is minimal. If this is not the case then the owners/operators of the grid should be using the latest technologies to make make the grid a twenty first century operation with foresight for decades to come. This is obviously too hard and/or too expensive. Take the easy option. Feed these solar users a fee for supplying the grid. Firstly give them a pittance for the energy that they put into the grid, then sell them coal fired electricity at four times the price they are given. Then on sell this extremely cheap power as "Green Power" at five times the price paid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:17:07 | <p>This is what I see each time I get an electricity bill. Now you want solar exporters to pay a further amount for the "extra cost" to supply the grid. Can you please explain why, on top of my buying electricity at 23.45 cents Kw/h plus GST, and receiving only 6cents Kw/h feed in tariff I also pay a "supply Charge" of 78.5 cents per day. Who is making money at my expense? It's high time for a total overhaul over the whole energy/grid system. It's time to stop penalising those who care about our environment and are prepared to invest in technology that will eventually be the future. Why is it that decision makers are so out of touch with the real world? From the politicians and their various agencies it's time to get up to date what is really happening in state and country. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent, The only fair thing is for solar owners to be paid parity with what their supplier is charging them and the payments should come from the energy companies, not the taxpayer.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:15:51 | <p>For too long solar owners who have invested thousands, sometimes tens of thousands of dollars are screwed over in the name of big company profits, many of whom are owned by foreign investors, simply because the government dont get kick backs and slush funds from solar owners.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:15:42 | <p>The corruption must stop!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:14:54 | <p>Please understand that I didn't spend \$12000 to put solar onto our house so as we can then be considered fortunate enough to pay for the privilege to make You richer.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:13:36 | <p>We have invested money in solar energy to provide clean renewable energy for our household and to reduce the stress on an already overstretched power grid. To charge us for that privilege is both immoral and unconscionable. Shame on you!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:12:11 | <p>Are we not helping the environment should you not be supporting others to have solar power no charge please Why the hell should we have to pay to give energy WE make back to the grid, especially when it will be then resold back to the public? This means the electricity suppliers not only make money from people with solar panels but again when they sell it. Absolutely bloody disgusting!!!! It is ridiculous too that solar use is not encouraged and to penalise those who do use it is appalling.</p> |
| | <p>NOT ON!</p> |
| | <p>People generating clean energy should be paid more than they are currently getting. Polluters should be paying for their pollution. Very simple.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 21:10:47 | <p>I purchased a home recently with a 5kw system. I was very excited about being able to reduce my power bills and having an impact on the environment. Not having any experience before, I was shocked to firstly find out that I would only receive a 6 cent per kw rebate, and get charged 23 cents by the power companies, then to receive a letter last week informing me that my charge is due to increase !! Do you think that they increased my rebate- No!! I am shocked and appalled at the AEMC for allowing this to happen and for even considering charging me for exporting power to the grid? Who's side are they in? Definitely not my side or the environments side. We are a single income family and any change to our regular bills has a significant impact on our lives. The AEMC should be ashamed of themselves.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:07:00 | <p>Why on earth do you want to charge the folk whose distributed generation saves on having to bolster distribution infrastructure? If there were to be any such charge, it should be on polluting generators - don't just slug the little guy. Solar exporters should be getting a fair feed-in tariff... what a rip off to be paid a few cents for exporting during the day only having to buy it back at night at 5 or 6 times the amount! That, to me, feels like gouging.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:04:40 | <p>The reward for investing in solar has been eroded already so Don't erode it any further. As a rooftop solar owner, I would like to express my objection to being charged to export power to the grid. This is grossly unfair given that big dirty power companies are not charged to export their power. Instead a fair feed-in- tariff should be given that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar power. To The Policy Makers of The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC).</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:03:06 | <p>I wish to voice my utter and absolute disgust at the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) for considering charging solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid. As an Australian Citizen and producer of solar energy I hereby demand that this consideration be immediately and permanently removed.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 21:01:17 | <p>I further demand payment for the solar energy my equipment supplies to the national grid at 16 cents per Killawatt hour. Effective from earliest convenient date. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:57:45 | <p>As a solar panel owner I want to be paid a fair amount for electricity I generate entering the grid Regarding the submission that solar owners be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid , I most forcibly reject this notion as unjust and unfair. I installed solar power at considerable cost to my household because I wanted to do something for the environment and to lessen my impact on global warning. As a frequent visitor to the Latrobe valley in Victoria, I was constantly appalled by the plumes of orange/brown pollution belching out of our coal fired power stations. As I understand these polluters of our air aren't charged but my clean solar system may be. Makes sense to me??. If this stupid idea to charge me for supplying clean non polluting energy back into the grid eventuates then I will incur the extra cost of purchasing a battery pack/s and disconnect from the national grid entirely.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:55:32 | <p>Western Power is too expensive and have been living the luxury of not having any competition. What is this country coming to? You cannot contact the W.A. Premier or The Energy Minister as again they have formed government too arrogant like the last lot to communicate with the people. They do not listen either. How long have you been in government. There was no need to increase the tariff as Western Power Executives live on huge wages that they are paid when they are unsuccessful in their business which is suppose to be a Corporation an not reliant of on taxpayer's money. Normal businesses would of gone broke but our mob just get the poli's to charge us more. Viva the independent politicians and down with party politics. You guys all need to sink or swim because your useless at business. I will give you a tip! Stop treating your goodwill like rubbish. You do not live in a communist country. We have other choices and just do not need you any longer. When we have no jobs no money no future do you reckon we will be consuming power? The sun and wind is free! But keep running the wild pony to the ground as they cannot run for ever and neither can we. Your not going to make the next election Ben Wyatt or Mark McGowan. Watch the Nationals come up the back door. I think this will be the straw that broke the camels back! No one will ever trust Labor or Liberals ever again. It's the Public Service that should suffer not us!</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 20:55:12 | <p>My wife and I installed rooftop solar about 7 years ago because we were alarmed about climate change and wanted to do our part. Though pensioners we managed to put over \$12000 to do this in those early days when panels and inverters were much more expensive.</p> <p>It is unfair for us as solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>Making a charge for our solar exports to the grid would have a serious effect on our situation being on the pension.</p> <p>This would be a grossly immoral action against our modest contribution to the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission, I understand you are considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:52:27 | <p>It is unfair for small solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. While small solar owners are not small businesses, this proposal does appear to be a business practice that would act to limit or prevent competition, and as such, may be unlawful.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>I currently have rooftop solar and export to the grid. I have already disconnected from gas due to rising prices, and with the availability of home storage batteries, would see disconnecting from the grid a viable option, if the system creates further disincentives for solar owners.</p> <p>Thanks and regards</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:51:50 | <p>If the AEMC does not give us a fair price for solar we will go off grid and the big power providers will go into a death spiral.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:48:01 | <p>I have installed rooftop solar to avoid the greenhouse gas pollution and to improve my carbon footprint.</p> <p>Charging us for our solar exports to the grid would have our household expenses go beyond our ability to pay.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:47:39 | <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>It is wrong and daylight robbery to charge solar owners to export clean renewable power to the grid while big polluting dirty greenhouse gas power companies do not pay one cent!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:45:58 | <p>My family and I request a fair feed in tariff that recognises health and environmental benefits and huge network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>If you charge my family and the hundred of thousands of others like me who provide clean energy to the grid and the country, it would affect me greatly and financially in a detrimental way.</p> <p>My family made a conscious decision and sacrificed other necessities to do the moral thing for society as a whole to provide clean sustainable energy to ourselves and our Australian community and for generations to come.</p> <p>We should not be charged for giving this clean renewable power back to the grid</p> <p>Yours sincerely.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:45:23 | <p>I am fuming mad, I went into debt of \$28, 000 to install clean energy, I am still paying the bill. The electricity company is ripping us off by charging south australians like a wounded bull and also stealing electricity from solar owners, now they want not only to steal it but we have to pay them to steal it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:45:08 | <p>Its about time you polies took your fingers out your bums and start helping and look after the people who put you in power</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:45:01 | <p>Solar owners shouldn't be charged simply for exporting energy to the grid.</p> <p>I installed solar cells largely for ideological reasons, since I am paid a pittance for the power from the cells that I do not consume. To hear that it is being considered to charge for these exports is a shock and appears to run counter to the government's avowed commitment to reduce CO2 emissions.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 20:44:59 | <p>It is totally unfair to be charged for energy I export into the grid when I was given no choice from the scheme that was introduced by government. As it stands I already receive a pittance for this energy when the state energy monopoly in WA charges me a vastly increase cost for energy taken from the grid. There should be a fair feed in tariff provided. To date, costs for taking out solar to help the environment in the early adopter days has cost me far more that the costs for those adopting at current day and there is simply no way I will ever recover that cost from the scheme. The companies that were given the tradable solar certificates from the scheme will make far more that I ever will. I entered this sponsored scheme to reduce costs in retirement and these charges proposed will eliminate those savings. Under the circumstances my choices are to exit the grid and rely upon battery storage or abandon solar. The latter is not going to happen given the investment I made on the basis of a federal / state scheme your now tinkering with to support other inefficient forms of energy production and to support badly managed energy authorities that have failed to maintain their grid despite generous government support with taxpayer money. In WA I am already disadvantaged compared to others as there is a WA monopoly in place so I cannot reduce costs and will vote against any party that continues to push these measures and policies.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:43:03 | <p>Do not charge me to feed my solar into the grid or I will buy enough battery storage to feed my house only as I disconnect entirely from the grid so that only I will benefit from my solar panels and buy nothing free m the grid at all I am so disgusted and thoroughly fed up with these constant attacks on renewable energy and the little people Your energy companies pay nothing while they charge like wounded bulls for any power bought from them, whilst paying a pittance in feed in tariffs, which should be no less than half of what we are charged to buy it This is a damn disgrace and governments and power companies should be ashamed of themselves Absolutely and utterly disgusted Dear AEMC</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:42:03 | <p>I am appalled to hear that the AEMC is considering charging solar panel owners to export their power into the grid. This is completely illogical and unfair for producers of clean and renewable electricity to be charged but not power companies that produce electricity from the burning of dirty coal. Instead of charging us, we should be rewarded or at least not punished for spending our our money on solar panels which are such an important way of helping Australia meet its obligations under the Paris Agreement.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:41:01 | <p>Yours sincerely We have a 2.5 k solar system on our roof. It will take 8 to 10 years to pay off but we are trying to go carbon neutral. We trust those scientists that think human activity makes climate change more volatile. We are happy to make a positive contribution at our expense but please don't consider charging me for my feedin. The power company's need to absorb this cost. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |

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| | <p>1.) Firstly you should repeal the COAG regulation that limits solar and wind domestic generation. These COAG rules are not only stupid; they limit your own capacity to deal with your imminent energy price affordability and security crisis.</p> <p>2.) You should legislate that consumers own their Utility billing data. This includes the full disclosure of hidden fees and charges.</p> <p>3.) You must repeal any laws that require consumers to install a Utility owned smart meter. These meters are a significant cyber security risk and they are simply not very smart. In fact, these meters do not even adjust for daylight saving time. This simple fact provides Utility companies with a disguised profit windfall.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:40:21 | <p>4.) You must remove any restrictions to 3rd party grid access and make it illegal for any Utility / distribution company to hamper any domestic solar or wind (hybrid) facility from entering the market. This should include a comprehensive review of any municipal planning and building codes that restrict domestic and commercial self-generation and energy storage.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:38:38 | <p>5.) You must legislate a fixed price distribution line leasing arrangement for any community / local council owned and operated closed smart-grid. This legislation must state that any closed smart grid must be free from any 3rd party Utility smart meters or any other Utility management hardware likely to interfere with the secure and independent management of the closed smart grid. UNTIL you do this people will flee the the energy financial rape in droves and when you introduce financial penalties civil unrest that you will not believe!!</p> <p>Rooftop solar owners have taken upon themselves to incur the expense of establishing their system. This has in effect relieved the electricity providers of a part of their capital expense in establishing a system to cover the full electricity market. To charge rooftop solar owners to input their spare capacity into the grid is counterproductive and extremely unfair. If this idiocy goes ahead, I predict more will go "off-grid". I urge a reconsideration.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:38:24 | <p>Please understand that the solar I put back into the grid should be appreciated and in no way should solar owners be subjected to unfair costs when we are adding energy into the grid. Coal companies are not being charged so why should we. Please see sense.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:37:57 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>Solar PV actually reduces the load on the network infrastructure because the electrical energy from roof-top solar is consumed in the locality in which it is generated by nearby consumers, who don't have solar power, using minimal network infrastructure. The diffuse nature of solar electricity generation reduces the need for infrastructure because the flow of energy is never concentrated, as it is when it comes from large centralised power stations. This is evidenced by the fact that the demand for centrally generated electricity and the associated network infrastructure has actually fallen due to the increasing use of solar-photovoltaic power systems and solar and heat-pump hot water systems.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:37:54 | <p>For these reasons it is inappropriate to charge solar owners for use of electricity distribution infrastructure, because the reduced load placed on that infrastructure. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:37:10 | <p>A fair feed-in tariff should be paid to solar owners that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, as well as the savings to the network. My family want to pay back some of our carbon debt to the environment, and this is one way to do it. Do not allow a charge for a solar input to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:35:39 | <p>Regulations for distributed generation and the management of the grid should be developed within a wider goal of decarbonisation. Policies that disincentivise renewable energy should not be considered acceptable by the AEMC.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:35:24 | <p>We put solar panels on our roof specifically to "do our bit" to reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment..We thought that was a worthy objective. ---- and still do.. Clearly the A.E.M.C. doesn't share our view. .How pathetic. Shame on you.Power companies are benefiting financially from our little"power station"as it is !</p> <p>Your gall is absolutely stunning. WHY should solar owners not be paid for the energy they produce in just the same way that other producers are paid? The`only reason I can think of that such a thing would even be suggested is that AEMC is composed of a bunch of red necks who are being bribed somehow (or at least have a vested interest in) by the coal industry.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:35:24 | <p>Solar energy is helping to reduce the incredibly detrimental impacts that burning of fossil fuels is having on the planet's climate. There should be a fair feed in tariff that takes into account the environmental and health benefits of solar. The mining and burning of coal has been shown to have negative impacts on hundreds of thousands of people around the world. Black lung disease is just the tip of the iceberg.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 20:33:08 | <p>I put 20 solar panels on my home - not to get the feed in tariff but because I didn't want to be paying huge electricity bills and I was generating clean energy into the system. In my recent electricity bill I generated twice as much energy as I used yet I received quite a large electricity bill - \$220+. I am paying .32c per Kwh of power yet I am being paid .08c per Kwh of what my panels produce. This is unfair. I'm not interested in making money from my panels but when I am being paid less than 25% of the going rate for my input than what I'm being charged for grid electricity that is not OK. Basically I am being charged .24c to export the electricity that my panels produce to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay a cent for what they export to the grid. I would be happy to receive nothing for the additional electricity I produce to what I use - I'm happy to contribute but I don't want to be paying exorbitant amounts such as I am paying now. Having taken care of my own power use I now find that although I produce twice as much as I use I am being charged a bill. I have taken this decision to ensure that I can reduce my bills for retirement but I find that having spent the \$10,000 I now have to look at spending another \$17,000 for a battery bank. This is not OK. Please keep the playing field level.</p> <p>I supply electricity to the grid as a service, just like the existing 'conventional' large and centralised power stations.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:33:07 | <p>This provision of solar electricity as a service for the public good, should at the very minimum be allowed to distribute the energy to the neighbours without penalty. Preferably, solar electricity providers should be rewarded at a higher rate than fossil fuel generators because they are assisting with reducing carbon pollution.</p> <p>Solar electricity providers are helping to achieve the aims of the Paris Climate Agreement.</p> <p>Because the Federal Government is negligent in its duty to drastically reduce Australian carbon emissions, it is up to the public to assist in any way possible, and should be rewarded fairly for services both to the economy and to the environment.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:32:39 | <p>It has been reported that the AEMC is considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back into the grid. I wish to object to this proposal in the strongest terms, especially when the Federal Government is talking up its agenda to REDUCE power prices to all Australians. Solar owners already pay a daily supply charge to the electricity retailers, plus a Metering Capital Charge, a Metering Non Capital Charge, a Solar Capital Metering Charge and a Solar Non Capital Metering Charge and now the AEMC proposal to impose another charge on solar owners is most distressing. To rub salt into the wound my retailer will be increasing its power prices PLUS reducing my Feed-in-tariff as from 3rd July 2017. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. It begs the question - "How much more money will they be handed on a platter?"</p> <p>It is latently unfair and dishonest for solar owners to be charged to export power when they are now being charged for the long standing historical privilege of receiving grid power free of any 'supply charge'. My wife and I are on part pensions and decided to install rooftop solar as a long term investment to save money and to help reduce the dependence on coal fired power generation. The AEMC proposal will add further financial hardship in a time when it is almost impossible to keep up with the ever increasing cost of living in this country.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:32:37 | <p>I am writing to express my opposition to solar panel owners being charged to export clean solar energy to the grid when big companies which export dirty coal based power don't pay anything.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff which recognises the environmental benefits provided by solar power, along with the network savings provided by solar feed-in.</p> <p>I paid to have solar panels put on my roof as a contribution to saving the planet and I see no reason why I should also pay excessive additional charges for this.</p> |

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| | <p>Submission to the AEMC regarding solar feed to the grid.</p> <p>As I solar panel owner my rooftop array is helping to contribute to our countries transition from total reliance on fossil generated power, to renewable energy. I, along with other members of the public, can see the sense in moving this country forward to achieve that goal and have expended personal finances to this end. Given the state of the planet and the changing energy sector, transitioning to renewables makes perfect sense, it is really the only way forward and should be encouraged and embraced by Government and electricity sector alike.</p> <p>Whilst the government sponsored feed in tariff helped in the initial stages of Australia's wider uptake of roof installed solar, nowadays, with the feed in tariffs being phased out, many households continue installing solar to reduce their energy bills. In the longer term, if the energy grid is modified and updated to cater for rooftop solar input, energy companies, Australia and our planet will all be winners. Conversely, should the AEMC implement 'charges' for rooftop solar renewable energy being fed into the grid system, it will not only stymie the continued public installation of renewable solar energy, but (as I would certainly contemplate) could also force many households to reconsider their grid connection in the first instance. The technology and battery storage solutions are rapidly becoming viable and dropping in price. Thus 'feed in' charges could be counterproductive policy in causing a mass exodus of household grid connected homes. Whilst this may be viable for those who can afford the outlay, I believe this would be an outcome that would be detrimental in the wider picture. The electricity suppliers would have less customers, thus there would be higher costs passed onto those still connected. The transition from a fossil powered, to a renewable energy powered grid would be slowed down, which is bad for Australia and our climate. Finally in the longer term there would need to be more government or industry investment in large scale renewable energy generation projects.</p> <p>It is my belief the housing roof top generated solar energy should be allowed to be fed into the grid, free of charge. Whilst the grid providers might have technical issues to overcome in the short term, in the long term it makes sense continue to encourage the propagation of rooftop solar generated power, overcome the technical challenges and move Australias grid to one that is powered via smaller scale rooftop solar, along with larger scale renewable.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:31:46 | |
| 2017-06-26 20:30:45 | <p>I have just been subject to a \$169 dollar increase to my daily supply charge W.A.I receive 7.1350 for the power I feed into the grid which is then on sold to my nieghbour for 24.0673 .A differential of 16.9323 I more than compensate for using the grid.Off grid batteries would be my choice enough is enough.</p> <p>I have rooftop solar on my present residence and my system is grid connected. I have done this because I believe solar power is the way of the future. It is clean green and safe and has the potential to provide a significant amount of Australia's energy needs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:30:36 | <p>I believe I should be paid a fair feed-in tariff and not be charged for providing power to the grid.I should not be penalised for helping to solve the energy crisis especially when the big power companies who are polluting our environment by burning coal don't have to pay a cent!</p> <p>Sincerely</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:28:55 | <p>I understand that the transmission costs are built into the sale price for the consumer. Large generators are not paying to transmit the power so it is only fair that small commercial and domestic producers likewise not be charged for transmission. In my view this would be double dipping by the power network.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:28:21 | <p>solar owners shouldn't be charged simply for exporting energy to the grid.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:28:03 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>If this goes ahead, I will increase my battery storage and disconnect from the grid altogether.</p> <p>The Australian government encouraged house holds to spend money to reduce the stree on the network, so we did invest. The government continues to say power will get cheaper, after they sold off our networks, yet all they are doing is trying to get use to pay more for our investment in power that they encouraged us to make, how can we trust the government. Well our vote at the next election can tell you what we think.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:27:30 | <p>There is no cost to anyone to put energy back to the grid, the network has well & truely been paid for.</p> <p>What would be fair is to put in place a net system for charging , were we only pay for what we use over what we produce in total & stop cowering to the energy companies & stop trying to generate for income.</p> <p>Honour what the initial intent was for solar.</p> |

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| | <p>The idea of a domestic solar unit owner being charged what amounts to a tax on what is fed back to the grid is ludicrous .</p> <p>It is patently unfair to to the owner. My income as a pensioner is fixed.I fitted the solar when earning a wage with the view to save money on electricity in my retirement.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:27:25 | <p>In my case I am paid 6c per KW/Hr for my clean renewable electricity and that is resold for 23c KW/Hr. I paid the costs associated with that generation and the reseller pays nothing and is not taxed. That is not fair or equitable.</p> <p>The company Ergon that buys my 6c /KW Hr electricity spews out pollution from the massive coal fired units.What about taxing them until they find a way to reduce emissions.</p> <p>Now the government wants a slice on my 6c per KW/Hr</p> <p>The elections are coming and I will remember this attack on solar owners.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:26:02 | <p>We get lured into these situations with tempting hand outs but back then I said ,</p> <p>Wait and see ,What the government give with one hand they will take with two hands latter on. Guess what ? Getting off the grid is looking more tempting but then what ,I guess they will charge for the wires going past our property.We kept our side of the bargain it is now there turn to keep their side of the bargain. Who else supplies anything for nothing let alone being charged for it</p> <p>I put my solar on when this was put into place, I did it protect the environment from the horrid effects coal is having on our environment.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:24:20 | <p>It has had a massive effect on my electricity, I should get a fair price for the electricity my solar generates, but it now pitiful, yet the electricity company benefits by what I generate.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:23:25 | <p>Electricity companies are profiting from the power generated to them from solar owners, selling it for 3 times as much as they pay to owners , so why should they penalise solar owners by charging them?? How dare they??. Government should step in and make sure this doesn't happen!!!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:23:04 | <p>It is absurd to charge people generating energy for their input! Why are we even considering such an unfair proposal?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:23:04 | <p>It is outrageous and simply a price gouging exercise to penalise us, we who have have invested in solar for Australia and for the planet. It is utterly unfair and big polluting power companies are let off and then there's ADANI.....This is immoral.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:21:22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I purchased solar panels early on because primarily I thought they were the right thing to do, to use renewable power and secondly to electricity costs as I have a small household and our average use is very much lower than in the suburb I live. I believe we all need to reduce, reuse, recycle to improve and solar was a no brainer. <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid • I purchased the panels at quite a high price given the reasonable rebate at the time, but this was for 10 years and now the Government is suggesting eroding this original contract - this is not acceptable. |
| 2017-06-26 20:20:53 | <p>I paid to put solar panels on my roof to use renewable energy and assist with Australia cutting down on fossil fuels for all the positive reasons. This shouldn't cost me more! I'm adding to the grid, I've added to employment in doing so and shouldn't be penalised for it. It makes no sense and is wholly unreasonable.</p> <p>WA has wind and sun. We should be using it, not fossil fuel! People should be encouraged to use renewable, not discouraged! And those that do should not be penalised. In this day and age it makes no sense, Australia is capable of leading the way and going forward protecting its people and the environment why are we going backwards?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:19:53 | <p>I am astonished that the AEMC could consider charging solar power owners to feedind unused power to the grid. Already the solar feed-in tariff is way less than power charges for incoming power - this is a disgrace.</p> <p>Solar power feed-in contributes to Australia's pollution reduction targets, while fossil-fuel-produced power contradicts it.</p> <p>When will the polluting power companies be asked to contribute, maybe they wield too much political clout?</p> <p>This proposal is totally contradictory to any sensible policy-making toward efficient, economic long-term development of power production in this country.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 20:19:52 | Hi AEMC, You are a bunch of bullies who only how to take advantage of the small and weak. As suggest by "Solar Citizens Group" why don't you start charging the power stations? |
| 2017-06-26 20:19:46 | I think it's disgusting that the powers that be want to penalise solar owners for wanting a greener future! Australia per capitor has the worst carbon emissions in the world! Not something I'm proud of! To AEMC. |
| 2017-06-26 20:19:31 | I would like to raise my concern at AEMC s plan to introduce a charge on Solar Panel owners feed to the grid. I think it is an unfair, and an ill thought charge that will be a disincentive to produce clean and renewable energy. As a Country we take pride in ourselves that we can be smart in bringing innovation, efficiency and civic responsibility into industries that are very archaic and use redundant methods of production. Bringing this charge cannot be interpreted as anything else other than serving the interests of Multi million dollar companies to the detriment of the environment and society as a whole. We plead that this madness is stopped before significant damage is done to the society and environment. Dear AEMC, |
| 2017-06-26 20:15:28 | I've gone to a lot of trouble to install roof-top solar over the past 24 months in order to reduce my dependency on the grid during summer heatwaves. And now I discover that you're attempting to insult my intelligence by proposing to charge me for the "privilege" of feeding my power back into the grid. Not only that, but you haven't done much to reimburse me at an appropriate rate for feeding my power into your grid. |
| 2017-06-26 20:15:05 | Clearly, my only realistic option if you decide to proceed with your crazy, half-baked idea is to disconnect from the grid completely... And I'm already making plans to do just that becasue I don't trust you or the big corporations that stand behind you. I am disgusted that anyone could even think that they coule powerd charge home solar systems for exporting surplus power back into the grid! We only receive a pittance in payment while the power companies charge us 4 or 5 times that amount to buy virtually, our power back when we require it! |
| 2017-06-26 20:13:17 | All we're asking for is a fair feed in tariff that recognises the benefit of solar power |
| 2017-06-26 20:12:07 | Dont think i should have to pay to put energy back into the grid, we should be thanked for helping the environment and i paid a lot of money to put this system onto my house and i should not be charged for this.. Everyone should have solar and even the trains should have them on the roofs to produce energy in Australia. Dear AEMC, Submission on charges to solar owner's exporting to the grid. |
| 2017-06-26 20:11:53 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid I have installed 4.1 Kw of panels on my roof and I have seen figures showing that I should be getting paid 17 cents per Kwh rather than the measly 6 cents I will be getting from next year. My electricity bill tells me that over half of the charges I pay are not for the generation of the electricity I use at night when my panels are not producing electricity, but for the distribution system - which solar generated electricity does not use much of - just a short section of line to the houses next door - which just show why we should not only not be paying to export, we should be getting a fair feed-in tariff. The impact of charging me for my solar exports to the grid will discourage other potential solar households, just at a time when Hazelwood has closed and we need to use solar and wind when we can in Tasmania and keep the water in our dams for night time and even to supply the mainland. |
| 2017-06-26 20:09:51 | This is such a short-sighted policy, I cant believe that you would propose such a charge. The idea that owners of solar panels should be charged for the surplus power conveyed back into the grid seems absurd and grossly unfair. I can't fathom the logic, surely no other producer of power is charged a penalty for supplying power and particularly in these dire times when the planet is under threat from increasing global warming that power generated from renewables would be penalized. |
| 2017-06-26 20:09:45 | The savings and environmental benefits from rooftop solar power should be recognised and there should be a fair minimum feed in tariff of at least 16c/kWh. Homeowners should not be charged for feeding in power to the grid, which is a preposterously unfair proposition. |
| 2017-06-26 20:08:24 | We, as pensioners,. had to have a re-mortgage on our home for two reasons. To reduce our electricity bills and to help, in our very small way, to reduce Australia's carbon footprint. |

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| 2017-06-26 20:06:47 | <p>It is bad enough that we are being paid pittance for the power we now feed in and I regard this as daylight robbery but if this goes ahead it will be a very very unjust thing and I will treat it as we are being punished by whoever for daring to want to do the right thing and solve our own power problems when governments along with the fossil fuel power companies do nothing.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:06:10 | <p>I strongly object to any idea of charging people with rooftop solar for exporting power to the grid. I have had a small (1.5lwh) solar system for over 6 years and a larger one (3.5 kwh) for a few months because I believe that this is the way forward. I generate clean power for my own use and subsidise other users during the daylight hours. Big generators not only don't pay for putting power into the grid but do charge exhorbitant costs to us consumers. It is a bad idea indeed.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:06:03 | <p>1) We should not be charged for making clean renewable power when dirty power companies don't pay a cent they should be forced to change to clean energy or pay penalty taxes. 2) In the past we have been paid for our clean power generated on our roof,nothing has changed. 3) We installed a solar power plant on our house in order to help protect the planet and we expect to be paid for said power station output and always have been in the past.Nothing has changed. 4) It's theft,we generate power after installing a mini power station on the roof and big business is attempting to rob us blind.It all comes down to profits for big investors and forget the health of the planet and electricity customers. How is it a BBC report last week informed me that they generated over 50% of UK electricity one day a week ago and yet we here are going to be price gouged yet again?Not much has been done to install clean energy in Australia whereas Europe is light years ahead. Rest assured we the people will have our revenge in the ballot box soon because of electricity company greed which makes Australia uncompetitive in world commerce.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:05:50 | <p>It's disgusting that we have to pay to put power on the grid whilst big companies don't. And also we get kicked in the guts for trying to save the planet for future generations. I submit that the AEMC proposal to charge solar owners to return clean, renewable energy to the grid is absurd in the extreme. I understand that the system of wires and poles needs to be maintained and add the WA State Government has revised charges to reflect this.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:05:06 | <p>The generation of solar power should be supported and commended as it benefits our health and the environment when compared with fossil fuel reliant energy, particularly as these big, dirty power producing companies pay nothing to feed into the system. Solar makes sense and saves cents for households over time. Solar installers should be rewarded, not penalized for their investment and contribution to a cleaner, safer environment. Yours sincerely A fair solar feed-in Tariff is needed across Australia. Thousands of Australians have invested in solar power, in an effort to take personal responsibility for climate change and global warming. These individuals have decided to better their world and shoulder some responsibility.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:02:14 | <p>It is NOT acceptable that the large energy companies in Australia deliberately sabotage attempts to generate more renewable energy. It is this that requires remediation. The large energy companies are attempting to squeeze small energy producers so they can maintain their dirty energy oligopoly. It is disgraceful. It would sad to see producers like me, buying another Tesla battery and cutting off from the grid. Poor feed in tariffs and charges for network accessibility will only achieve this flight from the grid. Don't give dirty power the weapons they need to persecute the clean energy revolution. No to charges and YES to a higher feed in tariff. Thank you for your time regarding this matter. Solar provider to the nation.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 20:00:38 | <p>People with solar have gone to some expense to reduce their carbon footprint and to use clean energy. If the industry cannot adjust they should not make those with solar pay. It is extremely unfair to consider charging people to feed in to the grid when they are contributing energy at no cost to the energy provider.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:59:28 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides . I am thinking a tesla storage battery a good idea as I get \$0.10 FIT and get charged \$0.30.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 19:58:25 | <p data-bbox="360 177 1272 196">Submission to AEMC regarding charging owners of PV systems to feed energy into the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 233 2072 284">The PV systems installed by businesses and domestic users have a benefit to the grid due to reducing the demand peaks every day, as well as the environmental and health benefits of offsetting CO2 and other pollutant emissions from fossil-fueled power stations. They also help to keep wholesale price peaks lower.</p> <p data-bbox="360 317 1496 368">To even consider charging them for these beneficial services, provided at their own expense, is just plain obscene. Please disallow these charges for PV system owners.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:56:11 | <p data-bbox="360 395 517 414">Yours faithfully</p> <p data-bbox="360 427 1391 446">I support the use of solar power & believe that it's development should be encouraged in every possible.</p> <p data-bbox="360 467 2072 743">To charge solar owners (particularly household owners) an additional tax for feeding surplus solar energy back into the grid would be ludicrously unfair. I made a decision 12 months ago to install solar panels and batteries, so that I could cover my own energy use as much as possible and thereby make a personal contribution to saving the planet from global climate change - much of which is driven by our nation's persistent use of coal and other dirty energies to produce electricity. I currently receive only 8c/kWh feed-in compared with a cost of between 22-39c/kWh to draw down from the grid, plus a daily charge of \$1.65 just to be connected to the grid. Given the enormous disparity between current feed-in tariffs and what it costs me to take energy back from the grid (a disparity of 4:1), I doubt that my >\$30K investment will pay for itself in the lifetime of the solar panels and batteries. But I wanted to do it, for the sake of the nation and the environment. However, enough is enough! I am fully aware that my investment in solar storage batteries contributes to the grid owners being able to better balance power surges across the network. Renewable energies have to be the future of our nation's and the world's energy needs. Discouraging 'mum and dad' investors from investing in and contributing renewables into the energy grid would be extremely unwise - individually our small contribution may not seem much, but if every household was encouraged to invest in solar and feed into the grid, it would make an enormous difference to the stability of power networks and reduce the need for dirty energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:55:27 | <p data-bbox="360 746 2072 967">On a meagre self-funded superannuation pension, I cannot afford the continually escalating cost of energy. Frankly, it won't take much more to convince me to purchase another battery and desert the grid altogether! This is what you risk people doing. As a net solar producer, I am already being gouged by greedy energy companies, who demand higher and higher percentage profits - they are the ones who should be paying more - in taxes and in feed-in tariffs to household solar producers. Rather than paying more to contribute, I demand that I be paid fairly for the energy I am collecting and contributing to the grid. All this talk of companies having low tax rates to encourage them to 'invest' - what about the ordinary Australians who are investing their very hard-earned dollars in solar technology? We also deserve to be able to get a return on our investment within our lifetimes! Charging home solar producers for contributing their excess solar to the grid would be counter-productive and discriminatory. I would sooner waste my surplus solar energy than be charged to give it away to a greedy energy company. Thank you.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:54:42 | <p data-bbox="360 978 2072 1118">Your decision to apply a tax on solar owners like myself who feed excess electricity back into the grid is completely unacceptable. I have invested in roof top solar for the benefit of my family, however I also export excess energy into the grid which has reduced the load on the poles and wires. To apply this tax to small scale clean energy producers and not on the big polluting companies is extremely unfair. The feed-in tariff should reflect this investment and not penalise us. My investment has been a godsend for my family and has reduced my electricity costs considerably. Imposing this tax will have severe ramifications for my family. I respectfully request that you dismiss this proposal.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:53:49 | <p data-bbox="360 1121 2072 1262">ergon charged me \$24,000 for an updated amplier on there pole to put my 30kw system on my roof because there wires weren't up to date and they won't give me a retail credit on top of the 44 cents paid by the government and I have to paye g.s.t. also on the solar credit,, this amounts to around \$6,000 a year they steal off me, as I said before the labour party I believe the owns the company,,they are nothing less than crooks, that's why they back the solar industry to feather their own pocket,,see what you can do,,!!!!!!!!!!</p> <p data-bbox="360 1233 1111 1252">Would you recommend charging dairy farmers to relieve them of their milk?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:53:30 | <p data-bbox="360 1273 2072 1342">That is about as fair as charging solar owners like myself for a benefit that costs electricity providers NOTHING to utilise. Is it reasonable for so many people to do Australia a favour and then get shafted for doing it. What happened to a fair go?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:53:27 | <p data-bbox="360 1345 2072 1423">It is unfair for solar owners to pay for providing solar energy to the grid. Solar owners should be encouraged, not discouraged from contributing clean energy. It does not make sense. At a time when we need to be doing more to ameliorate the effects of climate change, the AEMC seems to want to go down the path to penalise renewables. Are we on the same planet?</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 19:52:34 | <p>Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally.</p> <p>Solar owners are not in the 'business' of providing energy - they are mainly doing it to provide their family with clean energy. And they are generously allowing any excess to be used by others.</p> <p>But even if you were doing it as a business - restaurants aren't expected to pay to feed their customers. Imagine if you tried to charge your local cafe 50c each time they sold you a coffee?</p> <p>Get real AEMC. You have a choice - back renewable energy in this country and lead the world, or come up with more ridiculous dog whistles like this one.</p> <p>I know which I'd rather be remembered for...</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:51:50 | <p>It just seems a one way street with energy providers promising to do things (eg install a net meter) by a certain date then taking 6 months longer with no apology. I installed solar to reduce my energy costs (eg put up my own capital) and play my part in reducing climate change but seem to be penalised at every opportunity by big brother.</p> <p>As a low income concession card holder I am dreading the shocking increases in gas and electricity. Don't tell me that is not due to incompetent/selfish politicians and energy providers. Stop coming after the little guy to fix other's mistakes.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:51:07 | <p>Why do solar citizens have to pay to feed their solar energy into the grid? This country should be aiming for all renewable energy generation and not make it impossible for average citizens to make a contribution by charging them.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:50:22 | <p>You're going to charge us for making electricity?????? It beggars belief.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>I put up Solar panels 5 years ago for I considered it good for the environment and as a means of providing clean energy to the for providing non pollutant power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:50:04 | <p>I oppose any use of AMEC funds being used to build any type of coal powered power stations and urge such funding should be used to provide clean energy power either by solar, wind and other non polluting methods.</p> <p>Our Politicians should wipe the coal dust from their eyes and embrace non polluting power methods so our future generations wont suffer from ever increasing atmospheric pollution.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:46:51 | <p>Sir</p> <p>I realise the wires and poles have been privatised but be assured that this concept of charging solar owners to feed the national grid is unacceptable and simply opportunistic monopoly-based company greed. The good side is that it will push the development of battery technology and move more people off the grid. That will have a flow on effect driving prices up as the fund capture base shrinks exponentially. This is bad for NSW, bad for business and ultimately breaks communities apart.</p> <p>I placed solar on the roof to do my bit to reduce impact on the environment. Charging to use wires that I use to do the right thing will definitely drive me off grid at the first opportunity and no power I generate will be available to the national grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:45:56 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. It seems like the AEMC hasn't got the message: Australians love their solar and they won't put up with unfair charges.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:43:20 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export CLEAN, RENEWABLE power to the grid when big DIRTY POWER COMPANIES DON'T have to PAY a CENT. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar along with the network SAVINGS that SOLAR provides to the GRID. This is discriminating against SOLAR</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 19:43:00 | <p>I am horrified to think that a charge may be incurred upon a domestic household that has, in all good faith, planned, organised and paid for a viably economic, low negative environmental impact & sustainable power-generating system that benefits not only that household but the whole community!!! How dare you even begin to consider this scenario, whilst coal burning power generators belch pollutants into the environment and are not charged at all!!!</p> <p>Those in society who are making choices of positive actions that benefit all should be congratulated, supported and encouraged, certainly not charged.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:41:39 | <p>Why should solar system owners who have invested money to provide clean renewable electricity to the grid be charged for doing so? Outrageous when the dirty polluting coal fired power stations pay nothing! Poor poor leadership from this fractured Federal Government encourages this proposed action. Imagine where we would be now as a Nation if Abbott had not crucified the "carbon tax" that ironically brought the weak PM to his knees in the leadership contest that saw Abbott elected. And now this.....</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:41:19 | <p>As a rooftop solar system owner I do not believe the proposed idea of charging solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid is acceptable. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Apart from the environmental benefits, my rooftop solar has significantly reduced my energy bill and to charge me to feed back to the grid would take away the economic benefits otherwise going to my family.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:40:11 | <p>Yes, a fair rebate should be given to exporters. No, absolutely NO WAY, should exporters be charged. This would result in the Doctor Who Dalek-like chanting of "Exterminate, exterminate, exterminate" - and guess what would be exterminated???? Our feed in rooftop solar!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:39:38 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent 2) There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid 3) We have installed rooftop solar, because we as responsible citizens of the country have a duty to our next generations to be able to live in a clean & safe environment and sustainable society. 4) We believe that there is a move to charge us for our solar exports to the grid; if this heptanes, then we may reconsider to install alternatives to be independent of the grid, although we believe this is not the right step for the community and the country. |
| 2017-06-26 19:39:22 | <p>We are a 205 house Retirement Village with a 10KW solar array and we donate over \$400 worth of power each quarter to the network yet we are charged an extra fee for a bidirectional meter for the privilege of being able to measure this. We as residents down line from the high voltage transformer buy it back at retail rates.</p> <p>Overall we are still happy as the solar array was a \$15000 investment by the residents that gives us a \$5000 reduction in our community power bill.</p> <p>The prospect of being penalised as a power generator making a free contribution to the grid makes us feel bad enough, but our community power station based on renewable fuel at the sugar mill that generates 1/3 of our towns power (around \$12,000,000 a year at 8cents per kwh) would surely be penalised as well.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:38:49 | <p>Living in a town that owes most of its income to the export of coal leaves us totally confused as to where our world will be when the coal runs out.</p> <p>To charge solar producers for their contribution of feed in is ludicrous . why do you think we invested money into our system that helps the whole power system and to save us money on power bills and then you want to change the rules to charge us for what we feed in ?????; . If you go ahead with this ridiculous idea then my feed in will be stopped and you will not get any benefit at all from my solar array . Think for the environment and not for the power companies that are trying to make greater profits from our own investments.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:38:03 | <p>I have recently bought a property with solar power. I would like to expand this installation and incorporate battery storage. I would hope the authorities would have the common sense to help & encourage all Australians to do the same & use clean renewable energy given the climate catastrophe that awaits human kind if we continue to trap solar radiation in the lower atmosphere. I currently have to export my solar power to the grid at 4 cents a unit but buy it back at over 26 cents per unit. This is completely unfair. I should be encouraged to generate power cleanly yet this is not the case. You need to act in the interests of people like me and indeed for all humanity to ensure Australia generates clean renewable energy and keep global warming to the absolute minimum. We should be aiming at 100% renewables so please use a little common sense to assist in the survival of a planet fit for habitation by all species in the generations upon generations to come.</p> <p>Thank you</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:37:30 | <p>Why am I being discriminated against by having solar and now you want to charge me to input to the grid 1. Big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent so I am being discriminated against by trying to lower emissions . I installed solar to help reduce pollution and reduce my power bills at a great cost to myself and yes I do input into the grid to help the grid. Why should I be penalized for clean sustainable energy if having to pay for input then Dirty unsustainable energy should have to pay 100 fold for destroying the environment because after the damage they will just walk away with NO responsibility.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 19:37:29 | <p>The Australian Energy Market Commission,</p> <p>I am writing to you to inform you that it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. I have taken the liberty of trying to provide my own energy to help on electricity costs and to help the environment and on the other hand we have big power companies trying to influence this outcome because they have shareholders and CEO's earning big salaries reliant on the price at the stock exchange trying to shove the cost back on to us. How about looking after the people who have tried to make a difference and not big dirty power companies.</p> <p>Their should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health effect of solar, along with network savings that solar provides for the grid.</p> <p>I have added solar to my household and found that it has helped in relieving the costs of rising electricity prices. Most of us are struggling with our finances and have made the business decision to switch to solar to help with our ongoing finances. It has made quite a difference and I feel it is a reward for being pro active and also helping the environment. I am pleased that I have added solar power to my supply of energy and feel proud when I look up at the solar panels on the roof, which have become a value added part of my home along with the tanks to harness the rainfall from the sky. I live on a farm and am reliant on the continued savings from solar into the future. As I am a pensioner I believe I have done my absolute best to help myself save in the future with solar and that my affect on the planet has been minimized.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:34:57 | <p>When we built our home seven years ago, we decided to include a 2.2 KW solar system, in its day it was not cheap but we felt our small contribution to reducing our fossil fuel consumption was important to us and the planet.</p> <p>The rebates available then were very reasonable (we were encouraged by our leaders to install a system that could feed power back into the grid, and do the right thing) so our gov't, the coal industry and our power utility companies are now running scared as they under estimated the solar take up.</p> <p>We are considering a full set up to make us grid free.</p> <p>Solar is good, one day you wont have choice, so lets start now, stop trying to rip the families off doing their fair share in reducing the footprint they make.</p> <p>.Stop this solar swindle now.</p> <p>I could say i vote , but that does not make a scrap of difference, seems we have to make the decisions our gov't cant (shame on you)</p> <p>..... I care</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:34:34 | <p>Why should we pay to Export our clean energy when dirty coal does not. I put solar on my roof to produce clean energy. Our future is in renewables. Don't steal our children's clean energy future. Encourage more solar!!!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:34:29 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:32:58 | <p>you have got to be joking</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:32:40 | <p>Private investors in solar power should be given the same terms as the commercial power generators. A level playing field is the minimum that private investors should receive given that they are providing clean renewable energy. There is no reason to penalise private providers other than a blatant attempt to rip off the easy targets in our community. You need to be aware that solar providers won't accept such a deal, they will organise and lobby and pressure until they receive a fair deal.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:30:44 | <p>It's unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when BIG DIRTY power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental & health benefit of solar, along with network savings solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>On a pension, over 6 yrs ago I saved up for rooftop solar, as it was encouraged by our Gov't. to be of benefit to me, our pure air here in Aus, and our planet.</p> <p>Charging to export to the grid is a slap in the face, and impact on my tight household budget.</p> <p>This makes absolutely no sense</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:29:11 | <p>Is the AEMC serious or having a joke?</p> <p>The generation of solar is positive for the entire planet. The power fed back to the grid is a bonus to everyone else. It would be an insane to expect us to pay to provide power for others</p> |

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| | I understand the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), who make the rules that govern the electricity market, are considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. And that AEMC is calling for submissions from the public. |
| | I make the following points as my submission: |
| | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent |
| 2017-06-26 19:27:30 | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid |
| | I installed solar panels to make my contribution to a clean environment, but at every opportunity the large power corporations have exercised their power to disadvantage the small consumer like myself. It is time the regulator takes the small consumer seriously |
| | Should the regulator recommend charging me for our solar exports, this would be a heavy impost on our household budget, already impacted by substantially higher energy prices now being levied by the energy producers |
| | Hi ARMC |
| 2017-06-26 19:27:11 | I Think it is outrageous to charge people to export to the grid. Stop changing the rules. If you are going to change the rules it needs to be like in 10years we a going to charge ??? I paid \$10000 for my solar, I need it to pay itself off otherwise I will be under huge stress. I worked out It would take me 7 years to pay of but the WA government just changed the prices again. So it's going to be longer now. They should be trying to get people to be self sufficient. Most households use much lest power now due to price increases and energy efficient products and houses but still they pay huge amounts due to the price increase that happen every year |
| 2017-06-26 19:27:00 | Badly impressed by attempt to tax my contribution to the grid. I put solar in to save money and help the environment. I'm ok to pay the same tax rate as big inefficient power companies. |
| 2017-06-26 19:27:00 | I installed my solar panels because I wanted to do something positive in the hope my grandchildren would not be subjected to catastrophic climate change. My 1.1 Kw system is sufficient to supply my needs and feed a small amount to the grid. As an aged pensioner with minimal superannuation, I cannot afford to pay to supply clean energy to the grid. I would expect the government to support individuals who are willing to be part of a clean energy solution rather than penalise them. Why should I be expected to pay for my responsible decision while mining companies are given billions of taxpayer dollars to supply polluting, habitat destroying power? |
| 2017-06-26 19:26:32 | I have invested more than Au\$ 4k (after rebate) in solar panels to support an environmental initiative that I believe is critical to the future of our country and our families also I feel betrayed by the politicians who have made us invest our savings in an environmental project for now penalize us for it. It is totally unfair! |
| 2017-06-26 19:24:59 | As a senior citizen just installing solar for many reasons I wish to state that this opportunity to capture clean and free energy should not be charged for! As a pensioner, I will be extremely disappointed and disadvantaged if I have to pay to feed into the grid. I believe that feeding into the grid is a plus for our state and ticks so many boxes. Please consider this. |
| 2017-06-26 19:24:56 | I must protest that the imposition of a charge against me for exporting clean electrical energy, produced without generating any dangerous Carbon Dioxide (CO2), into the Electricity grid is grossly unfair. My solar panels were installed to reduce my carbon footprint and to avoid further impact on the World's climate. It should be enough that I am paid a pittance for the energy that I feed into the grid while the electrical retailer charges my neighbor full retail price. This is an absolute rip-off. |

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| | <p>The decision to charge users for solar power exported to the grid is at the least ridiculous and at the most a blatant acknowledgement of the coal-funded rhetoric of our current government.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:23:36 | <p>Given that Australia is a signatory to the Paris Agreement, a decision to start charging households for solar exports would be a move contrary to that position. That is because it would disincentivise households from investing in rooftop solar, which in turn would increase our reliance on polluting, non-renewable power resources such as coal.</p> <p>We (my family) are close to making a final decision on our investment in rooftop solar, and reducing our power bill is only a minor contributing factor. Our main consideration is reducing our environmental impact. But not all hold our same convictions, and a decision to charge households for solar exports to the grid could put our nation back even further than we already are with renewable energy take-up, research, and jobs.</p> <p>I implore you: Do not charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid.</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>As self funded retirees, myself and my husband made the decision to invest in solar power for 2 major reasons.</p> <p>Firstly, we wanted to try to protect ourselves from ever increasing electricity bills into our old age, and therefore we would less of a burden to the wider economy.</p> <p>Secondly, as responsible persons living in a state with seemingly endless sunshine, it makes ecological sense to use this resource and reduce the need for electricity generated from polluting generators fuelled by a diminishing resource (coal), that causes widespread damage to the local environment during its' mining.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:23:27 | <p>It is very unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environment and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid - we produce twice as much power than we use, but with increasing daily charges (more than doubled in 4 years), and the feed-in tariff now a quarter of what it was, we are paying bills for electricity.</p> <p>The threat of charging to export power will eventually push solar owners to invest in batteries and aim to go off the grid, then who will be penalised for the shortfall in power generation.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:23:02 | <p>I decided to purchase a solar system in part due to the feed in tariff that was offered by the Government to incentivise people to assist with offsetting the need for new power generation plants. To now, years later, attempt to impose an arbitrary charge on me for following a government policy I believe is unacceptable.</p> <p>I have had to maintain the system but I receive no compensation for that expense. I use the majority of the power I generate. To charge me simply for having the system without any recourse for what it costs me is unacceptable and will cause me some economic hardship that I had not factored in when I did the economic calculations for the installation.</p> <p>I do not believe the power companies are required to pay a charge to supply power to the grid and therefore charging individuals with solar would appear discriminatory.</p> <p>I believe in renewable energy and this charge flies in the face of attempts to move to a 100% renewable energy network. If anything I believe coal generation should be taxed not renewable sources.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:21:34 | <p>Regarding the AEMC proposal to charge solar owners for providing energy to the grid is totally unfair, as far as I'm concerned we already pay for sending it back to the grid as we still pay the feed in rate whichever way it goes, do the power companies pay for sending their power to the grid There should also be a fair feed in tariff that reflects the health and environmental benefits of solar at easing the load on commercial generators. We installed solar to do our bit to be environmentally responsible and to reduce energy costs, by charging solar for their exports means that with the measly infeed tariff we receive our end cost could be more than if we never had solar in the first place.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:21:21 | <p>Its unfair to charge for clean energy exported to the grid this only system to regulate & maintain voltage levels. Should be a reasonable price on exported kwh.</p> <p>I have worked in the industry & know losses in transmission & believe roof top solar helps maintain voltage levels.</p> <p>As a pensioner this would be another on an already stretched budget.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 19:20:36 | <p>Big Coal does not have to stump up a cent to export their dirty energy. Yet you fellers want to gouge citizens who did the right thing by the environment and installed solar. You want us to pay to be energy efficient? I have put up solar hot water and solar energy panels to lessen my footprint on the planet. And now you want to charge me for it? Clearly the government has been bought and is wholly owned by Big Coal and the big end of town. Time for you guys to man up and come in to bat for the ordinary citizens doing the right thing.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:19:46 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid The AEMC proposal to charge solar owners for feeding electricity back into the grid is simply outrageous. Isn't it bad enough that we get paid a pittance as a feed in tariff but now you want to charge us for generating our own 'clean' energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:19:44 | <p>We are about to build a house and invest thousands on dollars of our own money to install solar panels to reduce our energy costs and decrease our reliance on coal and gas fired power stations in order to reduce our carbon footprint and you want to penalise us for this. Shame on you!!!</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:17:32 | <p>Please do the right thing and ditch this proposal!</p> <p>We were urged by the WA state government to install Solar Panels, They gave a extra price for a unit of power exported this was one of the main reasons that made Panels affordable. Since then it has been one thing after another to try and take these promises away and charge more. The fact that when I bought the Panels they were not as cheap as today. I need the rebate to pay off the cost of these Panels.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:14:42 | <p>WE purchased the solar panels and received Govt Support.It has been successful and I believe good for the economy. WE should not be charged a fee of any kind as our agreement from the governments did not mention a levy/fee/tax on our equipment.It would seem that this is a way of preventing/scaremongering of people at the whim of a different government. You should be encouraging new owners and should encourage all schools to put solar panels so that in the 6 week Xmas holiday it could solve a shortage of power. It is hard to comment as I have not received any indication from our power company or Government of what the charge will be. Will it be per panel, different rates during the day, different rates at weekends different rates when power is restricted/short. No I would not like a tax as this would appear to be a government that has mislead the solar panel users. I wanted to expand my solar system but was told that would be a new installation & I would lose the rebate. I feel it a benefit for the Electricity retailers to make profits on the power supplied any fees etc should come from their margins.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:14:35 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid .I could not afford it throughout my life: a sum was given to me on retiring and this I used to purchase the system Part of the idea is to save money, not to pay out.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:14:04 | <p>What a con get people to put on solar then change the rules to suit themselves, it was not cheap to put solar on even with govt rebate. Those that are putting solar on now get hardly anything for feeding back to the grid anyway, so start charging and I am sure no one will bother with solar. Besides the electricity companies charge solar uses more for any power that they use, so they do not miss out. If the govt do not step in and stop these greedy companies no one will take up new technology. Just like Banks when they put ATM'S in and convinced us how easy and reliable they were, then put a fee on to withdraw our own money from them, if you did not use your own bank. We were sucked in then and looks like we could be sucked in again by the electricity companies.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:13:17 | <p>Simply NO, NO, NO to being charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. That is just taxing the sun, which as a resource costs nothing to produce clean renewable power. In light of every increasing power prices - given that the wholesalers make millions in profits - it is totally beyond comprehension why homeowners should be further penalised for their investment.</p> <p>As a self funded retiree, I don't have the luxury of "asking" for increased in my "salary" especially when the everyday cost of living continues to rise - food, water, electricity, gas, council rates, insurance and car insurance. You can only absorb so much. SO NO TO BEING PENALISED FOR DOING "MY BIT" TOWARDS CLIMATE CHANGE.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:12:39 | <p>Don't even think about it!</p> <p>It's unfair and discriminatory. Looking after the big end of town, the coal and gas producers, while disadvantaging the small solar providers is morally wrong.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 19:12:34 | <p>I think it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>We have invested in rooftop solar not only to save money, but also to help Qld reduce emissions and dependence on dirty energy. I think we should be rewarded for that, not charged.</p> <p>Charging householders to export power to the grid is absolutely unacceptable.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:11:11 | <p>Retailers charge premium rates to deliver power to householders (in my case it was immediately increased from 21c to 41c per KWH when I installed solar panels) yet they pay a mere 5 cents per KWH for power generated by my solar panels (soon to increase to 11.3c per KWH).</p> <p>Householders pay a significant amount to install solar panels, their contribution to reducing green house gasses. They should not be penalised for taking responsible action to reducing global warming.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:10:32 | <p>If companies delivering power to households do not pay for its delivery, neither should householders be required to pay for delivery of power to the grid.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when this enables Australia to meet its renewable targets as well reduce carbon emissions. The feed to the tariff should bring the overall energy costs down as it is resold to the public by energy companies at a higher rate.</p> <p>We put solar panels on our roof 6 years ago in the interests of moving towards a more environmentally sustainable future for ourselves and the country AND to save money by generating our own power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:10:02 | <p>Our feed in tariff has been reduced so we now only receive a credit for a tiny fraction of what we generate and feed in. This is terribly unfair already but CHARGING us to feed in is just ridiculous!</p> <p>Why are energy companies not GUNG HO getting on board with renewables and updating their business models, why haven't they been doing that for years. Why are they now punishing forward thinking punters / customers.</p> <p>We will look to move to battery storage as soon as we can afford it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:09:50 | <p>This sector should be far better regulated by our government, our government should be looking out for our best interests instead of encouraging and propping up old industries.</p> <p>Please give domestic solar energy producers a fair go and a level playing field by at least not charging them for supplying power to the grid where they already receive less than the market price for it.</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I am writing in response to the proposal that householders are charged for feeding the energy we create through our solar panels, back into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:09:06 | <p>I understand you are considering this proposal and I would like to voice my strongest objection to this proposal on three main grounds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="360 1054 1727 1074">1. It is blatantly unfair to charge householders a fee for supplying energy in a market where the big energy providers do not pay such a fee. <li data-bbox="360 1114 2040 1189">2. It is socially and environmentally inappropriate to add an additional cost to individuals who are providing clean, green energy, which is helping the nation lower its carbon emissions towards a committed national goal. This not only creates a disincentive for householders but effectively provides additional support for producers of dangerous, high carbon, dirty energy. <li data-bbox="360 1225 2040 1270">3. It will add an additional burden to households who are trying to support clean energy. We have already paid a considerable cost for installing and maintaining our panels, and have done so purely because we believe we must do all we can to try to ensure a safe and liveable future for our children and yours. <p>In Germany there are villages who switched to clean energy decades ago and who are now exporting their excess energy to the national grid. This is possible in Australia if only we could shake the excessive and greedy influence of the dying coal industry and energy companies. Clean energy is cheaper to produce and is the only secure energy future - don't let the vested interest of companies trying to eek the last possible profits from a dangerous fuel source....encourage more solar production!</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 19:08:41 | <p>It's unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid.</p> <p>HELLO AEMC</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:08:26 | <p>Your consideration of making solar users pay for providing excess electricity to the grid STINKS!</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>You should also ensure that we get an increased feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar.</p> <p>Do you not realise that we provide network savings when we give our excess solar power to the grid?</p> <p>My rooftop solar panels are the best things I've done re. clean energy and i hope to install batteries if not too expensive!</p> <p>If you start charging me, it would make a further dent in my retirement income and make our family poorer in money and clean living.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:07:32 | <p>Charging people to feed excess solar power into the grid is outrageous. Those who have committed to using solar power should be fairly rewarded for doing so and not be penalised for providing extra emissions-free power to the grid.</p> <p>The floating of an idea to charge solar owners access fees to the grid is an unbelievable money grab by the electricity industry.</p> <p>It is totally unfair and is another potential negative to the solar and alternative power industry.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Almost all customers will be accessing the grid for power when there is no solar available. 2.Customers will be paying for access to the grid already in their current access charges so this would make a double charge – simply put, double-dipping. 3.A question to which there has never been an answer goes back to when solar was originally installed – Why did the charges for electricity used more than treble for peak times, more than double for shoulder times and increase for off peak? Who received that money and has done so for many years? 4.Is this an attempt to reduce the amount of solar generation because it will impact the sales of the electricity retailers? 5.With less electricity used from the public generators there will be less pressure on the grid so why increase charges and even resort to double-dipping? 6.Many solar installations have been put in place for a variety of reasons including – environmental, reducing dependence on the public generation and retail energy with ever increasing cost, reducing electricity usage costs because they are becoming more unmanageable. 7.Clean energy producers should have the same access as the dirty power generators who do not pay for access to the grid. 8.Fair feed-in-tariffs for clean solar (and wind) should directly reflect the costs for all electricity produced and not be a minor fraction of what retailers actually charge for it. 9.Clean energy generation alternatives should not be penalised as they are our future. They should be encouraged and not discouraged. 10.With the removal of government subsidies the average of \$300 per quarter in solar generation rebates have dropped to \$30 to \$40 per quarter, with double the number of panels now installed. This is not a fair and equitable situation. For the same amount of generation it would have been nearer \$600 per quarter, giving a less than 4 – 5 % return on the investment. |
| 2017-06-26 19:06:44 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11.Additional costs were encountered with having to pay for a replacement meter, \$600.00, when solar was installed initially followed by a similar demand for when the state subsidies were cancelled and having to find an additional \$1000.00 to replace the meterbox “because the new meters would not fit in” yet in reality the one meter necessary would have fitted easily. The original meterbox was legal and met the requirements of the Australian Standards when the house was built. 12.Solar was installed to contribute to improving the environment originally as well as being able to reduce electricity costs but putting some electricity back into the grid was also a smaller factor; reducing electricity coast was a much heavier factor and that is now academic because the rebates for generation are laughable (except it is certainly not a laughing matter), lining the pockets of the retailers even more than the past. 13.The AEM is a very costly and unrealistic marketplace and has seen electricity basics sold off and the new owners shutting things down within a very short time of purchase, making the marketplace unsustainable with the prospect of many people being unable to pay electricity costs now, in June 2017 and many more to be caught out in the foreseeable future. It is simply not a sustainable situation. <p>The proposal to add charges for what is already being paid for and setting up a double-dipping rip-off is unsustainable and will make it even more difficult for those workers who are about to have their weekly pay packets reduced by the reduction in penalty rates as well as the lowest level of wage increases seen in Australia. The imposition of such an additional charge demonstrates how out of touch the politicians, retailers of energy, governments and their “independent” bodies are with the actual reality of life in this country today. It certainly will not hurt many of them but will impact dramatically on the employees. Some common sense must be realised – With wages rising very little and constantly increasing charges the breaking point has been reached and this is even more so for those on Centrelink pensions and other fixed income individuals and families.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 19:06:30 | <p>Additional charges / imposts are going have severe impacts on a large number of individuals and families in this country. Hopefully, the realities of life for many will be</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent,There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 19:04:14 | Honestly I find the idea of charging solar providers to provide their product appalling. We put in solar to be environmentally mindful, not to be penalised. Stop the greed. |
| 2017-06-26 19:04:08 | <p>This will impact us tremendously being pensioners. Please don't follow through</p> <p>To the AEMC To Whom it May Concern,</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:59:45 | <p>I would like to make a submission regarding the idea of charging households with solar systems to export power to the grid. This is a crazy idea that will turn people away from this clean and cheap form of energy. Solar is saving people money and is making our society more efficient and therefore more competitive. I believe solar owners are already getting a bad deal. I have a solar system on my small business and currently I receive no feed in tariff, yep that's right nothing at all. I export more than 60% of the power I produce, now Synergy (WA) sells that FREE Solar power to my neighbour for approximately 26 cents per unit. I feel like I am being ripped off. They also charge me a supply charge even though I am supplying them with power. I don't think it should be legal for a company to take my power after I have paid for the generating asset, it just makes no sense at all. Would you allow someone to take power from Synergy and pay nothing for it?</p> <p>I also have a solar system on my home and again I feel that Synergy is ripping me and everybody else off as they only pay us 7 Cents per units for this clean energy. They then on-sell the power to our neighbours for approximately 300% more 24 cents per unit. That's a blatant rip off. I mark up my stock by 30% not 300%. I believe your organisation needs to act in the best interest of the community not large power companies. You should reject the idea of charging solar owners to export their power into the grid. I don't believe the big companies are taxed to export their power into the grid so why should we. Actually I believe the big power companies are still receiving tax payer handouts, Why is this? I read in the paper that Synergy receives a tax payer subsidy of 5 cents per unit of power supplied to consumers, Why? I believe Synergy needs a big shake up starting from the top as power prices are way too high.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:59:23 | <p>Thanks for accepting my submission on this important issue.</p> <p>My submission is simple. I do not want nor can I afford to pay more for electricity. The idea that now I have to pay for the solar power sent to the electric power lines is bizarre. I have paid for the solar system to limit my debts in old age and to limit the impact of emissions. At the time the system was installed there was no mention of an extra payment to a electricity company. Talk about being ambushed. It is a grab for cash by the electricity companies. I will have to look at borrowing money to install batteries if the electricity companies charge extra for solar owners. Stop this rot please.</p> <p>I feel it is blatantly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. This is actually entirely the wrong way around.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:58:59 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. And remember that solar owners are providing a service by supplying clean energy to the grid. And, we paid to provide our own systems.</p> <p>We were retiring and invested our money to protect ourselves from rising energy prices when we moved to a fixed income. We knew that we that we will not be able to afford in our old age, and such a move would financially hurt us and other retirees who have no ability to meet rising costs. We have acted responsibly, do not target us!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:57:45 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>Any proposal to charge solar owners to export to the grid is unfair and unjust. Solar owners have fitted solar to ultimately reduce pressure on the power grid when all governments across Australia have failed to plan and commit resources that provides power to the people at reasonable economic prices.</p> <p>It is not fair that big power companies don't pay to export to the grid but solar owners have to pay. Many people like ourselves have extended our home mortgage to pay for our solar power system so it has not been without significant expense to fit solar to our home so as to benefit from reduced power bills over the long term.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff to all solar owners as they as a whole are saving governments from having to make much greater investment than without the solar owners support of exporting power to the grid, not to mention the environmental and health benefits to everyone.</p> <p>Power cost increases to consumers over recent years has been ridiculous and penalising those that have supported environmentally responsible solar generation is not the answer to a lack of fundamental government planning.</p> <p>Please don't penalise solar owners for helping power this country.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:57:42 | <p>It is unfair me as a solar owner to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>As a pensioner I am struggling to make ends meet charging me for my solar exports to the grid is totally unfair.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:57:35 | <p>Trying to prop up climate destroying coal by charging solar owners to export is criminal. Stop this silly idea now.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies, who seem to get a clean ride from authorities, don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:57:21 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>If charging for solar exports to the grid was implemented, I am afraid I would just have the solar system as it stands, disconnected from the grid. Being charged to export solar power to the grid is against all the principals and reasons I put it on in the first place.</p> <p>I am sure most existing solar power providers would not be happy with the decision to charge for solar exports to the grid.</p> <p>Is this another move by big brother to feather the nest of the big power companies and screw the individual home owners who supply solar power to the grid?</p> <p>These people who purchased and installed solar panels had the for sight to see the advantage solar would have environmentally and the health benefits to all of the population of this country.</p> <p>I believe this is a totally unfair decision as Australians love their solar and they won't put up with unfair charges.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:56:43 | <p>My wife and I spent \$28,000 to invest in solar+battery with the aim of supporting the grid with our excess power. We have reverse-cycle aircon and to avoid power blackouts and to avoid putting too much strain on the grid we are advising all our friends to follow our lead.</p> <p>As the world gets hotter more and more of us will install aircon units, and the increasing load on the system will be too much on the hottest days when we will need it most.</p> <p>Taxing us for supporting the grid when it needs it most is counter-productive, from your perspective as well as ours.</p> <p>Dont do it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:56:09 | <p>The power supply companies are already charging consumers a fee if they have solar when exporting back to the grid. It is unfair we should be charged to put energy generated by our solar, back into the grid to be used by others. We are responsible individuals attempting to decrease consumption by reducing the burden of power we are drawing from the grid. The overseas ownership of a company that should never have been sold off by the South Australian government, are sitting back in Hong Kong, making a lot of money and laughing all the way to the bank, because the Liberal Govt sold ETSA. The Liberal govt told us we would have cheaper electricity due to the sell-off.</p> <p>WRONG. We would be financially worse off if charged more for exporting our solar power back to the grid. We strongly object to the AEMC making any disastrous decision for consumers to be charged. Money hungry. Load Sharing of power caused the disasterous South Australian black-out which caused financial ruin to businesses and homeowners. People are trying to look after the environment by being responsible in having solar panels. If I turn off my solar panels, then the electricity providers will have to make more power. Governments have encouraged us to have solar installed. We say NO to AEMC to having any say of charging us the consumers for exporting our energy we generate, back into the grid. We will fight the AEMC!!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:56:00 | <p>I don't believe solar owners who feed back in to the energy grid should be charged any fee at all! This is ridiculous! A fair feed-in tariff should be paid as solar is beneficial to our environment and also saves money. People should be encouraged to install solar for the above reasons and not penalized in this way. Because electricity has been privatized does not mean it should cost us more.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:55:51 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I put solar on my roof for environmental benefits & to reduce fossil fuel usage</p> <p>As a person on a limited income being charged will have a significant impact.</p> |

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| | <p>My wife and I put a solar array on our property about seven years ago. The enlightened government at that time offered an incentive to property owners to do 'THE RIGHT THING' and lighten their footprint on the only planet we have.</p> <p>We weren't concerned about the 'pay-back', but simply wanted to do the 'Right Thing'. Even with a good feed-in tariff, we may have just broken even on our electricity bills over a year. Now, my wife and I run a Bed and Breakfast and our electricity bills are, as you would expect, larger. We are now considering a battery storage system to help out.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:55:38 | <p>The government should be encouraging property owners to put on solar and if you allow the Energy Market Commission to start charging people for doing the 'Right Thing', that would be the biggest backward step in our fight to save this earth. You cannot allow this to happen, that would be a kick in the face to all citizens in this country and just confirm our thoughts that the current government, and previous ones, are tied too, and led by the nose by the Coal and Gas Industries.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:55:23 | <p>The citizens of this country are sick and tired of all the wasted political debate surrounding this issue, start investing in renewables now and let the solar citizens of this country alone.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:54:27 | <p>I hope you can help and not allow solar owners to pay anything, as we have with rooftop solar, that feeds into the grid and at peak times one less generator does not have to come on line, Roof top & other solar projects are the future, come let's make history together</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:54:27 | <p>You have got to be kidding!!!! If any political party lets this through I or my family will never vote for them again!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:54:24 | <p>It is extortion! We put in the capital investment and have to maintain the system for example with replacing the limited life inverters. Plus interest on loans etc.</p> |
| | <p>FAIR GO!</p> <p>I'm concerned that you are considering charging solar PV owners who are feeding electricity back into the grid. There should be no such charge for renewable power feeding power back into the grid (on the contrary this should be supported not discouraged). Coal companies and other polluting industries don't have to pay such a charge so it would be extremely unfair to charge renewable power suppliers. It would also mean that more people would go off-grid which will increase the cost of power for those people who are still dependent on the grid (the most vulnerable segment of our community).</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:53:30 | <p>Renewable power providers should receive a fair feed-in tariff as it will provide savings to the network and it makes sense for people's health and the environment.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:52:57 | <p>We invested in solar panels three years ago to offset some of our power use (we own holiday accommodation mainly catering for people with disabilities). We spent a considerable amount of money on the install and if we are now being charged for our solar export to the grid we'll have to go off-grid and/or close down our business as the electricity costs are already far too high and any extra costs will be too much. It is quite inconceivable that such a charge would even be considered given it was abandoned in 2013 and it would also be an extremely unfair measure.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I installed rooftop solar so that I was reducing my carbon emissions and at the same time with my excess energy going into the grid giving someone else the option to access renewable energy. I'm helping my country do its bit for carbon control why should a price disincentive be put in place?</p> <p>By charging me for my solar exports to the grid I will go off-grid then others miss out. Those who are unable to fund their own PV panels or battery, the poorest in our community will bear the cost of supporting obsolete infrastructure reliant on fossil fuel. Totally inequitable.</p> <p>To be fair to all Australians an energy plan for Australia to become run 100% renewable energy by 2030 needs to be done now.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:52:37 | <p>It is unfair to charge solar owners a price to export solar electricity to a company. There should be a reasonable tariff to solar owners whether in price or a deduction against power generated against the power bill. Solar home owners produce clean energy, renewable is what we should be achieving. The big power companies cannot meet the demand without our help, think about it, the point being, we turn off our panels, will the demand be met by the power companies.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:52:22 | <p>solar input to the grid should be a fair price for all and</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:50:57 | <p>Why on earth should solar owners be expected to pay for any energy put into the grid? We are paid a pittance for what we do import and are then charged full price for any we do use. There should be a fair input tariff for all power that is imported into the grid instead of the pittance we do receive. At most I have reduced my bill by one third and was quite happy with that, but if there is a tariff for feeding into the grid I shall be having batteries installed on my property in the hope that none of the power generated by my panels goes into the grid. The big power industry stings the public whenever it can and the AEMC and the government do absolutely nothing to stop it. It's time it was stopped. If I could afford to come off the grid then I would and the industry could start learning to support itself.</p> <p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission,</p> <p>I believe you are considering charging rooftop solar owners to export energy to the grid. Are You Kidding? It is ludicrous for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:50:23 | <p>Charging us for our solar exports to the grid would force us to install batteries and remove ourselves from the grid. We both know that if too many people follow this path, the grid would - in all likelihood - fail.</p> <p>You can do better than this.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Proud Solar Owner.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:49:46 | <p>This is grossly unfair - I am trying to recoup my \$7000 investment. With the market system of costing, the value of electricity is many multiples of what is paid to me. it is extortion no wonder that people resort to rebellion with tyranny.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:48:50 | <p>My wife and myself are on a basic Centrelink Pension with no Superannuation to draw on. We used our share of my late fathers estate to purchase our Solar System with view to getting cheaper electricity which successive Governments are trying to rob us of. Try to use a little feeling and sensitivity when it come to dealing with us old folk because we just can't keep paying out all the time.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:48:32 | <p>I put solar panels on my home in 2010 before I retired. I put in a new heat pump to keep me warm in the Tasmanian winter. I knew that my income would be considerably lower,so I was doing the responsible thing and planning so I could live within my means. I was also concerned for the environment and felt I was doing my bit. Buying the panels and paying for installation helped employment and the economy. I need a fair feed in tariff, as my careful and responsible budgeting, will not be sufficient to cover extra charges. I am now 71 years old and do not need the worry, when I have put my own money into trying to manage my own power needs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:47:55 | <p>I'm aghast that a proposal to charge solar owners for feeding power to the grid is being considered again. Globally, developed countries are being pressured to reduce their greenhouse emissions and did we not sign the Paris Treaty last year, yet here is a plan to tax the very clean energy of solar panels. Logic dictates that it should be the dirty coal fired power that is taxed.</p> <p>I had already retired (meaning no more big pay cheques coming in) so it was a major decision to invest in solar panels but I was driven by the fear of the predicted price increases. I thought the solar panels would help insulate me from them. They have slightly but not to the extent that was expected because ever since, the system has found ways to add to electricity charges. The goalposts keep being moved!</p> <p>I know I did the right thing by the environment by putting solar panels on my roof - but the government are now vilifying us and making ridiculous claims such as the SA blackouts were caused by solar power. Come on - we're not stupid. There's a lot of solar power owners and we will stand together to get fair treatment.</p> <p>I object in the strongest possible terms to the plan to charge domestic solar energy producers for exporting their power to the grid.</p> <p>We have had rooftop solar installed for almost ten years and made the decision to go solar based on environmental considerations rather than cost.</p> <p>Our system has worked ceaselessly and effectively since installation, and although we have generally been in the black with our power bills, we will lose money overall, but we see it as a worthwhile decision regardless of the cost.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:47:34 | <p>It has been gratifying to see the tremendous uptake of rooftop solar over the last few years, and this has had a tremendously positive impact, particularly in taking pressure off our existing generation infrastructure and providing extra power on hot summer afternoons, thereby reducing the number of blackouts and brownouts due to an overdraw on the system.</p> <p>We should be encouraging the use of solar and providing incentives rather than penalties. There needs to better policy development to ensure a smooth transition to renewable energy production rather than backwards regulation designed to keep an inefficient and outmoded system in place.</p> |

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| | <p>How dare you consider charging me for giving my electricity to you to use to make a profit from. Who are you, the mafia?</p> <p>You can bet that I'll switch my solar off if this goes ahead.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:45:15 | <p>How is Australia ever going to reduce filthy coal use when you want to penalise those of us who are already paying to put solar on our home. We are already prepared to support our country by installing solar, paying our own money to do so.</p> <p>In fact we should be paid the market price for what we export.</p> <p>Dump your dumb, reckless idea to charge us and instead pay us.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:44:33 | <p>I have read the Finkel Report and I can't recall reading a case for why solar owners should be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid. I think that the Finkel blueprint is reasonable, and the focus should be on implementing his recommendations which will go a significant way to have Australia do the right thing for the planet.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:43:47 | <p>This proposed charge is a disincentive to reducing pollution. This proposed charge is a greedy grab for money. This proposed charge unfair as I am already paying to use the grid system whereas the big power generators do not. This proposed charge is so unaustralian, it must be foreign backed. Come on what's next, taxing the air we breath? I thought that by installing a modest amount of solar panels, I was contributing to Australia's wealth and well being and being community minded. I thought that my feed in tariff, which is at this time 5.5 cent a Kwh, was some sort of recompense for my outlay to help myself and my neighbours. Scrap the stupid idea before you have a revolt on your hands.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:43:35 | <p>I am a retired chemical engineer and I installed 5kW of PV cells on my roof about 7 years ago. It cost me a lot to do it, but it contributed to the growth of the PV cell industry in Australia. It also gave me piece of mind that I was making a climate change contribution.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:43:35 | <p>It is obvious that the end of the day will see renewables everywhere and fossil fuels will be blamed for the climate change crisis that we are now courting. To add costs for installing PV is an attempt to put up the price of PV.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:42:40 | <p>To charge a fee for feed-in power that will be sold at the full price is a sad joke.</p> <p>We are pensioners. If we get charged for exporting our power so others can profit from what we produce we will disconnect!!</p> <p>Dear AMEC,</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:42:18 | <p>My experience may be instructive to your deliberations.</p> <p>Our 3kW PV system generates 4,500kWh per annum being at least 130% of the household consumption in our all electric house with no air-conditioning.</p> <p>75% of electricity produced is exported to the grid.</p> <p>66% of electricity used is imported from the grid. (predominantly after sundown)</p> <p>The premium feed-in tariff currently means that our annual power bill is -\$1,300.00</p> <p>With the availability of ever cheaper battery storage it will be an easy financial decision to go off-grid if feed-in tariffs in the future do not truly reflect the full commercial and social value of small scale distributed generation.</p> <p>This would be a selfish response that is not the best outcome for the community where fewer and fewer households like ours will be connected to the grid.</p> <p>I would rather remain a full member of our community and participate in the benefits of feeding renewable energy into the grid at times of peak demand for others to use but only if there is not a financial penalty for doing so.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:42:18 | <p>Regards</p> <p>We get 6c and the power company charges it out at 25c - now you want to charge me - you are kidding!</p> <p>I have had solar panels since 2008 and paid \$6,000 for the privilege as I wanted to help the environment. I have since added more solar panels. I am exporting power to the grid and I find it amazing that I am now expected to pay for that renewable power export when non renewable energy companies do not pay a cent. There should be a</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:42:15 | <p>recognition of the environmental and health benefits of solar power along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I do not understand why there is not a lot more renewable energy production sources being utilised by power companies but to disadvantage customers who are producing solar power by charging them to export it to the grid is outrageous!!</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:42:10 | <p>We need to be encouraging people to invest in solar, not charging people with solar for connecting to the grid</p> <p>Any energy company not using renewable means for producing power should be charged extra for doing this</p> <p>Rather than charge solar power generators for their contribution to power supplies, it would make more sense to pay a more reasonable tariff for their input of clean, renewable power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:41:47 | <p>Our installation of a solar system was initially based on the premise that we were doing our bit to help the environment. Steeply escalating, out of control price increases for electricity have meant that their contribution to our household is becoming more essential. As retirees on a fixed income, our savings are important to us. To charge us for making those savings is an insult to us and on the intelligence of those proposing it.</p> <p>To The AEMC</p> <p>This is really the sucking end, charging me to have a connection to the grid was bad enough as I already pay a higher connection or supply cost for my drawn power but now you want to charge for solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent and the AEMC ensures that they, the power companies are actually getting paid monies not paying it and the electricity supply companies get paid for the electricity I give them for next to nothing, and they charge a premium for supplying my next door neighbors for this energy without any additional network infrastructure or outlay on purchasing the power from the power companies on their behalf.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Why if all the people and businesses who currently generate solar energy and supply the grid were to suddenly decide to shut their systems off then the AEMC would not be able to light a candle to the issues that would eventuate. The issues faced in SA would be chicken feed especially now that Hazelwood power station has gone and others are due to follow. The system stability across the eastern seaboard would be hanged.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:40:57 | <p>It appears to me that the good members of the AEMC cannot see the true benefits of diversified energy supply and the costs that each solar member has put into the GDP of Australia as well as the social aspects and community husbandry that this has brought about only to be penalized for doing so and saving the network infrastructure companies</p> <p>Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbors' to use locally over a decentralized rooftop solar infrastructure which actually makes far less use of the poles and wires than the old centralized system of infrastructure, is utter nonsense. Power companies do this themselves by the use of pocket gas turbines located locally to area of high power usages so they do not have to upgrade the network infrastructure to carry the extra load over a greater distance with its inherent losses.</p> <p>A couple of sayings spring to mind, a person installing solar can be looked upon as putting in a stitch in time to save us nine later (especially if we have to create more pollution in turn raising the CO2 levels even higher, whether you believe in climate warming or not) or alternatively we have a conversant saying of "too many cooks spoil the broth", the AEMC is just another layer of bureaucracy on top of the utility companies, supply companies, power companies and the networking infrastructure companies all of which need to be seen to be paying their way.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:40:51 | <p>Yours Sincerely</p> <p>We have put solar panels in to save money and help the environment. Paid for from our hard earned money. Doing the right thing and you want to penalise us for doing the right thing. We pay enough for power now and you want to increase it even more. Give the aussie battler a fair go.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:39:36 | <p>I have only just installed five kw of panels. To make this commitment I needed to consider the terms of use, including tariffs for feed in power. We are already charged fees and charges by electricity providers to feed in. It is completely counter productive to discourage household solar.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:38:55 | <p>We spent a lot of money to have clean renewable power and help to supply our excess into the grid. To help the environment and try to put an end to dirty coal power. The dinosaurs in the current Govt. have not progressed to the 21st century yet!! I hope one day they will have an epiphany and help save our country from the rapers and pillagers of our mineral deposits, destroying our beautiful country solely for greedy companies (tax free?) and shipping it off shore!!</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:37:22 | I installed a 2.3kW solar system on my new house when built in 2008. It cost \$22,000. I also installed low consumption electric appliances and for the next/last 9 years have managed to export more power than I import. With the solar bonus input tariff that applied at that time and still does in Queensland I have received a credit for each billing period. I expect that under these arrangements I will get a positive return from the whole system in some years time from now. However even if I never achieve that it will have been worth the initial cost to use 100% green power and supply some excess into the grid. More costs have been added by my "retailer" with metering charges both on the normal supply and also on the solar feed in supply. Any proposal to charge a feed in cost will add more cost to me and make our initial investment retrospectively worse. Why should this be allowed when suppliers of dirty coal fired electricity do not pay a charge for this? |
| 2017-06-26 18:37:09 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export power to the grid. There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the benefit of solar power, along with the network savings that solar provides. |
| 2017-06-26 18:36:32 | It's extremely unfair |
| 2017-06-26 18:36:10 | Charging households with solar to export their excess power is absurd. They get little enough for what they contribute as it is. |
| 2017-06-26 18:35:51 | The government should be subsidising home batteries to balance out peak energy demands. I am disgusted that solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when it cost me a Pensioner a lot of money to have solar installed to help reduce electricity costs as well as providing a environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Why should I pay for exporting MY power to the grid when dirty power companies don't. As a 80yo pensioner I can ill afford the power cost hat this madness would bring. |
| 2017-06-26 18:35:47 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have recently upgraded my solar system to allow me to be a part of saving the environment and should not be charged for this. |
| 2017-06-26 18:35:38 | The fact that we are being charged a connection fee for exporting power back to the grid is ridiculous. People have busted their guts to stop the power rout by getting solar in the 1st place. If they want a fee go to the providers they are the 1's who are ripping people off. In South Australia the Liberal Government of the day promised cheaper power. Wrong. Someone overseas is ripping us off to the tune of millions of dollars a day. This is going to happen for the next 180-190 years. |
| 2017-06-26 18:35:37 | We paid \$7,000 to install our sola system and only get 6 cents for what we feed back. This is then resold at approx 32 cents. Not a bad profit margin! It is criminal that the thought of taxing this piddly little amount has even been thought of! |
| 2017-06-26 18:34:51 | <p>dear Sir</p> <p>I cannot believe that you are now canvassing the idea Of charging solar panel owners for the 'privilege' of exporting surplus generated power into the grid. Why charge panel owners and not the power generators such as coal and gas powerstations ?</p> <p>Are you aware that people like my wife and I have invested a small fortune to create clean energy and to reduce our own power bills ? And now you want to penalize us. These are things that we were never warned of at the time we made our investment decision and are therefore unfair and un-australian..</p> <p>But mainly, this move, if it becomes reality, will discourage future investment in clean energy investments, which is exactly the opposite to what we as a nation should be trying to achieve.</p> <p>Yours</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:33:28 | <p>My family and I have invested \$10,000 in solar panels on our roof. We did this because we believe it is possible for us to curtail the amount of carbon we emit into our planet. We aim to give this planet to our children and may be your children too if you care enough to protect it for them.</p> <p>We find it completely unfair and duplicitous that solar owners should be charged to feed clean energy into the grid. It is highway robbery!</p> <p>There should be a feed in Tarif that recognises the benefits to the environment not a punishing charge!</p> <p>If the charges go ahead my family and I intend to invest in deep cycle batteries to cut our reliance on the grid.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:32:54 | This sounds extremely unfair to me, if it cost a power company 28 cents to produce a KW of power? I should receive this amount per KW if I export it to the power grid! If I am charged to do this I WILL TURN OF MY SOLAR PANELS. |

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| 2017-06-26 18:32:45 | <p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>After Cyclone Debbie, we have lost all the palm trees to the west of our house, so are now able to install solar panels at our own expense to move away from coal fired power supplies. We cannot believe there is a proposal to CHARGE US for having this clean power going back into the grid! Renewable power supplies should be encouraged, not taxed, and a real effort to move away from coal power begun at long last. Our reef is dying, as they are all over the world, and someone wants to bill US for reducing the CO2 impact on the sea and the climate? Emphatically against this crazy idea.</p> <p>Charging consumers an extra free for providing renewable energy to the grid is wrong and sends the wrong signal to people considering investing in home solar.</p> <p>Millions have been spent improving the grid and consumers have paid for this in increased bills. Roof top solar actually provides a reliable and predictable source of power.</p> <p>It does have variations due to weather and light however we are able to predict the output surprisingly well. In the past we have dealt with excess power in the grid by shedding it and offering free power to heavy industry users to ramp up production. and use the surplus power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:32:44 | <p>With a large interconnected grid across many states the issue is the ability to shift power to need and this has always been an issue that power companies have managed.</p> <p>Charging home solar producers simply targets individuals that have invested renewable energy. This kind of targeting if renewable energy explains why there has not been large scale investment in renewables.</p> <p>With the proper market set to go and investment Australia could easily have a massive industry exporting clean renewable energy to countries in the area.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:32:16 | <p>My wife and I believe the AEMC has lost touch with reality. The proposal to charge citizens with solar electricity capacity they have bought and paid for, a fee for making a contribution to the overall availability of power in this country is simply ridiculous. Do AEMC also propose to charge public utilities a fee for having the privilege of supplying power? Of course they don't .</p> <p>In fact Solar panel ownership needs to be encouraged because it produces power close to where it is used potentially reducing many real costs and transmission losses inherent in long distance reticulation.</p> <p>My wife and I hope AEMC sees the wisdom of abandoning this demotivating proposition.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:32:13 | <p>This has been stated by others but it bears repeating: It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large pollution emitting power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Apart from installing solar panels on the roof to save on electricity costs, I was also mindful that this would reduce the need for newer power stations at large cost.</p> <p>It will get to the point that the investment of solar on my roof will be near worthless except to further invest and go full battery and to heck with mains supply.</p> <p>How is it that the electricity suppliers can charge over 26 cents and yet only pay us 6 cents .</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:31:57 | <p>I did not put on solar panel to make money like the 66cents scheme (but it was great) but I do think we should be paid a fair price may be what IPART suggests should become the norm. Thanks</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:31:10 | <p>Yet again the state and federal governments encourage citizens to invest our own money in renewables and then they either want to retract their commitment or penalise the citizens that do commit to the environment. I spent \$10,000 on my house and my mothers house in solar panels to reduce emissions and reduce costs for the near future. No, I did not have \$10,000 just sitting in the bank, I loaned the money for the solar panels to invest in the future. We are doing the right thing, how about our governments do the same.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:31:02 | <p>We live in Willunga, South Australia and have plenty of sun, like most Australians. Now the power storage facilities are within reach, we recently invested \$40k in 40 extra solar panels (total 15KW) and 2 x Tesla Powerwall II battery storage.</p> <p>The main reason we did this is to show our people around us that we can live without generating any new pollution and lowering the load on the grid.</p> <p>When we all work together and regulate the feeding back into the grid on a fair go basis, which was the reason we migrated to Australia; it is a decent fair go country, we can lower the need for building polluting generators and having to upgrade the infrastructure.</p> <p>We used to get 44 cents back before and now we voluntarily went back to only 4 cents, which is already very unfair and will not encourage others to do the same we have done.</p> <p>We need to change the thinking of our government / you from a centralised regulation of power to a more decentralised way, where every investment is treated the same way. Just embrace a bright future for Australia and the world only using the Sun for our power needs!</p> <p>Thank you for reading this</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:29:47 | How unfair we have to pay to export clean power when dirty coal don't pay. |
| 2017-06-26 18:29:19 | <p>Solar owners should not be charged for feeding power back into the grid, especially in Tasmania, where ramp up and down of generation is easily controlled.</p> <p>I thought I had paid to have the grid to our house connected and maintained - the network charge component in our bills. Does it cost more because the power might flow both ways? I think not. Then why even contemplate an export charge?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:29:06 | It can only be because the big power companies wish to hold their non-renewable ground, or even to turn back the tide. |
| 2017-06-26 18:28:24 | <p>I invested in solar and continue to do so for the sake of my children and grandchildren. We must get away from burning fossil fuels without delay. The science says so and the need is urgent.</p> <p>I have recently purchased solar panels based purely on a financial plan for my future as a 74 year old person with very limited money it seems that your new charges will force me to look at buying batteries and going off the grid.. Not something that I want to do especially as it may mean times with no electricity.</p> <p>Please do not make us retirees suffer because of Barnetts failure to manage the economy. There must be other ways to recoup the money- charging more for power use is one.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:27:55 | <p>I understand AEMC does not understand its legal obligations under ACCC.</p> <p>I understand AEMC is proposing an illegal impost against domestic energy suppliers.</p> <p>I understand AEMC is acting in accordance with corruption seeking to derail the future energy security of Australia.</p> <p>If AEMC does not change leadership, The Australian Government will find itself liable to High Court Action.</p> <p>In The High Court of Australia, this corruption will be exposed, publicly.</p> <p>All energy producer's have rights.</p> <p>Especially the humans</p> <p>We vote.</p> <p>I hope you see my points.</p> <p>Yours very sincerely</p> |

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To AEMC: To whom it may concern

Climate change is not only real, but the consequences of ignoring the scientists for many decades has now made our situation dire. Admittedly, the facts are wasted on our coal-sponsored politicians.

Luckily, the citizenry has heard the message, and more significantly, is keen to act in order to help mitigate the consequences of unchecked carbon emissions. One such action is for households to install their own solar panels. This brings us to the matter of feed in tariffs and the outrageous proposal to charge solar households for putting their clean power back into the grid. This smacks of propaganda straight from both the fossil fuel industry's handbook and their determination to minimize the use of renewable energy. Well, I care for the planet and future generations more than the profits of corporate extortionists (who refuse to acknowledge the adverse consequences of their insatiable greed).

The fossil fuel industry is a dying industry and I don't care about their cash grab while they are in their death throws.

2017-06-26 18:27:09 We not only need, but want to see the uptake of renewable energy. Australia could be a world leader on the development of renewables if our pig ignorant politicians would just get out of the way or better still begin supporting renewables. Renewables are not only good for the environment, but for our health and the economy.

It cannot be presumed that all households which install solar panels are necessarily cashed up individuals or families. I have interviewed pensioners who want to do their bit (even if they can only commit to a modest quantity of panels).

With stagnant wages, acutely inadequate low income support, and power prices now surging to the point where it can no longer be presumed that all households can pay to stay connected this unjustified impost is unconscionable.

It's the fossil fuel industry that needs a cost input on it, not renewables.

In closing, a word of warning, people are getting very angry at the antagonism towards renewables and this proposal will generate an enormous backlash should it even be seriously considered.

Thank you for your time.

2017-06-26 18:26:58 I disagree with charging solar owners to access the grid. Solar and wind have low emissions and rewarding homeowners who understand and invest in it matters. It is unthinkable to compensate solar producers like me for changing the rules after we made our investments. I have spent thousands to put panels on my roof based upon my concern for a warming planet and rules as they apply to solar owners. Now you contemplate changing the rules but the planet still warms and Australia lags India and China in its response. Not happy - concerned about how such narrow and short sighted ideas come up,

and for the standard complaint

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

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| | <p>My wife and I, being responsible citizens, some years ago decided to invest in some Solar Panels to assist in prevention of 'Climate Change'. Whilst we have had a certain reduction in our Electricity Supply charges, we have certainly NOT profited from our investment as we have still needed to purchase electricity from the Western Australian power supplier -SYNERGY.</p> <p>We understand that you are now considering a proposition that we, the clean solar power producers, should be required to PAY for any power that we provide to the Grid! How stupid can you get? What other organisation expects people who donate to it to pay the organisation for the privilege.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:26:57 | <p>This is just 'NOT ON!!!'</p> <p>All that you will achieve is MORE P/V panels on roofs, more Batteries installed and a Grid Network rapidly entering the dying spiral!!!!</p> <p>DO NOT TRY TO MAKE PEOPLE PAY FOR POWER THAT THEY PROVIDE TO THE GRID WHEN THE PAYMENT THAT THEY RECEIVE IS, AT THE PRESENT TIME, ONLY A PAYMENT OF 'PEANUTS'</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:26:52 | <p>By having our own solar energy we not only reduce the pressure on supply but by feeding back into the grid we provide extra power for consumption at no cost to the energy commission.</p> <p>Why should we have to pay for the surplus we produce. If this happens we will purchase batteries and store our power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:26:11 | <p>It is absurdly unfair to charge rather than pay for electricity generated from renewable sources by the community.</p> <p>People are becoming desperate to generate their own power because big companies and our atrocious federal government are so slow to change effectively and quickly to renewables.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:26:07 | <p>Why are you considering to penalising people who can get ahead. This is another greedy grab by the big power companies. Yep if this takes place people will go off the grid completely adding batteries to their system so there's no benefit to the community. As a solar power producer I am putting CLEAN power back into the grid I should be getting a fairer price</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:25:40 | <p>Very unfair...I have already out laid extra money to put solar panels on in order to help take the 'load' off the power companies and help clean the air on this beautiful planet....I'm still paying for my power use, but it is getting tougher each year because of the increasing costs!</p> <p>In order to keep the price of power down it makes absolutely no sense to charge solar power owners for exporting excess power to the grid! What is the rationale for even considering this lunacy?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:25:21 | <p>Our daughter in law, supporting children on her own, is able to feed them and provide clothes and hot water with her credit from the solar panels. Her power export helps other power customers locally obviously, and reduces pressure on the grid. This was badly needed during a recent local power crisis when Tasmania had to import diesel generators!</p> <p>We would be grateful if the AEMC would support everyone's right to have clean energy and not to punish those of us who have installed solar panels. We are ourselves free of the grid entirely: the young family above has to live in town and has no choice but to use her solar inputs: she could not afford to feed the children without the panels.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:23:43 | <p>The huge number of solar system owners in Australia generate energy during peak periods, and feed to the grid where energy is used. This minimises transmission losses. Solar owners should be encouraged, not penalised by additional fixed charges. Do not allow extra charges on grid connected solar systems.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:23:37 | <p>No to any charges to our solar keep our price @ 28 cents per kWh</p> <p>Should we as a solar provider be targeted with tariffs for feeding into the power grid, we will seriously consider leaving the grid and be self sustaining.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:23:22 | <p>We elected to go solar to reduce the greenhouse emissions and support the Australian emissions targets and contribute to a cleaner society.</p> <p>The unseen advantages of solar, particularly for us living in a very hot state, are that solar also reduces our power use as that area of the roof covered by solar panels, acts as a shield and does not transfer the heat into the home. For the supplier, that is good as we do not make excessive power draws at that time of the day when most other users are trying to keep their homes cooled.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent yet contribute excessively to environmental pollution.</p> <p>There should be a fair and equitable feed-in tariff nationally, that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:23:15 | <p data-bbox="360 177 2078 225">Are you people Joking?... I pay to feed into the grid? What are you trying to do persuade me to go off the grid entirely or forget about solar power altogether i.e. disincentivise?</p> <p data-bbox="360 233 2078 280">Whoever come up with this idea must think solar power customers are happy to pay because they are currently being treated so well by the Government and the entire energy industry. You really are a bunch of no-hopers only after profits at the expense of people trying to make a decent life for themselves.</p> <p data-bbox="360 288 898 312">So much foe Australia being the land of the FAIR GO!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:22:52 | <p data-bbox="360 320 801 344">Stop rippin us off for providing clean energy</p> <p data-bbox="360 352 2078 400">Living in a country that is hot for around half of the year, as we do, then all citizens should be encouraged to install solar systems to reduce dependance on burning dirty coal. There is much evidence about the burning of coal and diseases such as lung cancer.</p> <p data-bbox="360 424 1301 456">http://www.smh.com.au/national/sa-steel-town-show-high-lung-cancer-rate-20071205-1f8n.html</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:21:33 | <p data-bbox="360 488 2078 536">I believe that it is most unreasonable that solar energy providers should be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid whilst large dirty power companies are not, similarly, charged.</p> <p data-bbox="360 568 1581 592">Clearly, what is required is a just feed-in tariff that acknowledges both the environmental and health benefits of solar usage.</p> <p data-bbox="360 624 1995 671">Additionally, it is patently wrong that energy companies can charge customers around 50 cents per Kw/hour, yet residential solar energy provides are paid 5 cents per Kw/Hour.</p> <p data-bbox="360 703 2078 751">If its appropriate for energy companies to charge such a tariff, then, accordingly, it should be appropriate for home energy providers, to paid in a similar manner for the energy that they provide to the network</p> <p data-bbox="360 759 517 783">My submission:</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:20:44 | <p data-bbox="383 815 1805 839">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p data-bbox="383 871 1951 895">There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="383 927 1951 951">I have installed a larger solar system with a battery configured as "Self Use First". I have electric hot water which only heats when there is excess solar energy.</p> <p data-bbox="360 983 2078 1031">The impact that charging for my solar exports to the grid would be another cash grab by retailers / distributors on my already stretched household budget. I am on an Old Age Pension.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1038 483 1062">Dear AEMC</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:19:21 | <p data-bbox="360 1094 1592 1118">I am appalled that the AEMC are considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1126 2051 1150">I believe that there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1158 1637 1182">The current feed in tariffs should be increased and Not potentially reduced by a charge for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1190 1771 1214">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1222 2029 1262">We installed roof top solar to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels that are causing climate change. We are very concerned at the costs to our family of climate change and rising energy costs. Any changes that increase our energy bills will increase financial stress on our family.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1270 1615 1294">We demand that the AEMC abandon any plans to allow solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:18:38 | <p>I am greatly disappointed with this initiative to charge solar owners for supplying electricity to the greater grid. This is an unfair attack at people who are creating electricity at no cost to the suppliers, who then charge a premium on it when they supply it to another user. Not only should there be a fair and mandatory feed-in tariff for all people who install solar and engage with feeding their excess into the existing grid. There should be a new look into initiatives and incentives to have more people in Australia buy into this market and thus help reduce the need for fossil fuel based electricity production.</p> <p>A stable and productive shift to renewable energy sources is in the best interests of our health, our economic future and also the general sustainability of our development into the future.</p> <p>Please be honest about who this will serve and place yourself beholden to the people of Australia and their interests not only now, but for the next 20 years.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>It is astonishing to think that you are considering charging households for exporting solar electricity to the grid. This solar power is to the benefit of all, including the big energy providers, by providing clean energy close to where it can be used by other consumers.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:18:16 | <p>Rather than providing disincentives for people who export renewable energy to the grid, you need to work with these people to make our energy system more flexible and reliable. You can do this by encouraging them to install smart inverters and batteries. This way the grid feed-in is controlled, more stable and more reliable. Let's face it; renewable energy is the way of the future and you need to be a part of this solution.</p> |
| | <p>By contributing to our energy production I feel that I am doing something that helps our society in multiple ways including reducing carbon emissions. I feel a responsibility to help future generations inherit a clean and healthy world. I am interested to hear how you are contributing to this responsibility, because it is your responsibility too.</p> <p>Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you as you explore the possibilities of household and community power; I'd be delighted to help.</p> |
| | <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>It's no wonder that the National electricity Market is in a mess when you want to charge domestic householders to feed their electricity in to the grid. We are supposed to be helping to minimise the effects of Global Warming, not line the pockets of the grid owners. If you are proposing to charge Solar Panel owners such as myself, to feed my excess capacity into the grid, I take it that you are intending to do the same to the large energy supply companies as well. After all fair is fair. When my electricity charges go up as a result, can I pass the charge on to you?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:17:31 | <p>If the people such as you and the power suppliers & retailers did your job properly, you would have evolved a plan to phase out fossil fuel generation once Global Warming was recognised, closing down the coal fired powered stations sequentially over time as they became uneconomic to operate due to age, and progressively replaced them with renewable energy sources. Instead, you blundered on, in the belief that coal was for ever, and now you are having to resort to hair brained proposals such as this to try and resolve the mess that you have got the Nation's energy supplies into.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:17:05 | <p>It's bad enough that your mismanagement has resulted in unconscionable power prices, now you want to charge us for supplying our CLEAN energy to the grid. You may not have noticed that smart people are building huge factories world wide making BATTERIES to enable excessive power to be stored. Like Solar Panels, the cost of batteries is coming down with time, so instead of being charged to export my excess power to the grid, which will also reduce the effect of my feed in tariff, I will buy myself a battery storage pack, (Tesla sell them you know), and ditch my grid connection and become energy self sufficient.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:16:31 | <p>What a stupid idea, to charge solar electricity producers to export a safe, clean renewable supply, when dirty coal produced power is let in for free! Derrrr!</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Regional areas benefit enormously from rooftop solar including employment , lower energy costs for business and reduced network costs.</p> <p>Charging you for our solar exports to the grid will just encourage us to disconnect from the grid then everyone loses...grid defection is a real alternative if solar charges to export are introduced.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:16:07 | <p>Dear sir/madam,</p> <p>it is grossly unfair to propose charging Roof-Top Solar owners for exporting energy into the grid. I bought my solar panels when fears of power shortages threatened significant public funds be diverted to building new power stations. It is erroneous that in a few short years solar owners have been demonised for their investment. If we were a business we would be well within our rights to demand compensation for loss of earnings given the increasing impediments imposed on solar owners. Should these attacks on solar owners continue to the extent of pushing us toward energy self sufficiency significant public funds may once again face diversion toward major energy infrastructure.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:15:36 | <p>Allow solar producers to get a fair suck of the solar sav from energy companies, that are ripping us off anyway.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:15:31 | <p>It is blindingly obvious that support for households with solar panels is much better than support for power stations that emit large quantities of carbon dioxide. Please just focus on what is important for citizens facing increasing power costs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:15:20 | <p>Charging a fee to export clean power on to the grid is a really, really bad idea. Basically what WILL happen is a soon as batteries fall further in price, those that can afford to do so will disconnect from the grid altogether and that's really bad for everyone when you think it through.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:14:51 | <p>Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:14:30 | <p>I have to pinch myself to even imagine the AEMC would have the gaul,audacity,hutzpah to even dream at such an outrageous proposal as charging citizens to supply solar electricity back into the grid. Next thing you'll be charging us for sunlight, sorry, perhaps you have already made such a proposal. Presumably you also have a proposal to charge large energy providers with such a charge also? I don't think so, much better to charge those that won't bleat so loudly and cause an embarrassing fuss. I supply clean renewable energy, I'm interested to know how you would morally justify charging me a levy when big dirty power pays nothing. We solar panel rooftop peoples supply infrastructure that means that there is less need for expensive energy generation from dirty coal and gas. We are doing a community service and to consider penalising us is an outrage. Most of us get precious little in the way of rebate so to penalise us further would be the last straw for me. Should this proposal get legs then I will endeavour to go off the grid completely and sever my ties with the dysfunctional power generation system in this country. To think that the AEMC has presided over this disaster yet want to make it worse. Truly shameful.</p> <p>No no no. The public will NOT accept solar panel owners who have done the right thing by the environment being unfairly targeted - again. People have put themselves into debt in order to make this investment into the future. For many that investment will not have paid for itself yet - let alone make a return</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:14:25 | <p>Yet our government is willing to hand out billions of dollars to dirty and corrupt fossil fuel industries. These companies are destroying our earth and the many livelihoods that depend on a healthy environment. They undeservedly get paid big money for their dirty product yet individual solar power owners get paid a pittance for the clean energy they produce. The rebate to solar panel owners should be INCREASED. They must not be penalised for what they feed in. They reduce demand from the grid as well as on the infrastructure. They actually deserve a greater reward.</p> |
| | <p>Fossil fuel companies are killing our planet as well as our health. They destroy ecosystems yet get rewarded instead of penalised. The jobs they destroy include agriculture tourism and fisheries. Individual solar system owners do the exact opposite - they provide renewable energy industry jobs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:13:04 | <p>Any question (again) of financially disadvantaging solar panel system owners will not be accepted. The government needs to immediately stop their corrupt subsidies to fossil fuel companies and increase the remuneration to individual solar panels system owners who are not paid appropriately</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. - Australia should be encouraging people to invest in solar power, not penalising them for using it. - There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. - Solar and wind energy are the future and should be supported over coal and gas. |

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| | <p data-bbox="365 177 1906 196">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when power companies generating from coal don't have to pay a cent</p> <p data-bbox="365 233 1868 252">The feed-in tariff should be equitable, recognising the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that it provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:10:42 | <p data-bbox="365 288 1574 308">I installed solar panels to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases and climate change for my children and grandchildren.</p> <p data-bbox="365 347 1877 367">The impact of charging our solar exports to the grid would have a devastating effect on our household as I am a pensioner and my partner is about to retire.</p> <p data-bbox="365 406 1420 426">If I have to pay for power exported to the grid, I will install solar batteries and make sure nothing is exported.</p> <p data-bbox="365 430 465 450">To AEMC,</p> <p data-bbox="365 454 2033 504">I am sending this submission in response to the proposed charge to roof top solar generators for feeding power into the grid. I think it is an outrageous plan to benefit the large power companies at the cost of the little man.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:10:34 | <p data-bbox="365 512 2022 561">The feed in tariff now paid is well below a fair price for power and to then charge for feeding into the grid defeats the whole purpose of any feed in and hence discourages households from solar generation and encourages off grid installations.</p> <p data-bbox="365 566 1671 585">Solar installations are good for the environment and should be encouraged not penalised so please abandon this ridiculous proposal</p> <p data-bbox="365 590 640 609">Concerned solar supporter.</p> <p data-bbox="365 614 2083 671">As a society, we need to encourage consumers to reduce the greenhouse emissions and installing solar power systems is a good method. Any attempt to impose a charge for the infrastructure will only serve to discourage these installations.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:09:24 | <p data-bbox="365 679 2033 699">We have seen the rebates diminish, which is only fair as they initially enabled many systems to be installed by reducing the initial cost and providing a feedback incentive.</p> <p data-bbox="365 703 2078 753">Charging solar system owners for the use of infrastructure will simply cause many to install battery back-up and go off-grid prematurely which will only exacerbate the revenue problem of the infrastructure companies.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:09:22 | <p data-bbox="365 775 2078 825">As major power companies do not pay to export to the grid, to put such an impost on domestic solar is an absurdity. To do so when domestic solar is contributing to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and starting to limit climate change makes such an impost an idiotic, criminal absurdity.</p> <p data-bbox="365 813 465 833">To AEMC</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:08:41 | <p data-bbox="365 857 2063 936">We don't have solar energy, I wholeheartedly disagree with intention of charging solar owners for putting energy into the grid. I'm committed to reducing my personal footprint and believe that as a nation we need to be encouraging anyone who is committed to reducing greenhouse gases by whatever means. In this case solar panels. It is outrageous that the AEMC would even consider such a concept is charging for energy inputs into the grid. It is very shortsighted indeed.</p> <p data-bbox="365 925 1906 944">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when power companies generating from coal don't have to pay a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:07:54 | <p data-bbox="365 1015 1868 1034">The feed-in tariff should be equitable, recognising the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that it provides to the grid</p> <p data-bbox="365 1038 1574 1058">I installed solar panels to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases and climate change for my children and grandchildren.</p> <p data-bbox="365 1098 1966 1117">The impact of charging our solar exports to the grid would have a devastating effect on our household as I am about to retire and my partner is already on a pension.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:07:12 | <p>Here we go again! How many times do we have to respond to unfair practices by big corporations who are not acting as good citizens? Dwellings that have expended capital to improve their electricity requirements and minimise consumption costs and to also assist with the required generation need by consumers on the grid do not need to be charged a service fee for the privilege. Consumers already pay a heavy cost towards the distribution in the form of the Service Charge applied for each day of connection. Even if no electricity is consumed, the Service Charge is being charged. Having documented my electricity expenditure since 1995, this Service Charge started at \$0.37 per day for 5 years, then in 2000 it jumped 10% with the introduction of GST, 2004 to 2006 \$0.40 per day, then the rising service charged started. The next two years at \$0.50, then 2010 at \$0.59, 2011-2012 at \$0.71, 2013 at \$0.73, 2014 \$1.15, and since and average of \$1.30 per day. So there has been a 313% increase in the Service Charge over the 22 years to today, but since 2005, now 12 years duration, the Service Charge has increased 150%. As the Supply Service Charge has increased at a greater rate than the CPI, there is no justification for an additional increase in fees just because I have installed a solar generation capacity. I am both contributing to the network load requirements, and not imposing additional growth needs onto the electricity supply grid, and my excess generation supplements this grid growth requirement. Originally we were going to be taxed for the income earned, but no consideration was given to the capital outlay of the infrastructure to provide my green generation, whether I consumed it, thus saving my consumption, or feed the excess into the grid to supplement the grid load requirements. Any additional fees on feed-in generators is already being met by distributors charging higher for dwellings feeding into the grid. My power consumption rates were higher when compared to dwellings with no solar capability. These sorts of charges are discriminating on those people wishing to have a green commitment to our overall strategy to be responsible participants in the community. These sort of additional charges also make you wonder about the individuals who want to impose these outlandish charges and fees, and makes you question their personal commitment and contribution to a health of the community that we all live in.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:06:47 | <p>To the AEMC, Regarding your intention to charge Solar owners to export clean energy to the grid, I regard this as a deliberate attempt to kowtow to the big dirty power companies at the expense of the general populace. Those Power companies in my understanding are not similarly targeted. Solar owners have recognised the need for environmentally friendly generated power, which not only affects the planet but all life therein. Therefore An acceptable feed in tariff is not asking too much. The Power companies have raised their service costs so much that a family with a disabled mother, a working father and three young children struggle to get along and keep themselves warm for winter. (I write of a family of my acquaintance.) There are worse situations, for example pensioners who won't heat even a room, because they can't afford it. In my case, as I am a pensioner, this would impact severely on my financial situation as well as my health. Please consider what an injustice is about to be committed against those who are vulnerable.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:06:16 | <p>Sincerely Yours I would like to protest the proposed plan to charge solar owners for feeding power back into the grid , The very thought is counter intuitive , solar owners should be rewarded for supplying excess power back into the grid , they are after all , doing their bit to stave off climate change . What possible logic , short of propping up the fossil fuel industry , can this ridiculous idea lay claim to . A more appropriate move would be to incentivise solar by offering payment to solar owners for power fed back into the grid . This would help encourage more people to go solar , release stress on the grid and most importantly be good for the planet .</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:06:16 | <p>This type of thinking belongs back in the stone age , it is time we move forward to a clean healthy power system and move away from coal . Here in SE QLD we were encouraged to install solar so that the govt did not have to build a new power station. Many of us shelled out for solar to save money and help save the planet against climate change. Now we buy centralised electricity at 5 TIMES the price we are given for our clean solar contribution. I'd rather not give the electricity companies any of my clean solar. Here in SE QLD we were encouraged to install solar so that the govt did not have to build a new power station. Many of us shelled out for solar to save money and help save the planet against climate change. Now we buy centralised electricity at 5 TIMES the price we are given for our clean solar contribution. I'd rather not give the electricity companies any of my clean solar.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:06:06 | <p>Dear Sir I can't understand why in what is supposed to be a smart country we would want to charge people for feeding excess power back into the grid. The input from these systems helps to relieve the load on the base system. Or maybe it is just another rip of to generate unearned income for Government and power companies.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 18:05:31 | <p>It is not fair for solar owners to be charged to feed power back to the grid. Power companies do not pay to feed power to the grid. We already pay network and connections fees. The power companies give us 6-8c/kw for our solar power and they sell it to our neighbours for 20-25c. We should not be billed to export it. We hardly receive any fair payment in comparison to what it's sold on for and in comparison to what we pay to take power from the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 18:05:19 | The reason we have solar panels is to STOP paying exhorbitant fees and to reduce the environmental impact. I object to being penalised because ernergy companies have been reluctant to do anything positive and now want to cash in on the foresight of others. They've had years to get with the program. |
| 2017-06-26 18:05:06 | it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid. there should be a fair feed in tariff to the grid that recognises the network benefits to the grid. i should be able to have low household energy costs also. if i get charged a fee i will be voting for the greens till the day i die.i was a liberal voter but not any more. |
| 2017-06-26 18:04:36 | I would like to point out that the impact by charging for my solar exports to the grid would have on my household, as a retiree with only a small fixed income I can ill afford an increase to my power bill. The more I export to the grid the bigger my bill. Yet the power retailers charge others for my generated power as well as the charge I would be paying. This proposed charge is unfair and a deterrent to eco friendly power generation. |
| 2017-06-26 18:04:19 | I think it is totally unfair to charge us for putting back clean renewable energy to the grid. We put on solar for two reasons, to offset our bills and because of the environmental benefits. Do you want people to do the the right thing or not. I think a charge for clean electricity is unacceptable. |
| 2017-06-26 18:02:07 | I am appalled to learn of AEMC's proposal that solar owners like me should be charged to export clean energy onto the national grid. Where the hell did this hair brained scheme come from? What is the justification for such an idea? It is bad enough that solar owners are not compensated fairly for the energy they produce now, but to penalize them for doing so is outrageous. The multinational companies running the filthy coal fired generators don't pay penalties to put the dirty energy on the grid, so why should solar owner be forced to pay to do so? Particularly when rooftop solar generators are offsetting requirement for the dirty energy on the grid. Not only that but the distributed energy onto the grid is offsetting the need for an increase in the capacity on the network transmission assets. I decided to put solar power generation on my roof to offset some of the extraordinary price increases in the energy I am using. I am presently evaluating the feasibility of adding batteries to augment the savings I am making. If this proposal actually becomes a reality, I will seriously consider going off grid completely. Dear AEMC Manager I am an aged pensioner who spent a lot of money on installing solar panels in order to save on my power consumption. This is also helping to reduce global warming as sunlight solar power generation does not generate greenhouse gases - unlike coal-fired power generators. I actually generate more power than I use, and only get back in rebates from the grid about one third of what I am charged per kilowatt. |
| 2017-06-26 18:01:52 | It is grossly unfair if I am now going to be charged extra to feed my excess back into the grid! Policies like that are surely designed to drive solar panel users off the grid totally. This is becoming more and more feasible with the advent of cheaper battery backup systems. I had to make huge financial sacrifices in order to pay for my solar installation and am now dismayed that you are trying to create an environment where the \$13,000 spent on my panela is entirely wasted ! Please do the right thing and do not further disadvantage people who are doing the right thing by generating clean solar power! You should be increasing my rebate, not negating it. I am really battling to survive on my pension. Please do not make it harder for me to survive financially. |
| 2017-06-26 18:01:24 | Yours faithfully totally unfair to charge home owners for exporting power to the grid! while power companies get away scot free Watch out for the voter back lash! |
| 2017-06-26 18:00:42 | If I am to be charged for the power I export to the grid, I expect the big dirty power stations to be charged as well. I will go off the grid entirely should I be charged. I object strongly to the proposal to charge for feeding solar power back to the grid for two reasons: |
| 2017-06-26 18:00:41 | 1. the feed in tariff is extremely low (6 cents/kwh) compared to the charge for electricity used. With this large differential I presume retailers are already making a good profit from the electricity they take from my solar panels and I see nor reason why I should be charged for providing cheap electricity 2. We should be encouraging homeowners to contribute to emission reduction by installing solar panels |

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| 2017-06-26 17:59:40 | <p>I want to let my objection to such a draconian proposal be known to the AEMC in the strongest possible way..</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Citizens like myself have not gone to great expense to instal solar systems in order to make some kind of income. They have done so for environmental reasons first plus a way of lowering their power costs second. But in order to achieve this they have had to pay up-front many thousands of dollars in capital costs. This cost takes 5+ years to be recouped. We do not have any tax advantages arising from the installation, unlike the current commercial power producers. 2: Commercial producers should have to pay the same levy as is being proposed for the domestic producers, otherwise there is no fairness in the system. 3: If this were to happen and you are at work all day, when the surplus is produced, you would receive the maximum levy and greatly lower the financial benefits of a solar installation. 4: Climate change is real so why doesn't the government start treating it as real instead of a political football to get votes. We instal solar for environmental reasons in order to help ensure a viable future for our children and grandchildren. 5: If as a retiree I were to be charged a levy for exports of power, then I would change the focus of power usage to daylight hours and this would throw larger loadings onto the grid during the day when production is already high for industry etc. Solar people help the production of electricity, by firstly lowering demand when requirements are high and raising demand at night when demand is low thus smoothing out the production process, a factor that is very important to commercial generation by coal-fired generators. 6: Citizens installing solar are collectively reducing the need for more CO2 producing power stations, helping lower green house gas emissions, reducing pollution, ensuring a future for the planet. <p>So let's get real and call this for what it is, a money grab by the current producers. They knew about the impact of solar when they bid for the generators under mis-guided government. They have to live with their decisions. Domestic exporters should be rewarded for spending their money to help the planet and country, not taxed more.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:59:28 | <p>To AEMC: Please cease for good and all the idea that owners of solar powered homes should be paying one cent more than they have already outlaid on their installation. I can see why the dinosaurs in the electricity industry want to continue to gouge as much as possible from everyone who uses their overinflated network, but this is a result of their poor forward planning. As a self-builder since 1984, I have been a champion of domestic solar power, and have seen the cost become less and less. By comparison, I have watched closely and have seen my electricity bills rise and rise since 2007 (I keep all my bills). So far I have not been able to instal solar power on my home as my pension does not quite match my ambition. I may be in a minority, but I have always maintained that I would be happy to contribute any excess power generated without expecting any recompense at all. Thank you for the opportunity to submit.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:59:25 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:58:35 | <p>I have solar roof top as I believe it is not only necessary to produce clear solar but criminal in Australia with its abundant sunshine to not use solar.</p> <p>For the AEMC to say the think charging providers for feeding this valuable resource back into the grid sounds like COALRUPTION! To whom it may concern at the AEMC,</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:58:16 | <p>I am totally opposed to the proposal for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when major power companies don't have to pay a cent. Also there should be a fairer feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. At present we receive less than 7 cents per kilowatt and our neighbour then pays Aurora 26 cents to use the power we have generated. I am closely watching the developments of battery storage technology and options to negotiate private treaties with my neighbours to supply them direct at a discounted price.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:57:57 | <p>We installed our 5kw system in January 2016 and have been extremely happy with its performance in spite of the current low feed in tariff, and am now managing our power use to minimise what we draw from the grid. We are currently using about 45% of what we generate and export 55% to the grid so it will only be a matter of time before we consider going off grid. If this proposed feed in charge is implemented, it will only encourage us to move more quickly to go off grid to save the overhead transmission costs and any new feed in charge. The future is renewable distributed power systems and your organisation should be helping to plan and facilitate an orderly transition over coming decades instead of discouraging investment in renewable energy systems.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I put on solar to save new coal power stations to be built, save on my energy cost and do my bit for the environment.</p> <p>If I am to be charged for exporting to the grid, I will get batteries and go off grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:57:48 | <p>after investing in solar panels, the idea of charging me to export to the grid is incomprehensible. what i do expect is a fair price for selling power i generate back to the grid, not the pathetic 6 cents currently being paid. i think i am being robbed. (shafted)</p> <p>AEMC's objective is to promote efficient, reliable and secure energy markets which serve the long-term interests of consumers. Its strategic priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Strengthening consumer participation and continuing to promote competitive retail markets. Our consumer priority recognises the changing role of consumers in energy markets. Empowered consumers can benefit from, and contribute to, the effective functioning of the electricity and gas sectors. •Promoting the development of efficient gas markets. Our gas priority considers whether the gas market and regulatory frameworks will continue to promote the efficient allocation of gas and investment in gas infrastructure, in light of the developing LNG export industry. •Market arrangements that encourage efficient investment and flexibility. Our market priority emphasises the importance of market and regulatory arrangements that are predictable, transparent and responsive to changing market and external circumstances. |
| 2017-06-26 17:57:45 | <p>As a consumer who feeds in to the grid through a personal investment in a 5KW solar array, the proposition to impose – on consumers like myself – a charge to feed into the grid will not meet AEMC's objective of serving the long-term interests of consumers; nor its strategic priorities of strengthening consumer participation; or of encouraging investment by citizen consumers in generating solar power; and in no way can be seen as a valid response to market and external circumstances, particularly when the primary generators of power into the grid are not charged.</p> <p>It is utterly ludicrous that an Australian federal government instrumentality would even contemplate introducing a policy which would penalise the citizens of this country for investing in clean energy when rational governments around the world are doing the very opposite. This cannot be seen as providing fair and impartial advice to government – the fundamental role of a public servant – and through it to the people. It smacks of abject policy cowardice by those who should be providing fearless advice, not flying in the face of overwhelming scientific opinion that the world needs to move to clean energy solutions.</p> <p>This is a wake-up call for AEMC to serve the interests of the public, as public servants, by providing policy advice that is consistent with its objectives and its strategic priorities.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:57:39 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop sol</p> <p>The impact that charging me for my solar exports to the grid would have on my household</p> <p>I have invested in solar power and solar water heating and typically politicians want to muscle in and change the system for THEIR benefit</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:57:38 | <p>Hello, proposing to penalise distributed energy generated by solar is a punitive measure. It is not done for grid stability it is done to protect the polluting entrenched incumbents. I am Electrician and work for a large utility which is downsizing. But I am thinking of starting my own business as a solar and battery installer. This proposal would ruin my prospects. Solar is a clean abundant source of energy and should be encouraged. Climate change is real. We need to take action. Thanks for reading.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:56:00 | <p>Dear Commissioner</p> <p>I object to any initiative that allows the greedy energy providers to charge homeowners who are trying to offset the outrageous and unaffordable costs that these companies are already burdening Australian households with. We DO NOT have solar but are hoping to install in the coming year. We have an off peak arrangement and this has become increasingly unreliable and untenable due to supply issues. Surely these companies should appreciate the additional supply that households provide. I know that the companies pay them very little for this additional resource anyway. This system seems entirely directed at the interests of big business.</p> <p>We need a system that encourages and supports self generation of CLEAN RENEWABLE energy wherever possible. Please ensure that a system that is fair and that encourages this form of independent and clean generation is established. The interests of citizens needs to be heard rather than just big business.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:55:35 | <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Here in SE QLD we had a govt subsidy to put solar on our roof so that they did not need to build a new power station. Many of us shelled out for solar to save money and save the planet from climate change. The power companies ARE BENIFITTING from my contribution to the grid but are charging me 5 times what they pay for my clean energy when I use their centralised power.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:55:05 | I have a 5kw solar installation and totally reject your proposal to make solar owners to pay additional fees - especially when fossil fuel powered generation does not have these fees. |
| | Regards, |
| | Also I am an electrician and understand that there is basically no "volt drop" losses as the solar power is used locally near where generated / whereas fossil powered generation has huge losses incurred to push the power |
| | It is absolutely unacceptable that solar panel owners who have done the right thing by the environment are again being unfairly targeted. Many have put themselves into debt in order to make the purchase. The investment into the future for many has not yet paid for themselves - let alone make a return |
| 2017-06-26 17:54:47 | Our government hands out billions of dollars to dirty and corrupt fossil fuel industries yet pay individual solar power owners a pittance. This rebate to solar panel owners should be INCREASED. They must not be penalised. They reduce demand from the grid as well as on the infrastructure. |
| | Fossil fuel companies are killing our environment as well as our health. They destroy ecosystems yet get rewarded for it instead of penalised. They destroy livelihoods by destroying life (eg agriculture tourism and fisheries) while individual solar system owners do the exact opposite - provide renewable energy industry jobs. |
| | Any questions of financially disadvantaging solar panel system owners will not be accepted. |
| 2017-06-26 17:54:17 | I feed power to the grid from my roof top solar and Small Hydro system and I believe i am doing my bit toward a distributive power network that generates the power where it is used (in my local area). I find it preposterous that I would be charged a line or poles and wires FEE for my effort and investment- its very unAustralian. A fee like is suggested would place great hardship on our budget and our family would suffer as a result. |
| 2017-06-26 17:53:47 | Fees to access the grid should be based on usage whether the user is large or small. If the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) wishes to consider putting fees on solar owners to export power then similar fees should apply to all other generators of power whether by coal, hydro, wind or solar. Solar owners already pay onerous fees to access the grid. In my case this fee is already larger than the cost of power I draw off the grid. A proper access fee should be based on the actual use of the grid, not a one-size fits all fee. |
| | It seems to me the AMEC is not looking to the future but is trying to recreate some the past where there were only large power companies and the retailers. Sorry that time has past and the future will contain distributed generation by users. Adding more fees to those who have already adopted solar power will only encourage more users to go off-grid and use batteries and independent generators. Is that what AMEC wants that more customers leave the grid? |
| 2017-06-26 17:52:59 | I paid \$20000 to install my solar and if the keep charging and the up the charges simply for me to supply them green power which my supplier must have for sale, ill go off grid. Im retiring and ill have money but if enough of us do this more power is urgently required for day to day use. Ill vote for whoever to make it illegal to charge to sell power. |
| | Copy of this will go on facebook and various political parties. |
| | The concept of me paying someone to accept the electricity I produce is something I would applaud IF the power companies in turn pay me for their electricity that I consume. A concept that beggars belief. |
| 2017-06-26 17:51:51 | If this idea were to gain any traction it would fairly quickly lead to people such as myself installing more batteries and going completely off-grid, defeating the purpose the power companies may envisage. |
| | Solar generation is a fact of life and will be increasingly so. Every effort should be made to include, not exclude, our systems in the power generation system. This also means arriving at a fair feed in tariff. |
| 2017-06-26 17:51:35 | After making financial sacrifices so that we could install solar roof panels; after constantly being ripped off by electricity providers paying us a fraction of what they sell the clean energy we have fed back into the grid, it's another kick in the guts to learn that the AEMC is planning to charge us for exporting our excess electricity to the grid. Instead, we should be paid a feed in rate in line with the cost of buying that same electricity from the provider. RE-THINK THIS DISGRACEFUL PLAN. |
| | I absolutely disagree with being charged to export my electricity. |
| 2017-06-26 17:51:04 | This suggestion is disgraceful. |
| | You should be paying a fair price to us for this extra power you ate getting from us. |
| | A disgusted pensioner |

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| | <p data-bbox="360 177 613 199">To whom it may concern,</p> <p data-bbox="360 233 2051 284">I can't believe that you are seriously considering charging solar owners to export clean, renewable solar power to the grid. Are you also proposing to charge large fossil fuel powered power stations for the privilege of exporting power to the grid?</p> <p data-bbox="360 317 2074 399">All owners who export solar power to the grid are performing a massive service in helping us reduce our green house gas emissions at an incredibly low cost to the power retailers. We already pay a high daily access charge for the right to connect to the grid. How on earth do you consider it fair and reasonable to try to charge an additional cost to export the cleanest possible power available to the grid? Are you deliberately trying to sabotage our country's shift to a low carbon economy?</p> <p data-bbox="360 432 2069 483">Global warming is the greatest challenge that human kind has faced. Trying to put roadblocks in the way of tackling the problem appears to me to be the greatest example of cutting off your nose to spite your face that the world has ever seen.</p> <p data-bbox="360 517 2063 564">Using the power generated by solar panels on household roofs, is one of the best ways to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and move us to a cleaner future. Please rethink this short sighted thought bubble and get behind moving our economy to the low carbon base that it needs to have.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:50:12 | <p data-bbox="360 598 450 620">Regards</p> <p data-bbox="360 625 1921 756">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household Dear AEMC Commissioners,</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:50:09 | <p data-bbox="360 790 2069 1010">I have paid for solar energy as part of being a responsible citizen, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to generally reduce our household carbon/GHG footprint. It is a solid investment that we have made with our after tax dollars, and aims also to encourage more frugal energy use, thus reducing the burden on the corporate providers. Our household deeply resents the proposed impost of actually charging us to feed energy back into the grid at about 6 cents per Kw, which then gets sold on a at much inflated rate by the service 'provider'. This is a disincentive to install or run solar. We take the risk and cover the maintenance costs and now the proposal to charge us for what we produce adds another financial burden. The proposal is actually an unconscionable and outrageous idea, and discriminates against people who want to do the right thing for our society and planet. To charge ius for something that benefits the energy network is deeply lacking in good sense, economic, social and environmental - it fails the triple bottom line test. I have serious concerns about the integrity of a commission hat would consider let alone implement such a plan. Get the grid working properly and don't penalise the least problematic group. Sort out the "big power companies"</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:49:52 | <p data-bbox="360 1015 2096 1149">Why should I pay for electricity I put back into the grid when the energy companies are making a profit from on-selling this electricity. I get less than half for solar energy compared to the retail charge from the suppliers. I invested in solar 6 years ago when I could afford it to help offset ever rising electricity costs for the years ahead. Now you want to charge me for solar power generated through my efforts and my cost. I'm helping the environment with clean power. Given the low feed -in tariff I'm receiving any other charges would force me to turn my solar system off. The AEMC should concentrate on the increasing cost that the electricity companies are charging instead of taking the easy way out and charge the ever suffering consumer.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:49:33 | <p data-bbox="360 1153 2096 1235">Having had solar for a number of years now we are not leaving a large footprint on the environment, charging solar users for feeding any left over to the grid is ludicrous and immoral, when most energy and a lot of retail companies pay zero tax you should be grateful that by solar feeding into the grid the infrastructure can better keep pace with population growth</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:49:30 | <p data-bbox="360 1240 2096 1284">Individual clean power producers should be paid at least as much if not more for the power they provide to the national grid than large dirty power producers get if we are to transition to clean energy.</p> |
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| 2017-06-26 17:48:41 | <p data-bbox="360 177 1189 225">Not fair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid! Why is it that big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.... Is that fair??</p> <p data-bbox="360 261 1962 280">We should be receiving a fair feed-in tariff, that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar! Also, the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 319 2000 367">We're about to install solar panels in the home we've just moved into. In our previous home, we also installed 18 panels and had the 5Kw system. Is was good but not spectacular due to low feeding tariffs. A bit disappointing actually and we felt that we waisted money. But environmentally, we felt very happy..</p> <p data-bbox="360 403 1816 422">I would install a disconnect switch so there would not be any feedback to the grid. Then save ASAP for storage batteries and get off the grid pronto!</p> <p data-bbox="360 459 2047 507">We are spending lots of \$ to put the solar panels up, going through all the crooked installers to find an honest, fair priced and quality job. We're not doing this for fun, we're doing this to help the environment and perhaps lower some bills if we live that long (we're 68 years old).</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:48:38 | <p data-bbox="360 539 658 558">So NO to any unfair charges!!</p> <p data-bbox="360 579 2085 715">The idea of charging solar owners to export power to the grid is unfair in the extreme. Do the power companies pay to export to the grid? No, you pay them for the power they provide. The same should apply to rooftop solar. Not only should solar power owners NOT pay to export power to the grid, they should receive a FAIR tariff for the power they do export. This is big business trying to flatten the little guy yet again. It is time you got your heads out of the sand and realised that more and more rooftop solar is going on all the time, and this will shortly be combined with much greater use of home battery storage. We are pensioners nad dont have that much spare cash. We put solar on the roof to lower our ever increasing bills and in the belief we were doing our little bit for the environment. In due course we hope to add batteries too.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:48:16 | <p data-bbox="360 735 2033 783">Charging solar owners for feeding electricity back to the grid is grossly unfair. We installed our solar panels because we want to reduce our carbon output and protect the environment. It is the dirty polluters who should pay! And already we are not being paid equally for our contribution of clean energy to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:48:01 | <p data-bbox="360 804 506 823">To the AEMC,</p> <p data-bbox="360 834 2069 882">I put on solar for the environment to play my part in lowering the global warming. I also installed Solar to keep the costs of electricity as low as possible as we are on a basic pension. For me to do this, I had an abundance of hoops to jump through before it could be installed, not that I minded, but it was far more than I could have ever envisaged.</p> <p data-bbox="360 887 1559 906">To charge me for exporting to the power grid is not only ridiculous, but is another burden on an already low income home.</p> <p data-bbox="360 916 2056 995">Its bad enough that charges for receiving money under false pretentions has been implemented, by that I mean the 3 charges now for reading a meter? One man, one visit, one read of all three - solar, hot water and domestic! I am appalled at that highway robbery. Anyone else triple dipping would be in front of a judge and sentenced for swindling.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1000 2069 1046">Why is it that solar owners keep being the ATM for the electricity companies? It's time for a change in the management of all electricity providers as they are beyond financial coordination.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:45:46 | <p data-bbox="360 1069 1989 1117">The reason we implemented solar was they we were pensioners and looking to lower our costs. The distributors don't allow systems over 5kw unless you go off grid altogether and also don't allow to fill batteries in low peak times so I think they have a far go. Now it is time for the consumers to have a far go</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:45:44 | <p data-bbox="360 1123 1093 1142">I am providing zero polution power so why should I be charged to share it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:45:30 | <p data-bbox="360 1166 2074 1246">The incentive to install solar panels, apart from the concept of renewable energy, was largely based on being able to feed excess back into the grid and thereby reduce the cost of household power. Now you want to change the concept and charge us for feeding power back into the grid. Where does this dysfunctional thinking come from? Surely you would realise that will incur a backlash and if successful would then mean that people will be reluctant to utilise solar power because of this impost.</p> |

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| | <p>What a crazy idea! Using the same logic I should be able to charge my electricity supplier for supplying me with electricity. Surely this idea is a joke. Considering that the power that I supply to the grid does not generate any pollution or CO2 and the power companies mainly burn dirty coal to generate their power, I think that the idea of charging solar owners for their input is outrageous!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:44:58 | <p>I installed solar panels on my roof for two reasons. 1. I have grand children and I would like to hand over a clean green planet to them so that they can breathe clean air and live a reasonable life. 2. As a retiree I have limited financial resources and by putting solar panels on my roof I was hoping to reduce my power bill. This was successful until the 16 cent payment was cut. Now with the unfair payment that I get from my electricity company for my input, the initial cost appears not to have been worth it.</p> <p>If this new charge is applied for allowing me the honour of uploading power to the grid I will be exploring the possibility of increasing the number of panels that I have installed and going to battery storage and cutting off from the grid altogether, as I suspect many other solar households will be doing.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:44:00 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent!! There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid, after all big companies charge around .05c per kw/hr more for green energy! We get paid way less than half of what the power companies charge for the power we all buy from them - 0.06c to us and 0.34c to them - THEY ALREADY RAKE IN ENOUGH AAANNND THEY DON'T EVEN GUARANTEE SUPPLY!!!!</p> <p>I used to have very expensive bills prior to getting my panels as I had an all electric house, I now live in a rural area without mains gas and am therefore again predominantly powered by electricity. I paid for my panels, I paid for my roofspace, if you want access to the power I collect you should pay and come and get it! I don't charge power companies for putting their infrastructure on my land, why don't you make them pay an equitable rent (you can include back rent too) before you charge us a supply to the grid charge. DO YOU HAVE SHARES IN POWER COMPANIES? DO HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST? IS THAT WHY YOU WANT TO PUNISH THE LITTLE GUYS? Once you start charging us for your solar exports to the grid you may find that as soon as the technology is cheap enough that those of us with panels (and those sick of being bled dry by power companies) will take our panels and leave and play elsewhere with our own storage systems!</p> <p>Is the SA Government going to be subject to a feed in supply charge for the solar farm and battery farm they are promulgating? If not why not?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:43:19 | <p>Householders should not have to be charged to export clean energy to the grid when power companies do not. A fair feed in tariff recognises the environmental benefit of solar as well as the network savings that solar provides to the grid. We have installed solar on our roof to save on harmful emissions and pay for our energy use with clean renewable power. Charging for our energy to be exported means our outlay costs to install solar have increased.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:42:52 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:42:23 | <p>I am very conscious of leading a low emission lifestyle. My solar installation and low wattage light and power are a significant part of this. To consider charging me to feed back power I generate as part of my efforts as a responsible citizen is manifestly unfair. Why introduce this charge when polluting coal fired power stations are exempt? I think hard to reduce my power consumption and my feed-in tariff is an important factor in keeping costs and pollution to a minimum. Reducing this tariff as proposed is also manifestly unfair. Please think about the stress this planet is undergoing and help solar owners do their bit.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:42:22 | <p>I have invested money to fulfill our responsibility to the planet. So I should be rewarded by the power companies for reducing their pollution. Further since my generation is in peak hours I should be further rewarded by both the grid and the generators.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:42:19 | <p>So it is most unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Dear Sir, It is unfair for people with solar panels to be charged to export clean energy. I think it is not in the interest of the community at large. There should be a realistic rate charged for power exported to the grid. Power is too expensive in NSW. I purchased solar panels to support making clean power for my home. I have been let down with the lack of government support. The government should be supplying solar panels to every owner and have them fit up the panels. This would reduce the base load and lessen the need for coal power stations.</p> |

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| | <p>Solar rooftop owners and other generators should be rewarded and compensated for running a power plant the government doesn't have to build or manage.</p> <p>Under no circumstances should there be charges levied for the 'privilege' of supplying Victoria with power it desperately needs.</p> <p>This is gross foolishness.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:42:04 | <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The feed-in tariff needs to be set at a level that recognises and supports the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. . There should be compensation equivalent to the installation cost of putting a power station on my roof. . The cost of my electricity is already high enough without additional charges being dreamed up. Get real or it'll be worth my while to go off grid in the city. |
| 2017-06-26 17:41:55 | <p>With respect, I would like to suggest to the Commission that those who generate their own electricity at their own homes should not be charged for the export of any excess electricity they produce to the 'grid'. It would be an anachronism if commercial power generators were not charged when they export the power they generate and home generators were charged. As a home solar generator I feel that I am doing my best to assist the Australian energy market and that I should be rewarded for this, not disadvantaged by having a charge being placed on any exported power I generate.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:41:33 | <p>Give us a fair price or we will leave the grid, its that simple.</p> <p>I am horrified at the AEMC's suggested charge on home solar feed in to the grid. Home solar and battery storage are an essential part of Australia's energy future and need to be encouraged and managed so that producers can sell locally to consumers. This charge is a step in exactly the wrong direction and seems aimed solely at propping up vested fossil fuel interests.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:41:27 | <p>How is it that this tax should be applied to clean energy when large scale producers of fossil fuel based energy are allowed to sell their dangerous and heavily polluting energy for free? This proposal appears to be the result of lobbying from gas and coal lobbyists who are committed to delaying the inevitable transition to clean energy. As such, this proposal undermines the integrity of the AEMC, which should be making strategic long-term decisions in the public interests and taking proactive steps towards the new distributed sustainable energy system this country desperately needs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:41:17 | <p>we should get paid more for providing clean energy and we paid \$80 a quarter for service fee</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. As heard on the ABC Q&A program the cost of generating 1 kilowatt of renewable energy is far cheaper doing the same using coal. It is also obviously a lot cleaner and beneficial to the environment. Therefore why is this disincentive planned for residential solar power producers that export to the grid??????</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:40:58 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>I, along with hundreds of thousands of other Australians, installed solar photovoltaic panels to allow me to be more sustainable, assist in generating power to satisfy the demand of Queenslanders and to minimise my energy costs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:40:20 | <p>A charge for exporting solar energy to the grid would add an additional cost to the ever increasing electricity prices that are regularly imposed on my household. Those of us who outlayed our own capital to install solar panels will never accept a charge for providing energy to ourselves and neighbours.</p> <p>Transmission of electricity over long distances results in a lot of energy loss, whereas rooftop solar is mostly used locally and is much more efficient for all concerned, including the power retailers who on sell our excess.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:39:47 | <p>We have installed a 5kw bank of solar panels and a battery system at considerable cost. At present it is doubtful whether it is economically viable over a 10 year period but we decided to go ahead with it because we believed that we could do our bit towards cleaning up the mess caused by our current method (coal) of generating electricity. I am somewhat disheartened by the attitude of our Government who seem hell bent on encouraging large companies to ripp off people such as myself. (6c per KWH) Governments all over the world are encouraging their residents to install renewable energy devices while the Australian Government is interested in extracting as much money out of the system as they can lay their hands on. (export coal to China while we are told that we must phase out coal fired power stations here) It seems that our Government has abandoned all principals in order to make the fast buck. As far as I am concerned, if your money hungry department is going to charge us for putting power from solar panels, into the grid, I will be disconnecting from the grid completely after installing another battery. I have calculated that this would be enough energy to power our household. I am amazed that a department such as yours would have the audacity to even suggest that people be charged for doing the right thing and producing clean power for the big companies to cash in on.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:39:40 | <p>Yours in disgust Consider it's grossly unfair to charge us early solar power generators to export renewable power back into grid when others don't.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:39:29 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid It is particularly unfair to try to impose this charge retrospectively.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:39:28 | <p>If I am to be charged to provide free power to a large corporation, I will turn it off with out warning HAVING SOLAR SINCE 2009 THE IDEA OF A CHARGE TO SEND MY COLLECTED ; NATURAL SUNLIGHT; IS GROSS. BIG MASTER IN CONTROL? I WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO THIS INDIGNITY.MY MEMBER'S OF PARLIMENT WILL BE OVERLOADED WITH COMPLAINTS PLUS THE "THEIF" TAKING /CHARGING ME!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:38:50 | <p>We have taken positive initiative to buy a solar power setup which lessens the requirement for dirty coal power and transmission losses. It also lowers the need to increase generation capacity of the grid.To charge my family for helping reduce greenhouse gases is obscene.Rather there should be an incentive including a feed in tariff equivalent to the price the power company charges. If I am to be charged to export my solar power to the grid I will disconnect the solar as a matter of principal.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:38:41 | <p>I am aghast at the ineptitude of our politicians with regards the national grid. We are being charged more and more for power because the politicians would rather play point scoring games than plan for the future of the nation. I installed solar for two reasons. To help with costs whilst I am on a retirement pension. And also to do my tiny little bit towards reducing my carbon footprint. I do believe in man-made climate change. I am deeply depressed at how little is being done or planned towards reducing carbon emissions in Australia. We are leaving future generations an impossible impost.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:38:37 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid regardless even if big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid I have put in solar as a clean renewable energy source rather than a polluter, but having it generated on my roof means I introduce minimal energy losses due to transmission line losses. Charging for my solar exports to the grid is highly unfair as I incur all the capital costs and the power can be used by my neighbours Those of us that have solar panels are helping to make Australia more sustainable. It is unfair for us to be charged to export our power to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:38:22 | <p>There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of Solar along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I installed solar panels to save on power costs and to help the environment. We should be encouraging more people to do the same.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:38:03 | <p>I strongly object to the idea of solar power owners being charged for supplying cheap power to the grid. A better idea would be to charge dirty coal and gas a power producers for supplying power to the grid. The very unfair feed-in-tariff means that the networks get power for about a quarter of what they charge the consumer so we are in fact subsidising the power companies. I have had solar panels for a long time and am very happy with the being able to produce my own clean energy not to mention the environmental benefits. I cannot believe that the power companies can't see the benefits of phasing out of the dirty fuels before they become stranded assets. Thank you for accepting my submission.</p> |

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| | <p>When large Coal & gas power stations are charged for exporting their power to the grid , Then & only then, will I accept a charge to export my poultry few hundred watts of renewable CLEAN energy to the grid !!!! We are already charged a Network charge by the utility -Whats this ?another double TAX !!!! What you are proposing is totally Unfair & an insult to the solar renewable industry ! & on that subject do your research re comparing jobs in the coal fired power industry compared to the Solar industry - You will get a big wake up call as the solar industry totally outnumbers the coal power employment by thousands !!!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:37:39 | <p>Whats your motive - I assume to totally destroy the growing solar industry - sorry mate a bit late for that - just suggest you think of the voting power of over one million (& growing)solar rooftop home owners exporting to the grid! Who put their hard earned money where their mouth was & invested thousands to try & claw back a few dollars off their fast growing Power bill that has doubled in the last few years Sure there are network issues with solar & wind power I am well aware of that - but there are sound engineering solutions to resolve all that , Just needs some change in attitudes by those in power !! which I won't go into here !!</p> |
| | <p>Have a nice Day As a person interested in doing what I could for the environment I had solar systems installed on my property. By spending many thousands of dollars to contribute to reducing our impact on the CO2 emissions, and yes we are paid a pittance for what we feed into the grid, we have provided environmentally friendly power to these retailers. Not only are we ripped off on the price we are paid for the exorbitant profits for the retailers, now they want to charge us for what we export that they sell as green energy for even higher prices.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:37:38 | <p>Enough is enough. We deserve a fair price linked to the time of day as we are charged and if a feed in charge is to be charged then I believe there will be many who have already invested in solar who will install batteries and have the grid disconnected, or remove the solar panels, as we are already discriminated against as any discounts offered are significantly lower for people who have solar verses those who do not. Please be fair. The electricity is already artificially inflated in price just for profit margins to remain the same or higher even though people have reduced their consumption. Don't rip us off even more.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:37:23 | <p>So once again people who made the attempt to stop climate change are being considered as targets. We already do pay for the use of your power lines. And we pay far too much for the use of your grid now. Far to much. You will be your own worst enemies. You will drive people like us into the arms of the people selling batteries. I would rather be paying off a battery then paying you. Your suggestion to punish those people who have installed solar at there own expense will drive people to take action. Such as turning off our systems! Think very carefully. We vote. I take the view that the move to penalize small renewable energy exporters to the grid, that is already sold at very heavy discount to the the prices paid to the large generators, is a crude and cynical ploy by the fossil fuel incumbents to protect their interests against clean and increasingly cheaper competition.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:37:07 | <p>More, it is time that energy market starts to reflect the increasing urgency and priority that needs to be applied to renewable power supply in a carbon emissions constrained world.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:36:01 | <p>Charging me to export to the grid is not fair or sensible, I am saving the whole grid money and emissions so why penalise me rather than reward me which would make much more sense. It is grossly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid!! What are you thinking?? Are you committed to a clean energy future or not? Do you give a damn about the environment and the future our children will face? If you support the continued use of coal as the primary energy source going into the future, then you answers would be a self evident no!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:35:47 | <p>Solar owners care about everyone's future and more people should be encouraged to adopt solar. It in therefore incumbent on you to provide a fair and reasonable feed in tariff to foster the continued expansion of solar adoption. To even consider charging people like myself for the power that we produce will encourage me to disconnect from the grid completely.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:35:45 | <p>Greedy power companies and equally stupid government who even contemplate any idea of charging our solar power into the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:35:40 | <p>Please stop these rediculously unfair charges</p> |

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| | <p>You will eventually need our energy generated renewably even though you now believe you can do without it. If you charge me to export energy, I will avoid this by installing a battery system. Eventually, when you realise that non-renewable resources are the way to make progress, my energy will not be available to you.</p> |
| | <p>Charging for export is cutting your nose off to spite your face.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:35:21 | <p>On the other hand, by rethinking the energy system and making solar PV and wind generators partners, you can assist the creation of grid in which demand is managed as well as supply. Pay people a fair price for their energy.</p> |
| | <p>I suggest that a fair price will be set by the price of installing batteries. Low compensation will encourage us to install batteries. High compensation will discourage us. Somewhere in the middle is the fair price. As the price of batteries is falling, the fair price will rise.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:34:55 | <p>I installed solar PV and purchased a plug in hybrid vehicle to avoid exporting energy to the grid, as the feed-in tariff was so low. As a result, my electricity demand did not change, but my petrol demand fell to 10%. I saved \$1,400 per annum and am now considering batteries. If my electricity supplier suggested that I install batteries and pay me a fair price for accessing my energy, this would be a very positive step in the right direction.</p> <p>To hear you want to charge me with a solar system a charge on feeding my clean coal free electricity back into the grid a grid that costs me way more to take then I get back for my excess What kind of thievery is this I paid for my system its mine its clean and I see no right to charge ME for getting a pittance back and you want more !!! I have solar to help me keep warm in winter and cool in summer if I didnt have it I couldn't do that Shame on you AEMC SHAME</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:33:41 | <p>Hello.</p> <p>I decided sometime ago to make a commitment to a more sustainable cleaner future for my community and family. One of the first steps I took was to install Solar Panels and it makes me feel like I am making a difference with this initiative but feel disheartened that it can be tarnished by large corporate energy companies profiting from the good intent of people to help others. This is the greatest scandal I find with them wanting to charge me more and more for the clean energy I create from my panels and the unfair charges they are seeking to implement on me. They produce dirty coal and it's just not fair in comparison to what I am doing.</p> <p>When people take initiative to help the future generations it should not be abused and taken advantage of because the implications can be terrible. I don't want myself or others to feel disillusioned to the point where we stop doing the 'right' thing because we get taken advantage of. This will create a population of powerless people soon with 'nothing' to lose and this can be extremely dangerous.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:32:48 | <p>Ergon charge me 27 cents per kilowatt for the power that they supply. The energy that I produce from my solar panels they pay me 8 cents per kilowatt. I also still have to pay an access fee to Ergon whether use their energy or not.</p> <p>And now it is being said that AEMC want to charge me for supplying electricity to the grid! Pull the other one!</p> <p>I am now a small energy provider and I have had to pay out of my own money to establish my power station. I also have to maintain my operation. It's about time I got some of the lurks and perks that the big power stations get.</p> <p>The big power stations are polluting the Earth and causing global warming and are not paying for the true damage that they are causing the environment and to our lives. I think it is time that the AEMC focussed their attention to real issues such as encouraging renewable energy and the preservation of the planet and the human species.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:32:34 | <p>This will determine which energy company I go with if any.</p> <p>Off grid is looking very attractive.</p> <p>If the govt keeps failing miserably as it has by reputation, the responsibility will lay fairly at the hands of the appointed regulators.</p> <p>We can't decide for you.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:32:09 | <p>At a time when the government is establishing a clean energy target, why would the AEMC even be considering penalising clean energy suppliers to the grid who are making the target achievable. PV generation is the cleanest source of energy with zero emissions and as such should be encouraged rather than unfairly penalised. It is grossly unfair to charge PV feed-in while not charging the large coal-fired generators as well. I therefore urge you to refrain from this charge and to ensure a fair feed-in tariff which recognises both the environmental and the network distribution savings that distributed PV generation provides.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:32:05 | <p>Us solar powered people should be rewarded not punished and be charged for putting power in the grid. It's unfair that polluting energy like coal is not being charged a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:31:50 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:31:13 | <p>Roof top solar is no more a disruption to the local grid than someone with a large intermittent load. Small electricity users with gas do not pay extra to have a grid connection so why punish an average/high user even with my solar because I'm an all electric customer. Smells like a money grab to anyone with knowledge on the subject. Make the wrong decision on this and you will only make the economics for grid defection more compelling, which would be a mistake for society as a whole.</p> <p>Hey there Mr AEMC, the proposal being put forward by the greedy power companies to charge solar power owners for feeding back into the grid should be immediately thrown out on the "stupid rancid ideas" rubbish heap.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:30:50 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is excruciatingly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent 2. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid 3. I put in rooftop solar to try to reduce my grid supplied electricity needs during the day, and to try to cut down my power bills. 4. Bringing in charging for my solar exports to the grid will result in me disconnecting my solar panels from the grid and cost me more in the long run. <p>DO NOT pander to these corporate schmucks, look after the people, not the corporations !</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:29:27 | <p>I would like to offer a strong protest to the proposition that households with rooftop solar installations should be charged to feed their excess generation into the grid, particularly for modest systems installed to support family needs.</p> <p>These households have been the strongest drivers towards the (future) establishment of a national power system based upon modern technology that will assist Australia to meet its future environmental and economic imperatives.</p> <p>These households should be encouraged to make such contributions and be rewarded accordingly.</p> <p>Highly polluting coal-based power generators should not be considered to be "favoured and preferred" power suppliers at the cost of innovative, clean technology, contributors - particularly at the household level.</p> <p>I have installed modest rooftop solar systems for my current and previous family home. I have been driven by both economic and idealistic motivations. However, my investment in solar will become meaningless to me and my family if it becomes a long-term cost/liability. Indeed, I would view the effective "taxing" of the output from such household investments at this time as being economic and political opportunism of the most cynical kind.</p> <p>Currently, I have no control over how much "excess" power feeds back into the grid.</p> <p>Authorities need to promote, enable and incentivise the take-up of household battery technology supporting rooftop solar, and the like, before considering what to do with excess generation. This would be the most logical, fair, and productive way forward.</p> |

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Dear AEMC,

I am outraged that once again you are trying to gouge the "little guy", the Mums and Dads and environmentally conscious individuals, who have done the right thing by investing in reducing their carbon footprint by installing solar panels.

By suggesting that these good citizens should now have to pay to feed their excess energy back into the grid, while they receive a pittance from energy providers who charge up to 5 times more for the same power being on-sold, is just a greedy grab for the all-powerful energy market vested interests.

People who feed back into the grid already pay supply charges for the "privilege" of being connected to the grid and receive precious little in return for the power they generate at their own expense. They've done the right thing by the environment and have lessened the load on power infrastructure during many peak times by utilising their own resources - their solar panels which collect the sun's energy and power their homes.

2017-06-26 17:29:08 With elderly parents living in my home with me - I am their sole carer - the decision to install solar, while expensive, was an easy one to make. They require heating and cooling which thankfully can be powered by my solar panels during the day - I only need to draw current from the grid at night to ensure their comfort and safety. The expense of installation was a minor consideration when weighed up against their physical well being and ongoing health. Without solar, the costs of providing them these comforts and ensuring their healthy outlook, would be absolutely prohibitive. Thankfully, my solar system also over-produces, so I am able to supply some power to the grid, thus helping even in some small way to secure the availability of power for others.

If you decide to enforce a charge for feeding green, environmentally friendly energy back into the grid, you will only force the disconnection of many who will simply expend the necessary funds to install storage systems so they no longer need to connect to the grid. Where is the security of the energy industry then??

You have a great deal to consider when making this decision, not least of which is punishing those who have made a decision to be environmentally responsible.

Instead of supporting the huge corporations of the power industry to continually gouge customers while investing little in Australia's energy infrastructure (which by the way they have let fall into significant disrepair while simply skimming off massive profits), you should be supporting the Australian citizens who are doing the right thing and investing in the green future of not only Australia, but the planet.

To make these people pay any more for their energy is simply daylight robbery and you should be ashamed of yourselves for suggesting, yet again, that we should be paying even more.

Yours in aggravated disbelief
Dear AMEC,

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.

2017-06-26 17:28:00 There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have installed a solar system on my rooftop some years ago, and found it to be reliable, cheap, effective, and a sensible (the energy from the sun is already there -- why not use it?) way to power a household.

This has also generated jobs and will continue to do so.

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| | <p>I strongly object to any proposal by the Australian Energy Market Commission to charge owners of solar panels to feed the electricity they have generated back to the grid.</p> <p>It would be utterly inequitable to charge solar owners to export clean renewable power to the grid whilst power companies are not required to pay for exporting their energy to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:27:57 | <p>Exports to the grid from solar owners provide network savings and yet the value of the current feed-in tariffs paid to solar owners is pitiful. This is bad enough, but the AEMC proposal to impose an additional charge to solar owners (who are already poorly recompensed for the energy they generate) is even more unjustifiable.</p> <p>I installed solar panels on my roof in the knowledge that I am helping not only myself in trying to reduce my power bills, but also helping the environment by generating clean energy that is shared by others. This commitment involved a sizable financial outlay on my part. Charging me for my solar exports to the grid on top of the expense I have already incurred would simply be outrageous money grabbing.</p> <p>To charge solar panel owner for feed in electricity is unfair when not other producer is paying. The energy generate is clean and this must be taken into account when making the rules. The solar panel uptake has such a great momentum at the time and I think any negative proposal like a feed in tariff can affect the momentum.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:27:56 | <p>Kind Regards</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:27:40 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. It's perfectly transparent delaying tactic.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:26:42 | <p>Transition to clean and cheaper energy is urgent to keep Australian economy competitive. Learned people in economy, legal matters, and science should be capable to reach this logical conclusion.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:26:33 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Next you will want to charge solar owners for going of the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:26:31 | <p>I have just added another 4.2 Mwhr system to my house to further reduce my reliance on fossil fuels and become greener. I think it is highly irregular and unfair for energy companies to bill people who are providing extra energy to their companies for them to profit from. They should be paying the people who are supply energy back into the grid not the other way around. If I was charged for this idea I would go off grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:26:00 | <p>Don't be greedy you have already discounted our solar rebate from 0.30 cents to 06 cents after we have helped climate change with money to put the infrastructure of solar panels</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:25:45 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I find it completely unfair for solar owners like myself be charged for generating clean energy back to the grid. Do the dirty coal power companies get charged a fee? I somehow think not.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:25:05 | <p>I have safe tonnes and tonnes of carbon from being put into the atmosphere from generating electricity over the last six years. I feel that use solar owners are doing their conscious bit to help in this way. At the same time I have halved my energy bills. Adding another fee to the tariffs now already in place is just another kick in the guts for our household budget.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:24:56 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |

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| | <p>It is with shock and absolute disgust that I see the AEMC is considering solar owners be charged for providing clean energy to the grid. It is obvious the AEMC is representing only the owners of poles and lines and the big producers and has no regard for the residents who produce and also buy electricity.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>The AEMC should be insisting on we producers of solar energy, clean energy, being paid more for the electricity we feed into the net as the current payments to us are a virtual insult to us when we compare it to the price the servers charge the consumers.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:23:10 | <p>The electricity providers are claiming the necessity of increasing prices due to increases in the wholesale price of electricity yet they are paying a pittance to we residential solar owners who provide them with electricity that they can then sell to our neighbours so the providers make an even bigger profit..</p> <p>Our production of our solar electricity actually decreases our use of the lines and poles.</p> <p>The impact of your plans to have us charged for supplying electricity to the grid would have another negative effect on our very limited household budget and is totally against the expectations we were led to believe when we installed our solar system at a high cost to us and will help to reduce the return on our investment solely so the AMEC can have us further subsidise big industry.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:23:07 | <p>As I said at the beginning, it is disgusting what you plan to do and indeed I consider it is immoral to expect people such as we solar electricity producers to subsidise big industry.</p> <p>Why should I be charged for providing clean energy! Energy companies can them sell it at a premium. This is incredibly unfair! Solar panels are rapidly becoming the most popular form of energy in Australia. Not only that, but to apply different rules to households to major companies (that act negatively in the households favour) is always going to be wildly unpopular.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:22:56 | <p>I just want to see a situation in which the same rules are applied to everybody, big and small: everybody pays the same amount per kWh that they add to the grid. If it is \$0 for large companies then it should be \$0 for the average Australian too.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:21:30 | <p>Dear AEMC, I cannot believe that you are actually considering charging solar owners to feed our electricity back into the grid, are you stark raving mad???It would be so unfair to cop a charge like that, We installed solar to decrease energy charges and to help ease the strain on the "Grid" during summer. In a few years we lose our 1-1 feed in feed out , now this. What a load of BS. What bright spark thought of this idea?? They need to put their energy into something more fair for solar owners , not drive the boot into an industry which could blossom if there was a level playing field.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:20:37 | <p>It is unconscionable that households should be charged twice for use of the energy grid. Most are paid a pittance for feed in.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:20:37 | <p>I object to the proposed charge to be levied on homeowners for contributing to the power grid. How dare you choose to impose such an unjust charge on we the poor battlers.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:20:18 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. Even if they did, solar owners would be transporting power from our roof top to my next door neighbour, not 100s of miles as in coal power stations.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have a 1.5 kW system and during colder months I export virtually all I generate for a measly 6c a kWh.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:19:39 | <p>As a solar owner I am very disappointed to hear that the AEMC is proposing to charge us to supply clean energy into the Australian energy market. Why should we pay for our clean power when the fossil fuel producers are not charged for the pollution they output into the atmosphere. We should be paid a fair price for the clean energy we produce, bearing in mind the health benefits we provide and the savings that accrue to the network operators. We certainly don't receive fair compensation for the power we produce, so, if were to be charged to supply it I'd just go off the grid altogether as it wouldn't be worthwhile to stay connected.</p> |

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| | <p>I am a loss to understand that it is being considered to charge solar owners for exporting green power back to the grid. I like many others saw the stories a number of years ago that the govt needed people to take up solar and ease demand on the aging network and existing generators. The government offered incentives to meet this objective. Now I am going to be penalised for making this investment, like many others.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:19:14 | <p>Solar is a clean power source and the health benefits also need to be weighed up against coal fired power stations.</p> <p>I have found installing solar has taken the edge off my power bill and allows me to manage household budget, particularly while I'm on (and will be for as long as I can foresee) a limited income following treatment for Leukaemia.</p> <p>A reasonable feedin tariff also assists in this regard, and taking to others there should be some consistency in this between all the solar generators. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:18:54 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:18:54 | <p>Who is behind the AEMC? Has to e biig business or coal companies because the thought of charging clean energy producers to export to the grid has to come from vested interests. Get real and look to the future not the past and clean up your act.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:18:36 | <p>Rooftop solar PV, especially when battery-backed locally, will provide an increasingly important energy storage mode for Australia. By imposing a cost to PV owners for exporting excess energy, the growth of this valuable resource will be slowed - or even halted. This will be to the detriment of Australia's energy use now and in the future.</p> <p>This submission relates to the AEMC proposal to charge a network fee for grid-connected residential solar PV system owners.</p> |
| | <p>I consider that it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when larger power generators don't have to pay a cent. Why are residences being picked on like this? These systems were installed (and paid for) when there was no mention of such a cost.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:18:18 | <p>In contrast, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that is related to the import costs and which recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| | <p>I have installed rooftop PV systems on 2 residences so far as a defence against the continually increasing power prices but are yet to fully recoup these costs. I already pay for network charges in my bills and consider any proposal to increase my network costs as price gouging, an action which is viewed most unfavourably by ACCC.</p> |
| | <p>In fact, my systems' power contribution reduces network loads, not increases them and any suggestion otherwise constitutes fraud.</p> |
| | <p>Absolutely unfair and disgraceful that the aemc would even consider this when solar owners are doing the right thing and paying for the panels and inverters and getting a tiny 7 cents a unit back whilst being charged 3 and a half times that a unit . Talk about unfair, Everyone with solar should be rewarded even further and housholds without should be encouraged,not penalized and discouraged. Unclean power companies don't pay a cent whilst also polluting our environment.Solar is clean and free why should we pay for it? There should be a FAIR feed in tariff that recognizes the environment and health benefits of solar and clean energy. I placed solar on my roof to help the environment and reduce our electricity bills whilst also contributing to a cleaner future.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:18:17 | <p>Charging us for our solar exports what hypocrisy we should be heading forwards with clean energy not backwards. Charging for solar exports would bring great hardship to solar owners and households who are already struggling not to mention how unfair this is whilst dicouraging potential solar buyer's.</p> <p>Whats next we'll go to work</p> <p>And then we'll have to pay our employers.....</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:16:46 | <p>They wanted the community look the invirovment, now they want to charge us??</p> |
| | <p>It would be grossly unfair to be charged to export clean renewable energy to the grid. We had the foresight to install solar panels, at a considerable cost, to reduce our environmental footprint, to save money, and charging for solar exports to the grid, is an impost on owners but allowing large power companies a free ride and to profit at the</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:16:03 | <p>same time.</p> |
| | <p>We should follow the lead of Victoria and NSW to provide a fair feed in tariff which recognises the benefit to the environment, as well as the health benefits of clean energy.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:15:43 | <p>Two main points in rejection of this plan to charge us for supplying electricity. The first is that we decided to put solar panels up at considerable cost, based on the government guaranteed deal at the time, now you want to change the goal posts? I would willingly join a class action based on company law if you do that.</p> <p>The second is that the power my panels produce goes directly to the houses in my street, with minimal distribution costs or maintenance of network. Isn't that efficient, and the way we should be heading?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:15:33 | <p>Solar owners should not be charged to export renewable energy to the grid, especially as power companies do not have to pay to supply energy to the grid. We installed solar power to help power our home in a non-polluting way and to save money. This was an investment of a considerable amount for us. Any feed in charges that are to be introduced should be for polluting sources of energy, such as from coal-fired power stations. There needs to be a greater acceptance of renewable energy and the grid needs to be updated to allow for an increasing supply of it. Solar owners should not be singled out to cover these costs, there should be a recognition, not penalty, for the environmental and health benefits of solar.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:14:49 | <p>If you want to to bring on the "Death Spiral" of the Centralised Electricity Grid just go ahead with your 19th Century ideas!! Also the Finkle report says that solar and wind must have battery backup when it is the fossil fuel generators that consistently are unable to provide the so called grid stability they are paid for!!!</p> <p>SAYING "CLEAN COAL" IS LIKE SAYING, "I HAVE A HEALTHY MELANOMA.</p> <p>Sir,</p> |
| | <p>This is worse than stupid, this is betrayal, coal mines are closing all over the world, the ones still operating are capable of providing for our future diminishing coal needs, and we know failing to massively reduce CO2 emissions risks destroying our planet and an environment life can survive and thrive in, an environment that is the only one we have yet our you want to bet against it by approving and worse still funding the worlds biggest dinosaur coal mine in blind defiance of better alternative renewable technologies. The energy industry is ripping us off blind, they have some of the highest profit margins on the stock exchange yet Australia pays more for it's power than most other countries in the world.</p> |
| | <p>Despite desperate corporate lobby groups efforts to suppress knowledge about the development of awesome renewable energy technologies that can save our priceless planet, people power can triumph, these first class alternative energy technologies are clearly proven to be effective, affordable and are readily available, so the only thing stopping us moving forward towards their effective deployment is political corruption and tragically lacklustre efforts by our elected "leaders".</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:14:22 | <p>Our community may not be able to make our politicians honest or care about magnificent planet or our children's future, but we can still think for ourselves and make choices with our money and votes to disempower these pro fossil fuel schmucks who believe they have the right to destroy our world for profit, and the next election is not far away Our gorgeous miraculous planet and all the amazing living things that dwell upon it, is dying and sick from out of control use of fossil fuels, yet our braindead leaders, selfishly and mindlessly defend lies, greed, profits and their share portfolios instead of wisely protecting the future wellbeing of all living things. So how many ministers have shares in coal and energy companies?</p> |
| | <p>We elected this Government to protect the interests and wellbeing of all Australian citizens and to manage "THE COMMON WEALTH OF AUSTRALIA" on behalf of all of our people.</p> <p>But the AEMC has been corrupted by fossil fuel lobby groups and is now incapable of making a fair or honest assessment that will benefit the Australian public, the inept idiots making these bad decisions on our behalf should be named and shamed with any conflicts of interest they may have been involved in.</p> <p>You may like to know, I bought my first solar panels 38 years ago and they still produce more power than their rated output, it takes sunlight along time to wear out a rock (silicon).</p> <p>The lousy feed in tariff offered to solar owners shows the massive advantages our Gov't gives to foreign owned corporations ,the fact that is not shared with the people who are actually saving our planet is more evidence of a Gov't that no longer cares about the Australian community, SHAME.</p> <p>It's time to go off grid and use our own power, Then we cannot be screwed and betrayed any more</p> <p>Regards</p> |

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| | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:14:02 | <p>I put my panels on the roof to be environmentally friendly now this is not recognised. Why are there subsidies for big companies for green power - eg wind and solar but I don't get a fair price. If I pay 29c per kw to buy electricity and I export to the grid and only get 6c per kw how is this fair. I am someone who is guaranteeing solar security for NSW but am getting nothing for it! Classic case of "the big end of town screwing the little guy"!</p> <p>I am losing money. How is this fair?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:13:52 | <p>For too long we have not received a fair price for our feed in. We are helping the environment and the power companies are getting cheap power so stop penalising us even more. Stop this from going ahead</p> <p>The grid needs as much green energy as possible. The suggestion that solar contributors should be charged for doing so is ludicrous. There should be a charge on coal and gas burning power companies for contributing massively to our global warming and for the detrimental health effects on the general population.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:13:39 | <p>Most of my solar contribution to the grid is used in my neighbourhood so any needed upgrade of transmission lines is largely negated.</p> <p>Surely, surely, surely it is time for the Australian Energy Market Commission to consider environmental and human costs of generating electricity. These are costs which must be considered in the 21st century.</p> <p>Your proposal to charge solar owners for feeding energy back into the grid is ridiculous.</p> <p>I am a pensioner. I have installed solar panels in my roof mainly for ethical and environmental reasons. The large number of people who now have solar panels have benefited the economy and reduced the need for additional power plants to be built.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:13:13 | <p>What justification can there be for charging solar owners for feeding the energy they generate into the grid.</p> <p>As it is, we are paid much too little for the solar energy generated. The benefits from increasing generation of clean energy are manifold, resulting in cleaner air, less carbon emissions and other pollutants, and a healthier environment.</p> <p>Please reconsider this proposal.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:13:10 | <p>I think that solar power exporting actually will save expense on additional transformers and wiring because the panels will be working at full capacity on hot days in summer when the demand for power is greatest. Also, this power does not pollute, so helps to keep the total CO2 down.</p> <p>The recent WA Gov. budget has Daily Electricity connection fees almost doubling from 44.18 cents/day to around 97 cents/day. So if you have been a responsible citizen and paid out significant sums of money to have Solar panels put on your roof you are now being punished by higher connection fees to the grid. These fees of course offset part of the savings you have enjoyed with your panels but now part of that savings have been taken away due to this fixed daily cost attached to your Synergy electricity bill.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:12:43 | <p>I would implore all WA solar citizens to write to their local member expressing deep dissatisfaction with this additional burden on our Synergy bills and asking them to reconsider this burden it has placed on good Solar Citizens.</p> <p>As a responsible citizen who has installed solar panels, why should I pay higher access charges than any of my neighbours? By self-consuming about half the power I generate, if anything I am putting less demand on the grid than do households without solar panels, hence there are network savings. If anything, my daily access charge should be reduced.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:11:20 | <p>I already pay the same daily access charge as they do. That should be sufficient.</p> <p>I am doing my bit to help reduce greenhouse gases. Why should I and others like me be penalised for being environmentally responsible?</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:10:59 | <p>I have invested in solar as an investment to provide a cleaner, healthier environment for future generations. Why should I and other solar owners be penalised by being charged a tariff. We are currently penalised by not being paid a fair and reasonable price for the clean electricity we produce now. And what about the dirty polluting coal companies, why aren't they charged to feed their dirty electricity into the grid. Give the little Aussie battler a break and allow them to do the right thing without being penalised in the hip pocket yet again.</p> <p>Stop being a bunch of obstructionist luddites ...</p> <p>Instead of encouraging our transition to a decentralised, clean, smart grid you come up with stupid ideas, obstructions and penalties...</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:10:45 | <p>What kind of corrupt, twisted agenda are you guys running?</p> <p>You make it so hard not to swear at you unscrupulous aresholes protecting your fossil fuel mates.</p> <p>unkind regards</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:10:36 | <p>I have bought solar panels so I do not have to use non renewables like coal!</p> <p>at the time they were expensive and even though i get a rebate I do not think it will cover the cost of them over the ten year payment period. Solar energy is the way to go for everyone. We need clean energy! Australia has the sun so why not encourage people to use it. Charging extra for an export to the grid is not encouraging people to use less power because one has to pay for it no matter how much electricity one uses. The health benefits to the community, network savings are an undisputed facts of solar energy!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:10:34 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:10:33 | <p>It is a completely unfair proposal to charge solar owners to export their excess electricity to the grid. Why should they be penalised in this way for choosing to support the environment ? We are producing CLEAN energy, unlike the dirty power companies that dont have to pay anything to export to the grid. Its all back to front - please do not make this ridiculous decision!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:10:10 | <p>It is totally unfair to be charged for exporting my solar power to the grid. I am already receiving a very modest rebate (7.5 cents) for this power.</p> <p>I have invested in solar because I believe it is the right thing to do if the roof is suitable and has a good aspect. Mine is perfect and I have 20 panels. I am not a wealthy person and would be impacted by this extra charge.</p> <p>Please reconsider this proposal.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:10:09 | <p>Power companies on-sell my generated solar contribution for a profit. My generated power does not operate under terms of a "business". I did not seek buyers. Power suppliers agreed to buy excess power from my generator. I am a single owner / operator, not an entity producing power for profit.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:09:55 | <p>The idea of charging domestic solar array owners for energy exported to the grid is incomprehensible. We already pay a daily supply charge, which is in fact a connection fee: it charged every day even when we are away on holidays for any length period and not taking supply. Whether the electrons and holes are flowing one way of the other at our point of connection is irrelevant: we have already paid that connection fee and the network infrastructure costs are already defrayed in that charge and the usage charge.</p> <p>To add an extra fee for electricity flowing out of our home, but not to the suppliers for electricity flowing in, through a connection we have already paid for, is nonsensical. It will discourage grid connection and renewable energy supply, not encourage both. Yet both are what we need to enable distributed energy to become as efficient as possible, as quickly as possible in this country. This proposed charge would be perverse behaviour for an agency that should be facilitating efficient development of distributed energy, not be adding barriers that can only decrease efficiency. Don't do it - it is not common sense and it will just add to the existing distortions in the market.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:09:44 | <p>A suggestion that would be another burden on home owners.</p> |

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| | <p data-bbox="360 188 488 210">Dear AEMC,</p> <p data-bbox="360 242 656 264">re: suggested charge to solar</p> <p data-bbox="360 300 2083 379">in the policy gap left by successive Federal governments, as coal power generation infrastructure has aged and is now being shut down, one of the largest investments in new energy generation has been made piecemeal, by private households and businesses, installing several gigawatts of solar capacity on their rooftops. I'm one of those householders. I make a modest saving on my electricity bills, and I export electricity to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 411 2083 520">The electricity I export is, presumably, consumed locally by my neighbours; and presumably, they pay the going retail rate for it, which is probably around 25-30c per KWh. Their electricity retailer collects this payment, but does not pay me; I only get a small feed-in tariff for my contribution. That feed-in tariff is somewhat higher than the base wholesale rate, but often much lower than peak rates. It's been well established that the large rolling out of rooftop solar has actually reduced the cost to the public (including retailers) of peak price spikes by reducing demand on hot summer afternoons when demand typically hits its maximum.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:09:19 | <p data-bbox="360 552 2083 632">Despite all this, I understand there is a suggestion to slug those of us with solar panels with a new charge for the privilege of feeding our electricity back into the grid. This is mad. If you want to destroy the credibility of the NEM system beyond redemption, it would make sense, but I didn't think that was part of the AEMC's brief. Please file this stupid suggestion in the little round filing cabinet on the floor. That's where it belongs.</p> <p data-bbox="360 663 2083 715">I suppose it could be done in an equitable manner. All generators could be charged the same rate, per KWh, for the electricity they feed into the grid, from Loy Yang and Bayswater right down to little old me. I'm not sure what the purpose of that would be, but at least I'd know I wasn't being given special treatment.</p> <p data-bbox="360 746 2083 829">Having solar has contributed to making it possible for me to go back and study a science degree in my 40s. Knowing that my electricity bills are low is one thing that enables me to do that. Yet there seems to be an ongoing creep of fixed charges, and now this crazy suggestion as well. It seems that it would be more honest to add a line on my bill entitled the "just because we can" charge.</p> <p data-bbox="360 861 2083 970">A fair system for consumers, that rewards efforts to save energy and generate clean solar energy, is needed. A Victoria's announcement of a move to a 11c/KWh feed-in tariff is a good start; that is probably about as high as it should be. It's a level that leaves some incentive to save energy at home, while making it worthwhile to feed excess back into the grid. A further measure, to prevent the creep of fixed charges (the "just because we can" charge), would be a second measure you might support. When fixed charges are larger than consumption charges, there is little incentive to use energy efficiently - a perverse and counterproductive outcome.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:09:10 | <p data-bbox="360 983 2083 1062">I would like to make clear that it is obvious to anyone that charging people to export their CLEAN energy to the grid is grossly unfair...it should instead be SOLD to the grid .People should be encouraged to make clean energy to be sold to the grid ..We do not wish to support coal if it is at all possible ..or the often foreign investors in the fossil fuel industry.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1066 2083 1117">There are more jobs in renewable energies, than mining ..& people could make some money from their home ...while supporting the renewable industry using wind & solar,both tried & tested.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1120 1599 1142">My family & friends would prefer to be able to use solar energy & be paid to supply the grid with any excess power generated.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1145 855 1168">We have solar panels & prefer this style of power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:09:05 | <p data-bbox="360 1177 1800 1200">It's immoral and perhaps illegal to charge. Who owns the coal in OUR land? Maybe we should put in for our 1/20millth share of it if you go ahead?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:08:55 | <p data-bbox="360 1222 2083 1302">It is totally unreasonable to charge households for providing electricity to the grid when no charge per kw is made to large coal fired generators. Further, households are not paid fairly for their contribution and pay large standing charges that cover costs of the electricity network where high subsidies are given to people who require peak use such as those with air conditioning. You should have a surcharge every time an air conditioning system is installed to cover the network costs of their peak use!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:07:39 | <p data-bbox="360 1318 2083 1340">It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1343 2083 1398">There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I and many others installed solar to reduce the cost of electricity bills, not increase it.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:07:27 | <p>I wish to urge the AEMC that solar owners, who contribute clean renewable power in to the grid should not be charged to do so, when dirty polluting power companies do not pay a cent. As an individual solar owner we have put solar panels on two houses in an effort to minimise our use of the electricity grid and to contribute to the reduction in the human contribution to climate change. We should not be asked to pay for any contribution we can make to the grid but should be paid a fair feed-in tariff for the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I urge you to deal with this matter in a way that gives solar owners credit for our concern for our planet rather than penalising us as you propose.</p> <p>I write this submission as my way of supporting the move to solar energy generation by each Australian household, business and government department. This is completely achievable and is a rather short time frame, once the political will allows the process.</p> <p>As the governing body ruling on solar energy prices, I wish to state clearly that, given the strong desire for and effectiveness of distributed solar energy generation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * It is counter intuitive to be charge solar owners for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid when large power companies polluting our atmosphere do not have to pay a cent. * Such charges for exporting solar energy places an unreasonable impost on households producing clean, non polluting solar power. |
| 2017-06-26 17:07:24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * It is productive and balanced for there to be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. <p>In a perfect world, producers of solar, wind and other renewable energies are recognised for investing up front to reduce their footprint and carbon emissions, while producers of fossil fuel-based energy are closed down by regulations or can not operate due to appropriate taxes or sensible tariffs on pollution.</p> <p>True, we do not live in a perfect world yet, though it is where we all really wish to live and taking responsible steps like omitting feed in charges take us in that direction. I and many, many other Australians, solar owners or not, feel very much this way.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:06:33 | <p>We have gone to considerable expense to build a passive solar home, PV panels, rainwater tank, and solar hot water system to reduce our energy consumption and not contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. To be threatened with a cost to export our excess energy to the grid makes a mockery of everything that we have done, Our energy consumption from the grid is around 7 units a day, which makes a battery a worthwhile proposition. As batteries come down in price you will have more consumers deserting the grid and less income. We already pay a standing charge for connection to the grid, soon to rise to 94c a day. Your proposal does not help the long term future of the grid as renewable energy and batteries become cheaper.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:06:19 | <p>You charge me for inputting power and I go off grid completely.</p> <p>I'll buy another dozen panels and two batteries and with the 13KVa generator I have; I will be able to supply my next door neighbour as well. She is 68 and on the pension. Her power comes off my line and poles.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:06:12 | <p>No one is suggesting the big dirty power companies pay to export so its illogical and absurd to propose making solar owners to pay. And what is dirty power contributing to meeting our emissions goals? They are the problem and renewables are a solution and for this renewables are to be penalised?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:06:06 | <p>I believe the Suns energy should be free for all. If I collect it I should be able to make it available the same way that energy companies do.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:05:03 | <p>I am a 70 year old pensioner who spent a lot of money (which I could hardly afford) to put 8 panels up. I did this to try and quarantine myself from the ever rising charges, and to help the environment. Makes me wonder why I went without to make this outlay. Also makes me wonder who the idiots are.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:05:01 | <p>Stop fiddling with the system and cancel all intention of charging for exporting power</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:04:56 | <p>I believe it unfair to charge solar owners to export clean renewable power to the grid, especially as coal fired power stations are not charged these fees for inputting dirty power to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:04:48 | <p>I think it is unfair, I installed solar panel to help the environment and save money I will not accept charging us to put power back is in anybodys interest. I would sooner look at battery storage than be charged to supply the big profit companies</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:04:44 | <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>Surely common sence must come to the fore.</p> <p>Solar owners should not be punished for trying to save themselves a few dollars after having paid out for their rooftop systems.</p> <p>This proposal is just plain wrong.</p> <p>A fair price for power fed to the grid is surely a no brainer.</p> <p>Regards</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:04:44 | <p>I do not understand the logic of the proposal to charge solar owners for exporting to the grid. The obvious result will be greater battery installation, increasingly likely with declining battery costs, making the grid more expensive for those still wishing to be connected. Surely the challenge is to integrate inevitably increasing solar energy input with the grid to increase its efficiency and thus lower its costs. To that end the objective should be formulation of fair feed-in tariffs for solar owners. Although stimulation of battery storage uptake is desirable, surely the aim should be to optimize use of existing grids in built-up areas, to effectively balance energy supply and demand across the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:04:36 | <p>This form will not accept a phone number. My number is . I object to paying for my solar panels as I had to borrow money to install them . I thought that I would do my bit to help Australia and feel I would be treated very badly having to give money for the privilege. As a senior citizen it would be very expensive for me to pay a fee, meaning I would have to cut back on food to pay it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:04:16 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>The push by the Australian Energy Marketing Commission (AEMC) to have owners of solar power charged for exporting clean renewable power to the grid while letting nonrenewable, highly pollution power companies to do so without charge is utter madness and beggars belief. It is neo-liberalism in the extreme. One of the consequences of this poorly thought through proposed action is that households with solar arrays will look installing battery systems to enable them to leave the grid. This will drive up the cost of electricity because fewer people will rely on the grid to provide their electricity. Households with solar arrays should be commended not punished for their commitment to assisting Australia to achieve its green energy targets. Fossil fuel generation of electricity is an industry in its death throes. Lobbyist for the fossil fuel industry have too much power and are too close to politicians for the good of this country. The sooner their power-base is broken the sooner we will be able to have reasoned discussion in Australia about our future energy needs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:04:07 | <p>Households with solar arrays should be paid a fair feed-in tariff not charged to export to the grid. The feed-in tariff households are paid should be the same as the usage fee they are charged by electricity retailers.</p> <p>If the decision is made to charge households who export solar electricity to the grid I will take every step I can to leave the grid. I have already commenced the process and will be meeting with a staff member from a clean energy company to determine what I need to do to go off grid. This is one of the positive things I can do to contribute to a clean, green Australia especially when the AEMC is proposing to hold households who export electricity to the grid to ransom.</p> <p>The proposed decision is retrograde and discriminatory. There is no other commercial concern in this country where any people who contribute raw materials are charged for their contribution. Nor is there any other commercial concern in this country that charges some who contribute raw materials but not others.</p> <p>I am increasingly challenged by the direction Australia is heading and your proposal to charge households that export clean electricity to the grid a fee to do so is another example of why.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:04:02 | <p>I wish to object to the proposal of charging home solar generators ie to export clean energy via solar PV cells. Other energy suppliers such as coal and gas do not and under the AEMC proposal will not be required to pay to use the grid to export energy. It seems to me the AEMC is being bias and protecting vested interests by omission and this is how it will be seen by home owners that have invested in solar systems. I for one have voted with my feet and in my newly built house instead of connecting to the grid I have just installed an off grid home system and have no intention of using the grid in the future with the unfair treatment of home generation and protective practices of the current electricity industry. I say stop this nonsense of protecting vested interests.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:03:59 | <p>only Australia could think of just another way to rip of the wise.</p> <p>I WOULD NOT ADVISE ANY THOUGHTS OF CHARGING FOR SOLAR INPUT TO THE GRID AS IT WOULD START SUCH A GROUND SWELL OF COMPLAINTS THAT AEMC WILL NEED TO START LOOKING FOR ANOTHER JOB</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:03:41 | <p>It is most unreasonable to charge solar panel owners for power input to the grid. We put solar panels on our roof to reduce carbon dioxide going into the atmosphere. The government paid a high feed in tariff to encourage this. The present feed in tariff does not compensate for the cost of later installations. If you want people to get off the grid this is the way to achieve it. I will consider alternative measures if this ridiculous proposal goes ahead.</p> |

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| | <p>Dear Sir /Madam</p> <p>Yes I'm a solar owner and I'm writing to voice my concern about the proposed changes that would see you charge me for the clean electricity that I feed back into the grid on a daily basis. Electricity that the major power suppliers are then very happy to charge me a much higher premium for and make a substantial profit on.</p> <p>We made the decision to install our system when the return to us has only been 8 cents a kilowatt so we weren't early adopters. We made the call because we believe that renewables are the way of the future and enable us in some small way to give something back to the environment and to the country.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:03:12 | <p>I appreciate that we are in a period of systemic change to the system and that we need a strong and reliable electricity system. In the years to come future generations (hopefully) will have the opportunity to look back at this period of transition and review the role of the AEMC and other players. How do you want to be remembered? So if you charge solar owners to feed back in then what about the big power companies. The same companies that over recent years have gold plated parts of the system and who have been very happy to reap the massive profits that have ensured. Without the thousands of kilowatt hours of "free" electricity fed back into the system from solar owners how much worse would the recent electricity shortages have been and now you are considering charging us for the privilege. Please don't persist with this short sighted and incomprehensible idea.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:02:35 | <p>I am absolutely outraged at this ridiculous and punitive idea. While I receive a miserable feed in tariff for the power I send to the grid, my supplier (Energy Australia) on sells that power for at least 6 times the amount I receive.</p> <p>In other words, they reap a huge profit from my excess generation and can and should pay much more in a higher feed in tariff--that in itself is a gigantic rip-off. To the want to impose a further punitive amount on my solar panels is not only outrageous, but also in my view tantamount to theft. As far as I am concerned, there will be thirty feet of ice in hell before I will submit to this blatant dishonesty. In plain language, whoever dares to do this can go to hell and burn.</p> <p>Dear Madam/Sir,</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:01:33 | <p>I am writing to request that there is never a charge applied to households for excess energy supplied back to the grid from a household solar system. I am shocked that it is even a consideration to charge residents for feeding into the grid with excess solar from their homes. Other countries in the world encourage this, but yet Australia, a country abundant in sun, tries to yet again implement a policy that discourages the use of solar. Please implement policies that encourage the use of solar so as to support individual choices that contribute to reducing greenhouse gases and doing our bit for our children's future. We should not be burning dirty fossil fuels in this day and age of the available alternatives. Please don't penalise individual households when they already have a cost in installing their own systems, why not see the excess power as an advantage that was sourced through a natural, non harmful method?</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider and to put our children's future first.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:01:30 | <p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>It would be outrageous to be charged for feeding excess energy from my solar panels into the grid. Surely we should be encouraged to supply more of this clean energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:01:13 | <p>*It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. *There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. *We put on rooftop solar as a means of contributing to improving the health of the environment as well as reducing the cost of our power bills. A charge on solar exports would impact us financially each quarter & also ensure we don't gain the benefits anticipated over the long term. More & more people will opt for battery storage & even consider going off the grid totally. *A CHARGE ON PEOPLE WHO ARE FEEDING POWER INTO THE GRID FOR MINIMAL RETURN - YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!!!!!!</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 17:00:41 | <p>I am outraged about the increased supply charges to be levied against people already supplying the grid with power at greatly subsidised rates. I have a 6.2kw solar system that when it feeds into the grid only generates 7.1350 cents while I and others who are not on solar are charged 24.0673 cents. How can you claim that solar users like me are not paying their share of the infrastructure when I am obviously subsidising power generation and also paying an existing 44.1808 cents per day towards it. This is not acceptable and is akin to double dipping.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:00:33 | <p>Dear AEMC, It is an imperative that the way we generate and use energy becomes more sustainable. Any dis-incentive to produce solar energy will be detrimental to our future well being. I urge you to, not allow a fee to be placed on exporters. Regards</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:00:19 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay a cent and give us only 6c KW but charge 28c out. And I got it to save money as on age pension and so have very little and electricity was largest bill I had. This latest idiotic idea makes little sense unless those whoever first brought it up or influenced its appearance, actually will profit from it as we are all sure someone is. Today we are mostly of the same mind, that we're being ripped off on energy. And that householders are being used as cash cows. When encouraged to go solar to help out in the first place and we save the power co to export too, having to increase lines and polls so a benefit and a bonus. So instead of ripping more of us - tell them to up their payment for our power - it was silly before to have it as high as retail but now gone too far the other way. Time for a re-think.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:00:18 | <p>When it became apparent that Governments of the world would not act on climate change at the Copenhagen summit in 2009, we installed solar panels at our house as we did not want to be an energy burden to the planet. This was incredibly expensive but we wanted to work towards a better future for our child. For 9 months of the year we make more electricity than we use and in winter it is close to 75% of our consumption. We love exporting our spare electricity, knowing that it is coming for free from the sun. But we should be paid the market rate, just like every other power generator. We don't want extra, we just want to be treated fairly. I can't believe that it could even be considered good policy to charge people for exporting to the grid if their energy is sourced from residential rooftop solar. Our government must support renewable energy. We have abundant sunshine and wind. I am not asking for a handout, I am asking for a fair price. When we installed our panels, we did it in good faith, hoping to reduce our environmental footprint. Why should we pay to export electricity when energy producers running coal-fired plants don't get charged, but get paid instead? This is absurd and smacks of petty ideology getting in the way of policy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:00:13 | <p>I cannot believe that the AEMC would even consider charging residential solar power generators to feed their power into the national electricity grid. What cost is this charge supposed to cover? The power companies are already making quite a good profit on the solar power generated by residents. A very stupid idea!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 17:00:06 | <p>A feed in tariff for solar owners to use the power network is grossly unfair when solar owners are providing cheap clean energy to the grid, and large coal providers are not charged to export to the grid. Being a pensioner having an extra fee to pay for electricity export to the grid would put a total stress on my household income. Solar is much cleaner than coal. No feedin tarriff for solar owners please.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:59:56 | <p>I put Solar on my roof to beat the unfair price rises these governments keep allowing the energy companies to impose on struggling families. We're already paying too much for electricity and now you want to take every cent from the public. Leave us alone, our family can't take anymore. You're bleeding us dry.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:59:41 | <p>I cannot believe the stupidity in the suggestion that Solar producers be charged to supply power to the grid. No other primary producer pays to supply their market. No primary producer could or would stay in the market. The responsible attitude to addressing the need to adopt sustainable energy production is to pay a fair market price for this product. I'd even suggest paying a premium as these producers carry the capital burden of establishing their facility. No doubts about this primary producer, charge me for selling my product and you lose my produce and you lose me from the grid altogether. And you will not get my vote in any political election. Have I made myself clear?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:59:21 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:58:57 | <p>*It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>*There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>*We put on rooftop solar as a means of contributing to improving the health of the environment as well as reducing the cost of our power bills. A charge on solar exports would impact us financially each quarter & also ensure we don't gain the benefits anticipated over the long term. More & more people will opt for battery storage & even consider going off the grid totally. I remember not having electricity up until the age of 7 & we didn't have a generator either.</p> <p>*A CHARGE ON PEOPLE WHO ARE FEEDING POWER INTO THE GRID FOR MINIMAL RETURN - YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!!!!!!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:58:56 | <p>To have to pay to export clean solar energy to the grid is ludicrous, if this was to happen then I would turn it off and have all of my solar production for myself and my own consumption. For this to happen all it needs is a different type of inverter and then the grid would lose access to this clean energy, and if every other solar producer did the same then the grid would have to run only on the dirty coal etc types of supply.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:58:45 | <p>I strongly object to the idea of being charged to export power that I generate with my solar panels to the grid. I installed these panels quite some time ago with the express idea of being able to reduce my electricity bills as I am an age pensioner. At the moment I get a not unreasonable feed in tariff but if that were to change to a feed in tax then I will have to investigate going off grid completely so the electricity suppliers would get no money at all off me instead of the reduced amount they are getting now during the winter months.</p> <p>I realise that this government hates renewable energy in all forms but progress cannot be stopped and the idea that a feed in tax would stop the change to renewable energy is purely a pipe dream of the coal lobby.</p> <p>Please, consider the idea of a tax on inputs carefully as the net results will not be as you may hope for with many people going off grid completely thus leaving those that cannot or would not to pick up the extra costs thus imposed due to the lesser number of customers requiring power from the antiquated current power network.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:58:34 | <p>Thank you.</p> <p>The government shouldn't charge the solar energy to be put into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:58:23 | <p>It is unfair to charge solar owners when power companies don't have to pay. I installed solar panels to save money and make a difference to the environment and I don't expect to be slugged a charge because I have done so. The proposed charge will have an unfair impact on my household budget.</p> <p>I am grateful for the opportunity to make this submission. By way of "Executive summary" I believe that we should be doing everything we can to encourage solar and nothing to discourage it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:58:19 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:58:16 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>hi</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:58:07 | <p>I do not have solar but I find it abhorrent to impose a charge to rooftop solar owners for exporting energy to the grid. I buy solar from the grid and I am charged extra for doing so. I respect that others have spent their money up front to help our community combat climate change. If this unfair charge goes ahead, I am confident that owners will respond by buying battery storage and withdrawing from the grid to the detriment of all users. Fossil fuel generated power is detrimental to all our interests: our health, our weather events, our coastal cities, our farming productivity, our Great Barrier Reef tourism & fisheries, and ultimately the survival of our species. Attacks on renewables must end. Punishing the people who have taken on the expense of investing in our future is unconscionable.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:56:54 | <p>We put solar power on our previous home while the premium feed-in tariff was still available. When we moved house we put solar on the new house even though the rebates had dropped and the feed-in tariff had dropped to virtually nothing, because we believe in doing our part for the environment. The low feed-in tariff is unfair enough, but to charge us now for feeding into the grid is ridiculous as we're providing a valuable service to the network and the environment. At the moment we still have high electricity bills even though we generate about 50% more electricity than we use, so penalising us further would likely make us consider going off grid in future.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:56:45 | <p>I cannot believe the arrogance of you people to even consider charging solar customers to export electricity to the grid. If this goes ahead then we will be considered as suppliers and as such, will be claiming maintenance and depreciation on our systems and dwellings. Reconsider the downside.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:56:38 | <p>this idea of charging those who export power to the grid when the costs of maintenance and purchase of the system in the first place is paid for by the owner in the first place is totally unjust and has no bearing on reality whatsoever and must not be allowed to start. Maintenance is a constant cost and never ends and the risks taken by the owner is always a possibility of failure has to be taken into consideration.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:56:22 | It is very unfair to charge owners to export the power they have made through their solar panels, installed at their own expense, so that the companies can make a big profit at their expense. Sounds like cheating to me! |
| 2017-06-26 16:56:11 | It is unethical for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid while CO2 polluting power companies don't have to pay a cent. It is also unfair for solar owners to be charged to export power to the grid when there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. If you charge solar owners to export power many of us will probably make the investment in battery based storage sooner than later and go off grid altogether. |
| 2017-06-26 16:55:57 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. If we start getting charged to sell power we would be better off to pull them off the roof wasting the money we have spent on solar panels. |
| 2017-06-26 16:55:57 | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid To fully utilize our panels we would have to get battery backup and go off the grid which is even more expensive and the batteries probably do more damage to the environment (manufacture and use) than coal power Solar owner investors should not be charged for exporting power. |
| 2017-06-26 16:55:27 | Large generators and Corporations do not pay a fee neither should other generators.such as solar grid connectors granted license to so connect. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. A feedin tariff of 7c per KW is not fair when the power companies resell that at a premium of 10 or 20% and buy it for 7c vs 35c for selling |
| 2017-06-26 16:55:26 | It was expensive to install the solar and why should we pay again to the enery companies as well as helping them make a profit from clean energy that we export. To even propose considering such charges for solar owners to export our energy to the grid is an appalling idea and shows massive and totally inappropriate bias in favour of large, "big business" polluting power producers. This is yet another example of the lack of consideration for domestic electricity consumers and producers, along with the lack of a mandated fair price for small scale producers of solar power who feed in to the grid and the lack of recognition of the desperate need for increased clean energy production and concommittent reduction in use of dirty sources of power such as coal fired power stations. If it occurred, it would impose yet another unfair living cost on our family. It also would clearly be a potentially much more reliable power source overall when multiple producers over large areas contribute so problems in any one or group / area may be offset by unaffected others still functioning. |
| 2017-06-26 16:54:49 | We will certainly bear such matters in mind when voting at State and Federal elections. |
| 2017-06-26 16:54:21 | The concept of charging people providing solar power (of which I am NOT) is ridiculous as they are providing a clean reliable source of energy and thereby reducing the load on major power companies and if anything should be heavily rewarded not penalised We purchased solar panels for environmental reasons. We never expected it to be financially viable, and indeed it is not, and never will be in our lifetime. The panels were expensive and no matter what the feed-in tariff, we will never recoup the money we spent. |
| 2017-06-26 16:53:59 | We've done the right thing by the community. The energy we provide to the grid is cleaner and greener than the energy which would otherwise have to be supplied by the power company, and it contributes to a healthier environment for us all. In these days of uncertainty of supply, the electricity we provide to the grid can be considered a public service. It seems unfair and punitive to consider that we should be charged for providing it. |
| 2017-06-26 16:53:36 | From my last electricity bill, my solar system exported to the grid, almost three times what I used and I still received a \$105.21 bill. Price gouging at its' best. The feed in tariff needs to address our considerable setup costs. Regards |

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| 2017-06-26 16:53:06 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. We have installed a 1.5kw PV system and we use 8.5 kw per day. This is a great saving on the grid and with our exports of over 1200 kw PA we are keeping faith with the idea of sustainable energy. The impact of charging our household for energy would be two fold. Firstly it would make our investment in the idea of sustainability redundant and supporting corporate greed is not on my agendum.</p> <p>It would be regarded as a serious insult to the private non corporate investor to endeavour to profit and unjustly enrich any party at the expense of another. secondly, I may suggest a campaign involving every PV unit owner simultaneously switching off the supply to the grid may create a little interest for the non alternative suppliers and the network.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:52:51 | <p>Stop the Solar swindle - they are already making a very large profit from the energy we feed back to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:52:34 | <p>I care about the environment and am concerned so little is being done by the government to prevent further climate change. I invested in solar panels to do my bit to cut down on co2. I invested in solar panels to encourage my neighbours and family to do the same. Please do not penalize me financially for making this investment when dirty coal powered stations do not pay for feeding into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:52:07 | <p>We invested in solar panels to reduce our electricity bills during our retirement. We are not well off and any extra charge such as one imposed for supplying energy to the grid will hurt us.</p> <p>We also consider such a charge unfair if other suppliers are not similarly charged.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:51:56 | <p>To church solar owners to feed electricity is unfair and when dirty big power company don't have to pay anything.....I can't believe a government abusing their people in that way. Because of this unfair prices of electricity and treatment, more people will get off grit and take care of their own power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:51:49 | <p>Why should we pay a fee to the electricity company for the use of the electricity that comes off our solar panels that we put on our roof at our own expense to help lower the extremely high bills that we were getting and to help protect our planet when we hardly get anything back from them and still a fairly high bill which will go even higher which we won't be able to afford if they go through with it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:51:29 | <p>Should not be ripped off for doing our bit for the environment.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:51:18 | <p>The overlying issue is that we need all the renewable energy we can get to minimise global warming. Charging a fee for supplying energy into the system is not only unfair but is the opposite to what is needed. Anyone with a brain can see the stupidity of the proposal to charge a fee to feed energy into the grid. Oh; I forgot about greed!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:49:21 | <p>Australians love their solar and they won't put up with unfair charges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. • There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. • After upgrading my system I now have 4.5kW of PV panels and a 5kW battery storage system installed which runs my household during daylight hours and part of the night. • If I start to be charged for my solar exports to the grid it will be grossly unfair - I am trying my hardest (including the investment of considerable amounts of money) to reduce the use of non-renewable energy and lessen my household's carbon footprint. |
| 2017-06-26 16:48:50 | <p>The charge has already started it should be stopped because we do the right thing and coal companies can do what they like.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:48:47 | <p>It is unfair & undemocratic to charge citizens to put CLEAN energy back onto the grid. This ground swell is as big as the Australian fair go. This will not go away but the people who implement will.</p> <p>Watch this space</p> |

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| | <p>I strongly object to the AMEC's proposal that solar owners be slugged for feeding renewable electrical energy to the grid, especially when the corporate generators of fossil-fuel derived energy bear no such charge on their production, Clearly the fossil fuel industry is again trying to discourage renewable energy generation in favour of its profitable but polluting outdated industries that drive climate change.</p> <p>I own two properties which have PV solar installed: our residence and a business premises. The cost of providing electricity to these premises is considerably reduced by the installed PV solar. Additionally we are rewarded by the knowledge that these systems reduce our CO2 footprint by about 20 tonne per annum.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:48:34 | <p>There should be a FIT that recognizes the environmental and health benefits of non-polluting PV solar, and rewards PV solar owners for their investment in Australia's future and the mitigation of climate change.</p> <p>If this imposition is applied, we, together with many other PV solar owners, will feel impelled to adopt battery storage technology and disconnect from the grid.</p> <p>We hope this proposal, which is only for the benefit of the ailing and soon to be obsolete fossil fuel industry, is abandoned in preference for a better future based on renewable non-polluting energy sources such as PV Solar.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:48:14 | <p>This proposal is UNACCEPTABLE. We are providing our OWN power so that the government DOESN'T have to provide even more power than they already do, which would be an even bigger cost than it already is. We have spent thousands of our own dollars on our own initiative and still you think you can slug us. The government need to understand that "joe average" cannot fix the budget whole on their own. You do this to us but still give yourselves a VERY UNEARNED payrise!!! Again unacceptable to the public.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:47:20 | <p>We are now on a pension and to extract more dollars from the MEAGRE dollars we do get will mean we have to go without something more than we already do.</p> <p>You should cause those that export to be paid the same price the retailer charges.</p> <p>You people need to get off the fairy floss</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:46:58 | <p>Money hungry grubs!!! Give yourself a payrise and stitch up the average aussie trying to save on power prices and the environment.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:46:52 | <p>This idea is unfair, we are helping to supply power to victoria etc</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:46:29 | <p>Please don't charge solar system owners, as they are trying to pay off the high cost of buying the system, which should be better subsidised.</p> <p>Please pay a better feed in tariff to them.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:46:24 | <p>Being a disability pensioner I am struggling to keep afloat. Having solar panels has allowed me to comfortably afford electricity for the last five years. Taking away the 60c feed in tariff has made a huge difference to what I can now afford & how much heating/cooling I can allow myself. The pitiful 6c we are now given has not even netted me \$1. Plus now I have to pay for my electricity, which I can barely do. If you make us pay to export it I will have no option but to go without heating & cooling which will drastically effect my ailing health. I can not give up anything else except my food. What reason is there to charge us? You are making money out of the exported power & then you want to double dip by charging us. Have you no conscience? I would rather rip out my solar panels than give you anymore money. You don't deserve it or need it. The price of electricity & gas is high enough, another 16-20% increase means my one night a weeks evening out will now have to stop. I am a virtual hermit. The only time I will get to go out is to buy groceries. What fun!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:46:05 | <p>We didn't put rooftop solar on our house to provide the government or power companies with an unfair source revenue but to provide our home with environmentally friendly source of power. We help to provide the grid with plenty of power when we are generating more than we use - which is most of the time during the daytime. This power is then sold onto other households who don't create their own power. Why should we be paying to pump that power into the grid so the power companies can be making money from it? At the current time we get a good tariff from that power we generate in excess but should this unfair ridiculous tariff be imposed on us we shall consider putting in a battery bank and bypassing the system altogether. Why are consumers who outlay their own money to make changes to the system that have a positive environmental impact discriminated against when the dirty polluting companies don't have to pay a cent. Why are citizens always having to fight to prevent government agencies making changes that are unfair and discriminatory?.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:45:19 | <p>I am writing to register my objection to the idea that people with rooftop solar be charged to feed their electricity into the grid. Such a proposal is unfair to the people who have made the investment in rooftop solar especially when the same rules would not apply to power generators. Already rooftop solar is at a disadvantage being paid at such a low rate for their feeds- in electricity .</p> <p>People who have rooftop solar have made an investment in the country's energy future and should not be punished for it.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:45:05 | Why should Red Energy charge me 35 cents k/whr & only give me 11 cents for generated solar power. They have not had any expense in obtaining this power but they pass it on at a 314.3% mark up - DAYLIGHT ROBBERY. |
| 2017-06-26 16:44:38 | <p>I object to the AMEC proposing to implement a charge on Private Solar Electricity customers feeding power into the grid.</p> <p>We pay a much higher rate for consumption of electricity than we earn and power stations dont pay any charges for the power they export to the grid with their dirty power.</p> <p>I Spent \$15000.00 in purchasing a quality system to produce clean energy.</p> <p>I would organise a class action to fight this if you intend to implement this foolish scheme</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:44:32 | <p>I have worked in the power generation industry for 34 years and can see the writing on the wall for coal fired power.</p> <p>About 5 years ago I invested \$7000 + to put solar on my roof for both environmental and cost reasons as I could see the sale of the government stations to private operators would result in power price increases.</p> <p>Since installing the solar panels I have seen a growing number of charges on my bill resulting in more than 50% of my bill is now charges from the retailer for having solar power on my roof. This was not part of the deal when I and many others took the plunge and spent our savings to improve the planet.</p> <p>This country has signed up to reduce co2 output and private citizens like myself have enabled this country to reduce coal fired power output. All of our small contributions have saved the state government having to invest in new generation plant saving the country even more debt load.</p> <p>It is unethical for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid which enables Australia to meet its commitments when large polluting power companies don't have to pay.</p> <p>The fossil fuel industry which funds political parties has far to much influence in this country and only have their own intrusts at heart and care not about our planet.</p> <p>I have recently returned from the USA where I have seen massive solar and wind farms all over the country. It does not matter what Trump and Abbots right wing associates want coal plants are being shut down because of cost and that will continue. The wind has changed and nothing will stop the development of clean power it may be slowed by poor government decisions but it cant be stoped.</p> <p>I do not want to see Australia become uncompetitive because the fossil fuel industry condemns us to try to compete in the world using 18th century power technology.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:44:26 | We have incurred costs, helped the government achieve its Paris goals, hoped that our efforts will create s better world for our children and now we are going to get penalised again. |
| 2017-06-26 16:43:40 | Please do not charge solar users to export our clean energy, this is not a fair playing field, dirty power companies are not paying this charge. I am a senior and every cent saved counts in my budget. There should also be a fair feed in tariff, I am being ripped off at only 6 cents. |
| 2017-06-26 16:43:39 | It doesn't make sense to charge customers for feeding power back into the grid, when in the aggregate and properly managed, those inputs can constitute an on-tap method of dealing with peak-demand times. Downstream, when there are more batteries associated with home storage, these can also be used in the aggregate to even out demand peaks and even to provide base-line supply. |
| 2017-06-26 16:43:36 | <p>Suppliers of energy to the grid should be treated equally. All should receive the same rate per kWh. Solar suppliers must not be penalised in any way, including such punitive measures as gross overcharging for "meter reading" as is currently allowed to the extent that solar providers could well be paying the entire wage of the reader and more in some supply areas. Providers who choose to grid supply from private battery storage as technology permits must be adequately compensated.</p> <p>Solar owners who choose to go off-grid must not be penalised for disconnection beyond the actual cost of physical isolation.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:42:57 | <p>I see no reason for individual household generators of clean energy to be penalised for contributing to the grid. They should get a fair rate for contributing clean energy for national use. Unlike polluting generators that create a variety of costs to communities and the environment, and both their long term health.</p> <p>Roof top solar has to be economical to encourage us to use it and get others to install it for community and environmnatal benefit.</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:42:44 | <p>It is grossly unfair that I should be charged for exporting my clean green solar power to the grid when foreign owned companies export their fossil burn power free and are not charged for the consequent pollutants they discharge to our atmosphere.</p> <p>I am reducing transmission losses by generating power close to the point of use.</p> <p>I used some funds I had saved when I retired to invest in solar on a win-win basis, I would save money and reduce the carbon being dumped to the atmosphere. It is unfair to change the rules now.</p> <p>We as a nation should be encouraging solar installations to help us to meet our commitments under the Paris agreement.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:42:23 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export residual electricity. There should be a fairer feed in tariff that recognises the saving it provides the grid. To the Australian Energy Market Commission,</p> <p>It is totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid especially when big dirty power companies do not have to pay a cent. I cannot believe the greed thinking behind this concept. Solar owners should be PAID for the clean power they are providing to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:41:57 | <p>This feed in tariff should recognise the environment and health benefits of solar along with the network savings the solar provides to the grid. This whole concept is a saving to the entire country not a cost. I think it is high time that governments and the governing bodies associated with energy production start to get their thinking in order and get behind renewal energy and start having solar owners being paid correctly for the energy they are supplying to the grid.</p> <p>This means payments to solar owners should be equivalent to the cost of regular supply. Whatever households are being charged for power then solar owners should be paid the same. That is the reality.</p> <p>Dear Sirs/Madams,</p> <p>I believe you are seeking responses on a possible charge on grid-connected small renewable energy generators, including home owners with solar power installed. I would object strongly to any such proposal as it is inequitable and counter to the need for renewable energy generation to replace fossil fuel generators that export carbon pollution adding to global warming.</p> <p>It is clearly inequitable and non-sensical, as if any charges were to be made by the AEMC, it should be to those generators that cause the most carbon pollution, and to those users who collectively impose huge peak energy demands, such as owners of air-conditioning systems that have no renewable energy, and/or batteries, installed to counter it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:41:18 | <p>I am very concerned that the board may be unduly influenced by fossil fuel lobbyists who are trying to prevent the continuing erosion of their profits. Distributed small-scale renewable energy generation helps stabilise the grid, not the other way around. Please look to Europe to see how backward your thinking is, there they have much higher levels of both large-scale and small-scale renewable energy generation, yet their grids are stable.</p> <p>Finally, why is it that you are effectively supporting large scale, polluting generators over the more than 1.5 million home owners who have collectively invested billions of dollars in providing renewable generation capacity? That investment is not supported by subsidies anywhere to the extent that the fossil fuel generators are subsidised. If all those owners were to form a corporation, perhaps then you'd take notice of this huge pollution free renewable energy source. Australia has signed the Paris Accord on reducing carbon pollution, what this suggestion would do is run counter to that international commitment. I therefore charge you in breach of this agreement that Australia is a signatory to unless you permanently dismiss any notion of putting a charge on the export of renewable energy to the grid.</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. Are you serious about lowering pollutants - if so, do not allow a charge on solar which is exported to the grid. I'm trying to generate clean energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:41:13 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I realise solar systems have fallen in price and FITs can be lower, but there should still be an FIT.</p> <p>I'm going to install a 4 or 5 kW system later this year when I renovate my house.</p> <p>I would not like to think that I will be charged to export power to the grid for power companies to sell at a profit to the consumer next door. What a crazy system that would be.</p> <p>Solar Owners, who at their own expense, have committed to improving Australia's electrical generation program, are now expected to pay for providing electricity back to the grid. This is an attempt at retrospective price increases for solar providers. How ludicrous to charge public benefactors for doing the right and decent thing. You cannot make this impost as, along with reduced and below wholesale production costs of major producers it may affect prospective purchasers of solar systems. Increasing support for solar purchasers not increased costs should be the objective of energy policy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:41:00 | <p>yours faithfully</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:40:18 | How dare the AEMC even consider making solar less attractive. The country is facing a climate calamity because of worldwide fossil fuel use and the AEMC us considering actually making clean energy harder and more expensive? Is the AEMC held hostage to the coal industry and other vested interests? I can see a time coming when the electorate will punish politicians and their public servants for not doing enough to reduce the country's fossil fuel dependence. |
| 2017-06-26 16:40:17 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent |
| 2017-06-26 16:39:44 | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Solar owners met the capital cost. |
| 2017-06-26 16:39:36 | I installed Solar power over 4 years ago to save money on my every day living costs. Why should I be charged to export power into the grid. There should be a fair feed-in tariff to recognise the clean & healthy benefit of Solar power & we should be rewarded not penalised. I am semi retired & if I am charged to export power into the grid it will have a devastating effect on our daily living costs. |
| 2017-06-26 16:39:13 | I cannot understand by what twisted logic my supplying electricity to the grid involves my being charged a fee!!! This electricity is generated at no cost to anyone (except my initial startup cost, which I am prepared to accept)How can reducing the load on so-called "poles and wires" be any kind of negative?? The only downside to what I and thousands of other Australians have done, is that electricity generators and distributors make less money!!!! Attempting to charge small scale generators of solar power can only be viewed as a cynical attempt to maintain the profits of the big generators. 1. It is unfair for me as a solar owner to be charged to export my clean, renewable power to the grid when by doing this I am increasing the available power for general distribution, and decreasing the power companies distribution costs. |
| 2017-06-26 16:39:05 | 2.As I am providing energy that is then sold at a profit by the power companies, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. 3. If my power costs increase due to both of the above issues I will have no option to but to install batteries to minimise my costs, as a pensioner the burden of these increases will decrease my quality of life. |
| 2017-06-26 16:38:20 | I would like to know why it is fair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent, what we feed back is clean local and make minimum use of the grid. Most of us are investing heavily in batteries to take the peak load and on more infrastructure. Honestly there should be a fair feed-in tariff similar to what wholesalers get paid that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid and helps to offset peak loads. I have invested a lot into putting rooftop solar on my property for financial reasons as well as environmental reasons. If everyone is encouraged to install solar then the whole country benefits, there should be more incentives to do this not less. If you add charges to those who have been brave and invested it will just turn others away and make my life as a retired person much harder I invested in Solar to help me cope with my bills in retirement please don't destroy my dream by changing the rules after we have all committed our money into solar trying to do the right thing by everybody, Encourage and reward us for being wise and trying to lead other for the sustainable future, |
| 2017-06-26 16:38:12 | I don't get it! They want to charge me for giving them power, that I paid for at my expense? The "SUN" did not charge me for its output!!! Why should they??? Are we becoming nuts? |
| 2017-06-26 16:38:08 | It seems incredibly unfair for solar owners to pay for exporting the clean, renewable power to the grid whilst big non-renewable companies do not. Surely this is an embarrassment to you and a denial of any sense of justice to those citizens of this country, who are genuinely concerned about the environment, climate change and the health of our children and grandchildren. Should this silliness go ahead it will just encourage more people to go off grid and compound the problem. My six year old PV system must be getting close to renewal. Unless circumstances change (see below) I will be looking hard at going off grid. |
| 2017-06-26 16:38:03 | If you wish to avoid this why not promote the option to allow end users to sell back to their retailer their stored energy at times of peak demand thus using thousands of domestic and small business as a huge reservoir that can supply peak power (and perhaps allow systems to close down gracefully during an extreme event such as the SA storms) |

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| 2017-06-26 16:37:39 | <p>We are appalled at the notion that AEMC may be contemplating a charge on small scale rooftop solar owners to export to the grid. Although we purchase electricity at retail rates we are only paid wholesale rates to send it back; how would you feel if you over-bought something at Bunnings and they not only gave you a one-third of the price back, but also charged you for approaching the refund & exchanges counter? Although we will enjoy a subsidised feed-in tariff for another couple of years that was put in place to encourage us to go solar and now it appears we could be punished for doing so. Beyond that time the outlook is pretty bleak and we are already considering going off-grid altogether, as we have most of the panels we need and are told that battery battery prices will only come down. We already use off-grid power for some purposes as the grid is too expensive and too unreliable. Will Western Power be happy in future to pay rent for the seven poles and wires traversing our rural property, or remove them for the sake of our visual amenity? This proposal effectively punishes people who are only trying to "do the right thing" and should never have seen the light of day.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:36:41 | <p>When I retired I spent thousands on panels to make electricity for the planet as well as to ensure I produced clean energy and that I would get my money back during my retirement by gaining credits back from the grid. DO NOT PLEASE place an added burden on me by charging a tax retrospectively (or on other current solar owners) The solar energy I generate should not be charged when it is clean, green and the current rebate is undervalued. Other generators do not get charged for their outdated dirty energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:36:37 | <p>The feed in tariff should be much fairer as I have paid the capital outlay for generating and others can use the power. Although I have a fair size system, it does not cover my usage and so I am still buying overpriced power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:36:30 | <p>If I am to be charged for exporting power, I will go off grid. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid I will experience severe financial hardship if I am charged to export energy back to the grid on top of the already stated increase in standing charges on my bill Dear AEMC,</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:36:17 | <p>I strongly oppose any proposal to allow solar owners to be charged for feeding electricity back to the grid. Solar owners should not be unfairly profited from when large fossil fuel generators pay nothing. Instead, those who feed clean electricity back to the grid via solar should receive a fair feed-in-tariff. Currently I am getting quotes from local installers to install solar panels on my roof, however if I was expected to pay for any excess power sent back to the grid this would end my enquiries. Please reconsider this idea and encourage greater solar uptake.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:36:07 | <p>Sincerely With the existence on this planet of life as we know it at risk, any attempt to discourage citizens from generating and freely exporting part of that PV generation for the benefit of others, will be considered quite rightly by our children and grandchildren, a treasonous act</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:35:59 | <p>Why should I get penalised for doing the correct thing. We put solar on our roof for the environment and to use cleaner energy. We survive on a a single pension and you want to charge me more. Not on !!!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:34:36 | <p>Stop The Solar Swindle!!!! DO NOT charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:34:29 | <p>Solar owners should be allowed to export their excess power to whom ever they wish and not be locked into a monopoly AND DEFINITELY NOT BE CHARGED TO EXPORT IT TO THAT MONOPOLY!!!!!!!!!!!! If whoever does start charging me for sent out electricity then I will be going off grid and use a generator for night times, which I already have for my motorhome.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:34:28 | My Modest 4.5KW rooftop is providing a very valuable service to the NSW and National grid. Last February at Redhead we suffered a 42deg heatwave. I carefully monitored my power consumption throughout the day AND from 10am until 6pm all the power consumed including the "air conditioner" was supplied from my solar panels and there was a small amount of power remaining to EXPORT to the grid. That day the NSW and National energy ministers were warning of electricity blackouts. I am certain that on that day my solar panels together with the thousands of rooftop panels in NSW reduced demand of the NSW Grid and saved NSW from major blackouts. The installation of rooftop solar panels is a free source of energy (well only 11cents per kwh) and for this small cost we will save the spending of Billions of Dollars in other forms of large infrastructure. Please encourage the installation of more rooftop solar don't discourage by charging for feed-in excess electricity. |
| 2017-06-26 16:33:47 | Now retired and have done as much as possible to keep our fees down by having Solar and just when you think you may be doing some good the Government always get you. Surely it helps the Government not having to produce so much power so why are we penalised. |
| 2017-06-26 16:33:44 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewal power to the grid when big dirty companies don't have to pay a cent and there should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.its very hard to survive as the power prices going up and we still have to pay for feed in . |
| 2017-06-26 16:33:34 | I would love to see all SOLARCITIZENS turn our power of for a day. We had it installed to be of benefit to the environment. If we could afford the batteries I wouldn't be feeding into the grid. |
| 2017-06-26 16:32:56 | It is unreasonable for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when power companies don't have to pay a cent. It is a responsible position to consider all clean alternative power sources. |
| 2017-06-26 16:32:52 | I cant believe charging ordinary people for generating solar electricity is even a proposal to be considered. |
| 2017-06-26 16:32:46 | the federal government encouraged us to put solar on our home so they could meet their clean energy targets .Already they have removed most of our feed in rebates now you propose to charge us to feed in to the grid so another rip off of people trying to do the right thing this is just more greed and to top it off we have to maintain our solar systems |
| 2017-06-26 16:32:36 | Don't slug solar owners when coal power station don't pay to be connected. |
| 2017-06-26 16:32:31 | Consumers should NOT have to pay a charge when providing power to the grid. This is a complete and utter rip off especially when the large dirty coal companies do not pay one single cent. As an aged pensioner I did the correct thing by purchasing roof top solar panels to help both myself and the environment. I should not be charged a fee for any power provided by my panels but on the contrary I should be receiving remuneration in return. I considered that I was helping to provide lower power bills to ease the financial burden of ever increasing power costs on my low income. |
| | I urge you to stop any plans to share solar owners for feeding electricity back to the grid, it's grossly unfair to those of us honest Australians who are doing the best we can which was previously backed by the government to reduce our electricity usage, rely less on unsustainable coal by doing our bit for the environment. |
| | Not only that, it's grossly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. |
| 2017-06-26 16:30:53 | Not only that, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. At approximately 50% of the actual price of electricity. |
| | I understand we shouldn't be able to earn more than the price of electricity itself (not our fault prior governments had no clue offering 60c and 44c feed ins state dependent), but we cannot and should not ever be retrospectively be punished for the governments poor decisions. All of these subsidies will expire in time anyway - as some already have in NSW at the end of the last calendar year. |
| | Do not charge Australians for feeding clear solar energy into the grid, doing so will only cost Australians who are trying to do the right thing even more, the cost of living is already blowing out of control - don't make it worse at the expense of Australians who care about our future generations. |

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| | Dear Australian Energy Market Commission, |
| 2017-06-26 16:30:44 | <p>Although I am not yet a happy owner of a solar system, I hope to be one in the future. A future which I expect to be welcoming to green, sustainable ways of generating power. This is why I ask you not to charge solar owners to feed their power into the grid, from which non-owners like myself can take advantage of this clean energy. Charging owners doesn't make sense on multiple levels, most obviously that the power lines are already paid for by them anyway through their normal power bills' supply charges.</p> <p>Thanks for your time</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:30:43 | <p>Solar owners should not be charged for exporting power back into the grid because: they have already paid to produce the power by purchasing their systems; power companies are already more than compensated for use of their transmission lines for that export when they pay solar owners around five to six cents for the exported power, which they on sell to other consumers at the massive mark-up of well over thirty cents.; renewables are the future and folk should not be discouraged from taking them up by incurring financial penalties to do so.</p> <p>On a personal level, my wife and I used a redundancy payment to install solar panels so that we would not have to pay high power bills, given that at 61 I'm unlikely to find full-time work ever again and she works part-time (I'm six years off being eligible for the Age Pension and also get by on very limited casual work). Having recently received our first power bill since 'going solar', it's only about \$20 less than for the same quarter last year, even though our usage from the grid is substantially less. This, of course is due to the escalating price of power, but why should we be penalised even further by paying a power company to take our power and then for them to reap further profit from it? I would argue that the feed-in tariff should be substantially increased rather than reversed to be fair to solar owners in a 'free' market.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:30:27 | <p>It is unbelievable that this idea should even be mooted. In fact, it should be the other way round. The Suppliers of energy should be happy that we are providing electricity so that will reduce their need for extra investment in their infrastructure. In any case, they are able to buy electricity CHEAPER than the whole sale price OR the price they charge Energy Consumers. Cannot even understand why they are NOT (at least silently) applauding that we are feeding back electricity to their grid as it is to their benefit more than to the consumers.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:29:42 | <p>When is common sense going to take the place of greedy morons?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:29:12 | <p>We have already invested heavily to have the solar systems put on our homes to save us money and with the average time to have the system paid off will be approximately 20 years at 5.5c per kilowatt don't charge us for access to the network as well. It will make solar even less attractive than it already is.</p> |
| | <p>Australian Energy Market Commission Sir/Madam</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:29:09 | <p>The world we live in is on a collision course to oblivion if the way we live does not become sustainable. Carbon emissions from Coal burning is part of this problem. To do our "bit" to alleviate emissions from the energy we consume, I and thousands of other Australians have put their hand in their pocket and purchased solar panels to produce as much of our own energy that we can. We do this by running running pumps and other consumers of electricity during the day when the sun shines. Sometimes we have an excess of power that goes to the grid for our neighbors to use. For this we receive a pittance compared to what we pay for energy at night when our solar panels are dormant. I now hear that the AMEC is considering taxing us for producing clean energy and exporting it to the grid, what idiot came up with this idea?</p> <p>You should be encouraging solar panel owners to increase their energy production for the good of your grandchildren, not penalising them with a stick.</p> |

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| | I installed solar panels in mid-2007 to reduce my exposure to ever increasing electricity bills, and to reduce my carbon footprint. I also have changed my energy use over time to do what I can to reduce the strain on the NEM electricity supply system, particularly in summer. All these aims have been met. |
| | I object strongly to any plan to charge me for supplying electricity generated from my solar panels into the grid. This is arrant nonsense. Using the prices about to come into play, my supplier pays me \$0.15 per kWh for the electricity which flows to my neighbour and for which the supplier charges her over three times as much per kWh. Almost none of my electricity is lost in transmission, unlike the electricity which comes across the state border from Victoria. My electricity produces effectively no CO2, so I am assisting Mr Turnbull meet the commitments he (rightly) made on Australia's behalf in COP21. |
| 2017-06-26 16:29:08 | Power from fossil fuels is provided many subsidies. The generation process is highly polluting. There is no tax on the particulate matter thrown into the air from the power stations, nor the greenhouse gasses created. |
| | AEMC needs to recognise that it has a moral obligation to act in the interest of all Australians. I want there to be an Australia fit for my grandchildren to enjoy. AEMC holds sway over policies which can help Australia survive, or hurt Australia. Use that power in our genuine interest, please. Establish policies that promote the use of renewable energy, not policies that promote the retention of highly polluting power sources. |
| | Create a fair price for renewable energy returned to the grid. Promote the generation of clean energy rather than hinder it. |
| 2017-06-26 16:28:58 | And please do what you can to obliterate the 5-minute / 30-minute pricing rules which allow the oligopoly power producers to game the pricing system to their advantage. The outcome of this ridiculous process may be to destroy manufacturing in Australia. The world needs to move to renewable energy and to quickly but sensibly close down climate affecting dirty coal generating power. many of us have done what we can as individuals to help clean up our seriously polluted world by adding solar panels to our homes. But it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Our experience with solar has been very positive in that we feel we are contributing to the necessary change to a cleaner and more energy renewable world for our children and grandchildren. |
| 2017-06-26 16:28:11 | It seems like the AEMC hasn't got the message: Australians love their solar and they won't put up with unfair charges. We need to make these clean energy changes attractive and charging for our solar exports to the grid will have a real negative disincentive to add solar in the future. |
| 2017-06-26 16:28:09 | I already pay for the use of the poles and wires and you do not reimburse me with the same rates as the wholesalers get for using the same network as it is which is unfair as it is now to suggest further charges is grossly unfair are you trying to push me to going off grid |
| 2017-06-26 16:27:09 | The whole point of using solar energy is to stop global warming, but the Australian Energy Market Commission is considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid - in other words, considering building in disincentives to people to do the right thing by the planet that we are trying to save from catastrophic climate change. |
| 2017-06-26 16:27:08 | Solar owners should not have to pay to feed their clean, renewable energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the dirty energy they generate. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. |
| 2017-06-26 16:27:02 | Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally. |
| 2017-06-26 16:27:02 | Why should the people who paid full price for their solar panels (before all these discounts came in) be punished for doing the right thing? |
| 2017-06-26 16:27:02 | Stop the solar swindle. I have done the best thing for the environment and I want cleaner energy. Now you want to charge me extra. I am a pensioner so ever dollar saved is very important for my family. |

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| | <p>It is most definitely unfair to be charged to export clean energy to the grid and is an absolute travesty, shame on you for having a go at people who try to do the right thing.</p> <p>Instead of penalising people who have spent a great deal of money on solar you should be rewarding them for forward thinking and yes helping the system when it obviously can't cope.</p> <p>Again you should be rewarding not penalising solar contributors for thinking about the world, this great country, the environment.</p> <p>This is a sun drenched country and you should be forward thinking and encourage renewables.</p> <p>Think bigger, encourage, help, be energy leaders not petty and bureaucratic.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:26:57 | <p>I am a Senior Citizen, I put solar panels on my roof whilst in full-time employment, looking to the future, my "Energy Super" if you like. I looked to the future to help myself and not be a drain or burden on this wonderful country and you stab us in the back!</p> <p>GET WITH THE PROGRAMME. The world needs renewables and energy leaders with vision and if you can't do it step aside and let someone else do the job that you obviously can't.</p> <p>Australia could have been the world leaders in Solar Energy instead the decision makers stuck their heads in the sand and we missed the boat. But its not too late, we can pick up the torch and run with it.</p> <p>ENCOURAGE.....REWARD.....LEAD.....</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:26:47 | <p>No electricity producer should be charged for putting their product into the grid for selling to those who need it. Stop this stupid nonsense and actively encourage those with excess solar capacity to sell into the grid. We will all benefit as the causes of Global Warming will be reduced and those who are considering investment in solar or have already invested in solar can get a real return on their investment. The fossil fuel based electricity producers should have to pay a premium for generating their dirty electricity as they are causing irreparable damage to the planet. Swap your priorities to those that are clean and sustainable.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:26:45 | <p>You must see the rationale in all of this!</p> <p>Charging me for solar exports would put another impost on my family that has already been put upon by this Liberal government.</p> <p>Childcare costs are killing me and this would just put another nail in my coffin!</p> <p>DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:26:36 | <p>Our 5kw cost \$25000 back when the gov wanted us to install solar now the power company want to make it total a waste of money & unviable unless we install batteries & go it alone</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:26:20 | <p>Solar owners must not be charged for providing energy to the grid. This would be an outrage! Vegetable growers are not charged for providing vegetables to supermarkets for people to eat. Dairy farmers are not charged for providing milk.</p> <p>We have already paid for the solar panels and hardware to make ourselves into miniature power stations and we cannot be charged for providing much-needed energy to the market.</p> <p>We put solar onto our roof (a) to reduce our use of fossil fuel; (b) to provide excess power so that others can also reduce their use of fossil fuel and thereby reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p>Charging us for exporting power to the grid would mean that the loan we took out to put solar on our roof would not be repaid.</p> <p>One more attempt to punish solar households and we'll go off-grid. You will not only lose a paying customer, but you will also lose the power we provide. Everybody loses.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:25:58 | I do not want the solar generating public to be charged for feeding their excess electricity back in to the grid - especially when other electricity generators (including those using dirty coal) are not charged. You should be ENCOURAGING people to get roof top solar, not discouraging it. Roof top solar has saved areas such as South east Queensland from blackouts during times of increased need. What are you? Being bribed by the coal industry or something? |
| 2017-06-26 16:25:49 | It's not fair to charge solar owners for feeding energy into the grid, as it is we are getting a far lower feed in tariff than we pay for electricity once the Sun goes down. We thought we were doing the right thing for the future for the environment and the future of our children. We put ourselves in debt to pay off a system with the promise that energy costs for us would be greatly reduced even non existent which never actually happened, now you want to charge us even more? Time to charge the dirty coal companies and reward the solar owners. |
| 2017-06-26 16:25:25 | I oppose the proposal to charge people who feed energy back into the grid from domestic solar systems. These people should receive at least the wholesale price for electricity - relevant to the time of day - for power fed into the grid - the same as large scale generators. There should also be an 'incentive' payment on top of that to encourage more small scale distributed supply into all parts of the grid. Network managers should be required to establish energy storage systems on a regional basis - either as large scale pumped hydro or battery systems, or through programs to encourage consumers to install their own storage. |
| 2017-06-26 16:25:10 | Why are we being charged to help the Electricity suppliers resell power we generate ? Current rates are 26 cents per KWH, and solar panel owners get paid 8 cents so they are already pocketing 18 cents a KWH for doing nothing . |
| 2017-06-26 16:25:05 | This is Ridiculous Idea. Sunshine is free. If solar derived energy is fed into the grid the grid should pay the generator not the other way round. Energy companies have been safeguarding their profits at the environments expense for far too long. They don't have to pay to feed in their green power so why should the other green power suppliers. All this support and care for the fossil is sickening. There are more jobs in renewables why is everyone in political power dragging their feet? |
| 2017-06-26 16:24:22 | I spent thousands of dollars some years ago to install a solar system for the sake of the environment and to provide clean non-polluting energy for my home with any excess going into the grid. Why should small producers of clean power be charged for clean energy when large power companies using polluting dirty fuel do not pay a cent? It makes no sense and is totally unfair. On the contrary, domestic producers should be paid a fair feed-in tariff because of the environmental benefits they provide and the contribution to counteract climate change. On what legal basis has this ludicrous idea been launched and where is the money going to be used? It is difficult at the moment to make ends meet on a pension so extra ill-thought and unfair charges would make things more difficult. |
| 2017-06-26 16:24:20 | I would like to say that this proposal is the most ridiculous thing I've heard of. You should be encouraging more people to go solar. I'm a pensioner and put solar panels in to lessens my power bills and do my bit for the environment. It seems the AEMC is only concerned about the coal mining industry when it should be thinking of the future of this country. Australia is becoming an embarrassment in the eyes of the world. It is a short sighted move to make some quick bucks by government from the pensioners and the low income groups who want to save on their power bills. |
| 2017-06-26 16:23:47 | It is the coal fired power stations needs to be charged to polluting the environment, not those who do the right thing to keep the climate change under check. It will back fire because as the battery storage cost decreases people will switch to battery storage instead of your poles and the old power lines, where so much of power is wasted by way of transmission. |
| 2017-06-26 16:23:35 | Move to the 21st C please, not the horse drawn age We installed solar panels over 15 years ago - very expensive at the time - it was for environmental reasons - to reduce our impact on the Earth. Surely to feed in power to the grid helps to reduce the need for new power stations? Power companies pay no feed-in tariff - why should we? To plan such a tax on solar is unfair. |
| 2017-06-26 16:23:12 | It is not on charging people who have put solar on their roofs, to go through the grid, the sun is free and everybody should be able to put solar on their own roofs like other people have, coal is a dying art for electricity, in the next 50 years there will be no coal. |
| 2017-06-26 16:22:55 | We installed solar power to reduce my electricity charges and to support clean energy. A powerful incentive was our soon to come retirement and restricted income. It is extremely unjust if we |
| 2017-06-26 16:22:51 | Don't you dare charge people who have gone out of their way to reduce their green house gas footprint. We solar people have outlay-ed considerable monies to purchase the capital equipment to produce the electricity that eases the burden on the grid. If anything we ought to be able to charge the electricity companies a connection fee as they do us who have to use their network. |
| 2017-06-26 16:22:02 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent •There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid |

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| | <p>I do not have a landline telephone.</p> <p>I understand that the AEMC is considering allowing the polluting power companies to charge solar owners for exporting their clean power to the grid. We already are paid a paltry amount of under 7 cents per KWH , against a charge of over 22 cents per KWh for the same energy if we use it from the grid. AND THE BASTARDS WANT TO CHARGE US FOR GIVING THEM OUR SPARE POWER. GIVE ME A BREAK!</p> <p>It is patently unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid (which was paid for by the people of this country in the first place), when the big polluting power companies do not have to pay a cent for using the same grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:21:51 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar power provides to the grid.</p> <p>I installed rooftop solar power on my home to defray the ever increasing cost of using grid power. I also understand the threat to the habitability of this world and to my grandchildren posed by the continued burning of fossil fuels - notably coal, and I wish to make my small contribution to obviating the need for burning fossil fuels.</p> <p>I am a war veteran and earn less than \$40K per annum. I cannot afford to be paying a fee for exporting my clean electricity to the grid so that the power companies can sell it back to my neighbours at a ridiculous profit.</p> <p>Bear in mind also, that we are all already paying a steadily increasing network charge as part of our periodical electricity bills.</p> <p>Go to hell with your plan!!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:21:31 | <p>Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:21:23 | <p>I'm solar owner and am absolutely disgusted to think that encouraged by Govt to be green and clean that now they are wanting to penalise us .People who have solar have invested heavily to try and improve environmental and health outcomes for not only ourselves but future generations .Stop trying to gauge money from those of us that have tried to do the right thing and perhaps turn your efforts to those that are polluting our environment</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:21:14 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:21:11 | <p>By installing solar panels and exporting excess to the grid, ordinary Australians are already helping to reduce CO₂ emissions. It is bad enough that the feed-in is so much lower than the consumption tariff but to actually charge to feed-in is an insult to democratic fair process and demeans the efforts of citizens to "do their bit" to contribute to CO₂ abatement. Just how far will Australian governments go in the insane desire to promote the use of fossil fuels to the detriment of people and planet?</p> <p>Stop swindling citizens feeding solar energy into the grid.</p> <p>We pay over 30 cents to buy power and get paid 8c for what we put into the grid.</p> <p>The feed-in tariff never goes up when retail power prices rise.</p> <p>Since we installed solar panels power prices have risen about 100% but the feed-in tariff has not gone up a cent. In fact, AGL recently tried to reduce what they pay us to 6c, reduction of 25%.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:21:00 | <p>We feel like we are being ripped off in what we have to pay to buy power compared to what we get back as the feed-in tariff.</p> <p>Our solar system produces 3 times the amount of what we use, so we are putting into the grid twice as much as we actually use, for little financial reward.</p> <p>The government should be encouraging people to feed clean power into the grid, and to use less of the predominantly dirty coal-generated power in Australia.</p> <p>Times are tough at present, with the cost of living rising more rapidly than incomes, so we do not want another increase in the bills we pay, especially when we are doing our bit for the environment unlike the dirty fossil fuel companies.</p> <p>And as we are already being swindled, we certainly do not think it is fair for power companies to charge us extra to export power into the grid.</p> |

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As a consumer who is already slugged \$1.70 per day to import any power I don't produce myself from the grid why should I pay again to export from the grid when I'm already paying to use the grid. It is a complete rip off of the little guy who is trying to do the right thing by the environment unlike the big time producers who are only taking from the consumer, doing nothing for the environment, making big profits and not contributing to the maintenance of the grid or future assurances of energy supply.

It is unfair that I am to be charged to export renewable power that is not costing anything to produce to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay a cent. I have made an investment in my energy security and am supporting the wider grid when money hungry power generators have done nothing but take from the consumer.

There must be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

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I believe that pay more to be connected to the grid than I do for the amount I import from the grid on a regular basis, due to my for sight in putting solar and on my roof. I have made an investment in the future unlike the power companies who have overcharged the customers and made no investment in the future. They have no plan and are now bellyaching to the government for help.

If I am charged to export my solar power to the grid why would I bother to look further in the future. It would increase costs for me and I will look at ways to reduce power consumption OR I will seriously consider putting another 5kw system on the roof and install a Tesla 2 Powerwall.

As a consumer I'm sick of the little person being ripped off by big business, price determining organizations and government, with the government too scared to reign in their excesses

Hi,

I am a solar owner for my rental property and I strongly believe solar is one of the answer to addressing the global threat of climate change by moving our current energy generation based on fossil fuel to renewable and clean energy.

Individual citizens and distributed and decentralised grid systems have a useful and a key role to play in the transition to this new energy future. Ensuring solar owners are fairly compensated for the clean energy they are producing and generating in the grid is utterly important.

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Within the current context of extremely low feed in tariff offered for solar owners (that the retailers resell for 3-4x the price) the suggestion to charge solar owner for feeding their electricity back to the grid is simply not acceptable and contrary to the global need to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. We need a fair feed in tariff to incensitive and accelerate the solar revolution. This will become even more important when storage solution become more affordable (we're not talking decades here... we're talking in few years). Solar owners will simply want to go off grid and we will completely miss the huge potential to fix our energy future.

We need to reframe the problem correctly (e.g. climate change) and think innovative solutions where renewable energy, smart and distributed grid plays a central role, not maintain the statu-quo with our current centered energy generation model.

Australia has the potential to be in a leadership position with renewable energy and share the benefits of harnessing free energy from the sun with its citizen, please leverage on this instead of taxing and slowing down a transition to a clean energy future.

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| 2017-06-26 16:19:51 | <p>HELLO, We have been generating solar power for nine years and have returned excess power to the grid over that period. we have not made a lot of money but have definitely reduced our power bills and saved a lot of greenhouse gases. We consider this a way of contributing to improving the Earth's environment. We would find it vastly unfair to be charged for performing this job. Do other power generators have to pay to do this?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:19:31 | <p>please reply to my question. thank you I cannot believe the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. That's right, they want to charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid. By being proactive and paying for our solar panels we are providing clean, renewable power to the grid. Already our electricity supplying company has increased the supply charge we pay to them, when we are actually supplying electricity to them! and added a "solar Meter reading charge!" All these charges add up to big money when multiplied by thousand of solar power owners, whilst we are actually saving the power companies money by saving them building infrastructure and more coal fired power carbon dioxide emitting power stations</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:18:58 | <p>Thank you I understand the AEMC is considering charging households to export excess power from their clean and renewable power source to the grid. This is patently unfair. The big polluting power companies are not charged for the power they produce to sell to consumers why should solar panel owners. We already pay an access fee to connect to the grid and any other fee would be unjustified, especially as the feed in tariff is only around 20% of the cost of the electricity I produce that is effectively sold to my next door neighbour. There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the positive environmental impact that roof top solar contributes towards Australia's greenhouse gas abatement targets.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:18:54 | <p>I am retired and any such charge would have an adverse effect on an already stretched budget. I urge the AEMC to reconsider. People who have paid large sums of money so that they can export energy should not be charged any costs. The process of placing a charge on exporters of solar energy is very unfair when you consider the cost savings that we are providing to the energy network.</p> |

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| | <p>It is demonstrably unfair to charge solar owners to input their renewable power to the grid. While coal generated power is charge nil for input and adds to environmental damage and global warming, solar energy is clean and help reduce the impacts of polluting coal generation.</p> <p>As a pensioner, prior to retirement, my wife and I invested our savings in so,at rooftop power generation. This was a significant cost and reduced our disposable income considerably. We did this to 'pension proof' us from anticipated rising power costs as well as contribute to a better environment for our children and grandchildren. We strongly believe in a carbon neutral future and the abolition of coal and gas fired power generation and the development of a clean energy future.</p> <p>There are many households like us in Australia and they are growing, where solar rooftop power generation is helping develop a cleaner and more reliable energy future for our country.</p> <p>To suggest that charging householders for solar exports to the grid will drastically reduce our capacity to maintain our home through increased prices and force us to borrow to invest in battery storage and become "off grid" power users.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:18:52 | <p>If AEMC charges to export Rooftop solar to the grid we will remove ourselves from the grid and become completely self sufficient. We believe many of our fellow rooftop solar owners will do the same.</p> <p>Such a decision by rooftops solar owners would force energy prices up for those reliant on grid power and defeat the purpose of the proposed charges.</p> <p>The evidence is in that solar power uptake in Australia, by ordinary households and small businesses is growing and will continue to grow. For the Coal Lobby to attempt to crush this movement, the results will be counter productive and the country will see a surge in solar rooftop take up.</p> <p>The future of energy in Australia is solar, wind and renewables and coal and gas power gereation are history. To attempt to hold back the tide of clean energy take up and usage is pointless and destructive.</p> <p>AEMC should use its power to further encourage clean energy production rather than attempting to stimy it through such moves as charging for solar inputs to the grid from ordinary households.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:18:31 | <p>Hello</p> <p>I've installed 12 panels on my roof at considerable cost so that I have cleaner energy to benefit the environment & I can have cheaper power going forward. Please charge the big power companies more and charge us battlers less, that is only fair!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:18:26 | <p>I agree with all of Solar Citizens points.</p> <p>I cant believe this is even being suggested. I have paid for my solar panels and their installation with borrowed money as we were encouraged by the Labor party to do the right thing for the future of renewables, I am now producing electricity and being paid a pittance, while paying extraordinary high prices for the electricity I cannot produce , plus a huge fee for actually being connected to the grid . Are you possibly considering a fee to force people off grid completely? I think that will backfire on your profit margins as people will be so angry they will borrow money to invest in home wind turbines as well as batteries and be off grid completely. I know I will. I am producing electricity and selling it cheap and you now want me to pay for it to be used by some one else. Who thinks up this rubbish? If you think no one cares , please think again. This is not the Australian way. It is not ok to encourage someone to do something and then punish them for doing it.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the introduction of a solar feed in charge.</p> <p>I'm not entirely sure what costs are incurred in feeding my solar power into the grid, but I understand that the power generators do not pay to feed their energy into the network. If that is the case then there is obviously no cost involved otherwise they would be paying.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:18:22 | <p>As an electrical energy consumer I am already paying a network charge. This is on a network that was originally paid for by the citizens of South Australia. That the network was sold to private enterprise is of great concern.</p> <p>If we are to pay a feed in fee, who will receive this fee? If it is the network, then they are double dipping.</p> <p>Please put this proposal in the waste basket for all eternity.</p> <p>Regards</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:18:19 | <p>As an electrical energy consumer I am already paying a network charge. This is on a network that was originally paid for by the citizens of South Australia. That the network was sold to private enterprise is of great concern.</p> <p>If we are to pay a feed in fee, who will receive this fee? If it is the network, then they are double dipping.</p> <p>Please put this proposal in the waste basket for all eternity.</p> <p>Regards</p> |

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| | <p>I have read that the AEMC is considering charging domestic solar energy producers, such as my self, for the electricity we produce. I find great difficulty understanding the rationale behind this option.</p> <p>With energy production described as fragmented and poorly connected (Mr Turnbull after the SA power outage) I believe that charging domestic energy producers will lead many to go "off-grid" and remove energy production from the overall system.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:17:47 | <p>With global warming becoming increasingly evident domestic energy producers should be encouraged rather than discouraged. As Dr Alan Finkel wrote we need a greater diversity of energy production to stabilise the energy grid system (paraphrased). It therefore behoves the Commission to encourage increased uptake of energy production along with battery storage to balance out for the losses of carbon-based energy production.</p> <p>I urge to AEMC to reject the option of charging a fee for domestic energy production and instead encourage greater uptake of storage technology to stabilise the energy system by increasing feed-in tariff rates and by offering interest-free loans to domestic purchasers of battery systems to encourage greater installation of battery storage.</p> <p>I thank you for your attention.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:17:46 | <p>As an owner of renewable energy I already feel victimised by the government in the abysmal feed in tariffs offered for providing clean energy to the grid. The installation of solar and other renewable energy is not a cheap exercise and if the AEMC considered charging me for providing my energy on top of the terribly poor tariffs then I would be forced to look at going completely off grid for my energy. Renewable energy should be being encouraged, not discouraged and Australia should be looking to other countries in Europe that are way ahead with providing clean energy. Do the right thing by solar owners AEMC. Make it a goal to have renewables on every house and commercial building in Australia.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:17:14 | <p>We paid a lot of money to get our solar panels and the government were encouraging us to do this and they contracted to pay us for ten years for the electricity we put back to the grid. The world is wanting to go to natural energy and as far as I know so does Australia so why do you keep penalising the very people who have done the right thing !! We have an amazing amount of space to put solar panels so that Australia could be completely solar but the government in its wisdom realised they are missing a few million dollars and that's what this is all about money hungry bastards!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:17:07 | <p>A better idea would be to charge China for exporting cars to Australia. When the cars reach the end their life, charge China to take them back. Crackpot economics? There is probably no point in making a reasonable submission since it's obvious that ideology is driving the AEMC.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:17:00 | <p>I think consideration needs to be taken of the benefits provided by electricity users feeding excess energy back into the grid. A decision to go solar is a personal and a social benefit in the long term. Already most solar citizens receive a paltry tariff on their feed into the grid. Any charge in excess of this already heavily reduced rate for power returned to the grid would be extraordinarily unfair. Solar power should be encouraged not discouraged. It is no small thing to have solar installed. It is of great general benefit to power production and the environment allowing greenhouse impacts to be mitigated as fossil fuels are phased out. Don't tax solar power unfairly.</p> |

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| | Dear AEMC |
| | I am amazed at how much the coal industry has got hold of this country. They don't care one little bit about the people, its all about their profits and Australia gets cheated out of taxes and the list goes on. They are attacking clean energy all the time. Now we have to defend the fact that its totally unfair for Solar Power Producers... such as the mums and dads that have spent a lot of money to have solar installed and instead of them getting rewarded for is, they are punished ... in the sense that they must be charged for giving power back to the grid??? |
| 2017-06-26 16:16:35 | Big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent, so why do they want us to do so??? |
| | In fact...there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid and then reward to citizens that have made this possible. |
| | It is high time to stop the attack on clean energy. The fact that there is a proposed 20% increase by AGL and the other 2 is proof that they are not interested in Australian citizens, just their greedy profits. |
| | I urge you please to not charge solar panel owners for helping to clean up this planets mess and pollution, due to the coal burning electricity companies. |
| | Kind Regards |
| 2017-06-26 16:16:32 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. As a solar array owner, it will add another unjust financial burden. |
| 2017-06-26 16:16:28 | Why should I charged to send excess power back to the grid when another company is reselling that power at huge profit. I am already paying a daily fee to access the grid.. Getting off the grid is becoming a realistic idea more amore everyday |
| 2017-06-26 16:16:22 | we the people..... the ones who elect people and can eventually UNELECT..... think it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent of any kind... no taxes... no cost for energy as they get INCENTIVES... There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid..... I have gone totally off grid... because the government and its minions cannot be trusted.... stop stealing from your constituents..... stop getting us to pay for your lifestyle..... The idea to charge solar power owners to fed back their surplus electricity is preposterous. |
| 2017-06-26 16:16:17 | The owner provides the solar system at their cost. Provides their roof space, maintains the system and inverter at their cost and at the end of the day receives a payment per KWH which is less that the lowest off peak charged by the energy provider. It is time a bit of logic and commonsense be used by the authorities and work toward offering a fair deal to their constituents |
| | Regards |
| | Dear Sir |
| 2017-06-26 16:15:25 | I find the idea of being charged for energy I export to a grid through my solar panels ridiculous. The energy companies themselves do not do so. I have made a substantial investment in my panels and towards changing the course of climate change. I would instead expect an appropriate feed in tariff |
| 2017-06-26 16:15:20 | Yours |
| | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should also be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. |

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| 2017-06-26 16:15:12 | <p>It is wrong to charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid. Where else do you pay anyone for giving them something? Solar owners have invested money and are helping to keep carbon emissions down and should not be penalised for doing so. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar. As it is I am being charged a higher service charge even though the company makes a profit out of my investment.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:15:08 | <p>I object most strongly to the plans to charge for export energy to the national grid. We are already penalised by poor returns for the energy that does get exported during the day. Large companies are not charged for supplying their dirty power. We produce clean energy, some of which we use, some of which is exported at a very low price to the grid. This proposed extra charge to export to the grid would be a huge impost on our household of 2 retirees & a disabled woman. Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:14:40 | <p>In fact we should be given a credit equal to the fee we are charged for using power from the grid. We believe it would be totally unfair to charge owners of solar panels for exporting clean renewable power to the grid. By feeding our solar power into the grid we are saving the network money, as well as improving the environment in NSW.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:14:33 | <p>Charging rooftop solar owners to export to the grid is a diabolical idea. Instead they should be being encouraged, with financial incentives, to install battery storage so that their solar energy can be used more effectively locally and at the same time reduce both peak loads and the need for more gold-plated network.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:14:09 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:14:07 | <p>Hello Commission, I am astounded by the ludicrous suggestion of charging solar owners to feed locally generated power back into the grid. This is a case where the AEMC is being 'encouraged' to find revenue without putting governments at state and federal levels in the compromising position of breaking feed in tariff commitments. Installing solar for domestic use is an investment and the full cost of that needs to be considered up front. It is totally unreasonable for politicians to change the rules when circumstance and mismanagement leads to a 'revenue hunt', and it is totally unsustainable to keep extracting that revenue from the people who have invested in the most logical step toward energy security – installing roof top solar. You as a public commission need to act in the long term interests of the population not react to the ephemeral self-serving interests of politicians.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:13:59 | <p>Dear AEMC It really is time that you started to listen to people power here in Australia. We are far more important than global corporations and big dirty fossil fuel companies. The environmental and health benefits of renewables is profound. I think the idea to tax solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable energy. I for one am going to get off your grid just as soon as I can. My children have roof top solar and they simply cant afford an unfair tax. They have families and dependant children and will have for the next 20 years. What type of a world are we leaving the grandchildren? Noone knows what 4 degree temperature increase will leave the once wonderful planet looking like. Maybe desert with food and water shortages. Be fair</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:13:58 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.I have just installed a 5kw system on my house to lower my living costs, I am 60 year old and preparing for retirement. Any charges on this system would make it useless and I would consider selling the house</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:13:56 | <p>It is absolutely ludicrous and unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. They and their dirty coal should be charged for contributing to global warming.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I do not wish to add to global warming, so have chosen to spend thousands of dollars to have solar panels on my roof, so that I and others can have clean power. You should be encouraging more people to contribute, by also putting up solar panels, and phase out dirty coal. You should be encouraging people to purchase battery packs, so that they can withdraw from the grid & be self contained & self powering. Not contributing to the demise of the planet. Shame on you. What kind of world will your grandchildren inherit?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:13:55 | <p>The Australian Energy Market Commission is failing in its attempts to regulate and manage the electricity market. I understand coal fired power plants can generate power for \$0.05/kWh yet I am charged \$0.25/kWh. This is inefficiency beyond belief and don't try to blame it on transmission and sales cost. The facts are the facts - and the AEMC is part of this ineffective system.</p> <p>And if you try to charge solar generators more feed in fees (yes I have installed a system) then people like me will switch to off grid systems even sooner - And you don't have to guess what that means to the AEMC and the poor public left behind. Please sort out your inefficient system that you are part of! And lay off the solar generators!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:13:34 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Weve reduced ou electricity bill by putting on rooftop solar and our footprint on the environment</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:13:25 | <p>By charging us for our solar exports to the grid would end up putting bill pressure back on us. Arent we doing something good for the environment by having solar?</p> <p>We should not be charged a fee for feeding solar power back to the grid. If a charge is introduced we will be forced to go independent of the grid.</p> <p>We understand this tax to be purely a revenue raiser - a new tax on families. This will force those can can afford to go off grid to do so and erode the remaining electricity users pay more to use the existing facilities. New off grid users will have extra financial burdens (to set it up) and everybody else will have extra financial obligations...not clever.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:12:58 | <p>Coal power impacts our world negatively - and those power generators are not taxed, the user will be (Joe public) for using an almost free renewable resource. Let the solar exported be used by all - power companies already take that profit, not the domestic contributors!</p> <p>There was a push to install solar to retirement villages (funded by govt) that allowed the residents to have utilities (hot water, electricity) more economically so they could afford to spend on other important things - like food, health care etc. Would the AEMC now tax those too?</p> <p>Rebates for solar feed in have continued to decrease (although 1 July shows a small increase) and the cost of buying power has soared exponentially. Would it not make more sense to support more renewable power generation before all the coal is gone? That's even without considering the huge cost to the environment as so much damage has already been done with no way of forcing previous coal power developers to fix the carnage.</p> <p>We had solar hot water at our previous residence and a moderately high power bill due to a swimming pool. At our current home there is solar electricity but not solar hot water. Our bills are higher here even though no pool. There is something wrong with the whole system.</p> <p>The proposed tax for solar will create hardship - already can't afford power bills and it would negate any benefit of the rebate. What is the point of price gouging the end consumer? We are already considering our options on how to go completely off grid and this tax would be one more strong incentive to jump ship!</p> <p>As our generation ages, we are less able to spend more on day to day living costs, better off investing in infrastructure now (like solar storage batteries) to have less ongoing outgoings....</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:12:49 | <p>Rooftop solar does not receive adequate recompense for what they export back to the grid, let alone having to PAY in order to do that. What a stupid idea.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:12:40 | <p>I am investing my own savings into solar power generation expecting a fair return. Please come alive and support our initiative, not try to kill us for trying!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:12:04 | <p>Under the user-pays system, it's the user of the power (in this case the power retailer) that should pay for the transmission. The producer is NEVER charged.</p> <p>This idea to charge households for energy they export into the grid makes no sense at all. Big energy producers aren't charged, the lines, networks and procedures are already set up, there is no financial or practical reason for considering this.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:11:47 | <p>When I put solar panels on my roof it was to help the environment and to help me financially. Now I am a pensioner I should be reaping the benefits, instead I now receive such low payments .06c per kwh I am back to paying electricity bills, to have to pay the commission to receive my energy is draconian. It will result in households going off the grid altogether and the electricity companies won't make ANY money from us. I also am considering that it must be against 'Fair Trade' laws, if you receive goods, you should pay for them. Or is this whole idea a mistaken one?</p> |

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| | <p>The AEMC should reject in the most categorical terms any suggestion the solar owners should pay for the pleasure of donating cheap electricity to the greedy, rapacious power generators.</p> <p>The large commercial generators do not have to pay to export their power to the grid. Why should small solar generators?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:11:18 | <p>What is more, small solar generators should be paid a fair market rate for the power they provide to the grid. Their generation actually saves the energy network from having to build more polluting generators, and they deserve at least market equity. There is even a reasonable argument that solar generators should receive a premium for their power, as it is non-polluting.</p> |
| | <p>I have had a solar array on my roof for over five years. It cost \$19,000 to install and we still have to buy power from the grid. The pittance we receive when we do export to the grid is laughable when compared with the price we pay to buy power. I would be happy to pay the current, grotesquely inflated prices for electricity if I were to receive the same rate to export it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:11:11 | <p>Yours sincerely, As a solar owner I'm already subsidising the electricity retailers by selling them clean green electricity for a fraction of the price they get for selling that same electricity to other consumers. The proposal to hit solar owners with an additional charge for this rip-off arrangement is outrageous. The AEMC should be providing incentives for more solar installation, not disincentives.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:10:58 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when originally the government encouraged the public to be clean and green. Large power companies don't have to pay a cent to send there power to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:10:19 | <p>Power is sold at the retailer meter box attached to the house and therefor is all ready owned by the retailer before it is exported to the grid , so no charge should apply.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:09:49 | <p>My family paid an enormous amount to have our solar installed - over \$16,000.00. Why should I now have to pay to export my clean, renewable power to the grid!! When you have reimbursed me for my \$16,000 I spent, then you can charge me. I installed the solar power so that I could afford to remain in my home and still pay huge power bills, especially when I am retired. How can I do that if I am to be charged to export MY POWER.</p> |
| | <p>Solar owners should NOT be charged for feeding their solar-sourced energy back into the grid. I can't believe this issue has been raised again. Do any of the power companies pay any sort of charge like this? No they don't. So why should residential PV system owners?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:09:17 | <p>I've had solar panels on my townhouse roof almost as soon as I moved in, over a decade ago, even though I was trying to pay off my mortgage as fast as I could: simply because I want to live in a cleaner Australia and our country has plenty of sunlight. I paid extra in order to conserve our NON-RENEWABLE resources and to lessen pollution. And just a few months ago I paid a whole lot more to have my system completely upgraded, to ensure I was using my own small resources - of a small and complicated townhouse roof - to the utmost, in order to provide as much solar energy as I possibly can. This is a significant cost to me without this unfair charge being added.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:09:02 | <p>The contribution solar owners are making to the environment of Australia and to the health of all Australians should be properly recognized. I consider it extremely unfair to charge solar owners to export clean renewable power to the grid. There should be a fair feed-in tariff for solar owners that have put there self out to install solar panels. Where is this fair go we keep hearing about. Please show us some respect.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:08:59 | <p>Why is it that big business always sets out to shaft the little guy. We spent a lot of money to put a 4kwh system on our roof. Our reasons were firstly because it is clean renewable energy which does not add the the looming environmental problems. In Victoria energy supply was privatised leading to the formation of a plethora of companies all marketing the same product. None of them produce anything but wealth for themselves which has contributed to the ever increasing cost of power so we thought we could insulate ourselves against these price rises. Lastly it just makes sense. If every home and factory roof in Australia had both solar panels and a Tesla storage battery, with a common grid we could cut the amount of dirty coal fired stations dramatically. In Sicily, Italy, everywhere you go there are wind farms and solar panel farms. They obviously understand the benefits. Sadly in Australia we are welded to dirty coal rather than use the sun and wind. Charging the little guy to put power into the grid is just lining the pockets of multi nationals who don't care about the environment or Australians, only their bank balance.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:08:54 | I am stunned that clean solar energy should be penalised with additional fee's and charges to bolster the massive profits of existing energy producers and their spurious practices to artificially increases prices and super-profits (plunder and profit at any price) irrespective of their social responsibility and the negative affect this is already having on householders and businesses. They already have a multitude of practises to inflate their profits and minimise the impact of cheap, clean solar while actively disrupting every endeavour of the public to reduce consumption. Their practices are deceptive, dishonest and destructive to the Australian economy. I am irritated that any government or public body would countenance such a proposal - a bloody disgrace. |
| 2017-06-26 16:08:40 | We only get about 6 cents for each unit exported and pay 24c for each one we import. Isn't this insane enough. You now one some of the 6c as well. How can this be allowed in a supposedly 1st world country. Daylight robbery. |
| 2017-06-26 16:08:31 | How dare you consider charging me for the power I export to the grid. It cost you nothing for me to generate and how dare you allow the energy companies to pay me a measly 8 cents for the power they sell on at 32 + cents. Just a disgraceful rip off. |
| 2017-06-26 16:08:29 | There'll be more to take place if you proceed with this action We invested heavily in solar panels to create renewable energy for ourselves and to help the planet from toxic emissions. We spent the money on the premise that we had a contract which has been gradually changed with extra fees from the suppliers. |
| 2017-06-26 16:07:36 | We use solar for our car as well as the house to this end. The impact to us on further costs would be unconscionable conduct to our original contract. Please consider why we should be penalised for trying to do the right thing by the investing in clean energy. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power when big power companies pay nothing. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid I will voluntarily reduce my consumption at times of peak use. The grid gets my power for next to nothing. In what other situations do we pay for the privilege of providing a service? We need more renewable energy. Charging solar owners for providing that is clearly meant to be a sop to the coal, gas and oil industries that are currently putting millions of people's livelihoods at risk from climate change. |
| 2017-06-26 16:07:30 | When both the federal and state government were concerned about pollution [seemingly], global warming they encouraged Australians to install solar panels that would feed power into the grid. We as senior citizens invested our retirement money into the system to play our part for clean energy. Now because governments cannot balance their budgets they sold off our electricity systems. The solar energy promises they made seem to have gone to the wall and now they seem to want their money back. IS THIS LAWFUL? We as pensioners believed the governments and invested our pension savings as part of our retirement plan. Now you are doing two wrongfully things going back on your word and what you promoted for our future. In addition, you are taking once again the easy route stealing and breaking your promises to the general public who like apparently fools believed you and invested their monies in your future plan. Which now you have decided to do about face and go for the weakest link. Everyday Politian's are pushing the public towards MP's like Mrs Hanson. Seriously do you think what you propose is fair, not alone legal? If you were really serious about pollution, solar energy, global warming you would not be taxing electric cars. For heaven's sake look in the mirror and what do you see a LIAR or someone that really cares about what you say about energy and global warming. Electric cars, Solar Power the people would back you to the hilt. No or very little tax on the cars, and encourage solar users, pay them for their investment and their dream of a clean source of energy DO NOT PENALISE THEM. For once come clean and be honest. |
| 2017-06-26 16:07:17 | We are in our seventies and have no means of recuperating funds. We invested in a clean and fair electricity future. I am 72 yrs. old & installed Solar Panels in 2008 to "do my bit for the Planet". I have had the additional cost of my supplier turning my Solar Meter off for 3 months without notice & was forced to resort to taking action through the Dept. of Fair Trades. I have had the additional cost of having new brackets fitted after the roof was renewed, a refit of the panels on new brackets and the cost of a new panel to replace one that was probably damaged in a storm. I am prepared for some maintenance costs, but what I am not prepared for is to pay a penalty for being a responsible citizen. |
| 2017-06-26 16:07:16 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. I am trying to make some small difference in a way that I can - why am I, and countless others like me not being applauded for our efforts and our concerns for the future of our planet and our children. |
| 2017-06-26 16:07:14 | I have solar for my own use mainly and any export is not for my benefit regardless of the pittance being paid me by the "no added benefit" billing company. Stop trying to tax the solar delivery systems. Purchases of solar power units are trying to do the right thing by the environment and are setting the example for Governments to follow. To charge solar owner to export energy to the grid, where they only receive 1/3 of the market price is neither fair or reasonable. Any Government that supports this idea will not get me vote at any election. |

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| 2017-06-26 16:06:24 | I say no charge to export solar to the grid, the grid should pay for the solar power |
| 2017-06-26 16:05:59 | Please leave our solar benefits alone it took me years to save up and put it on my roof to help me in my retirement. I have to manage my money and so should the Government and electricity providers . We have had at least 3 extra levies or taxes on us in the last couple of years we cannot afford anything else. we connected to solar as soon as we moved into our new home for the long term cost saving, and are conscious of the benefits to the environment. We had it on our previous house as well. Charging us to supply to the grid is ridiculous when everyone with solar is aware of the environmental benefits, unlike the government we have in this country. Fairness to all of us should see us being paid a substantial tariff for our solar supply, not being penalised. |
| 2017-06-26 16:05:25 | For goodness sake get real. We are giving you clean power that you pay a pittance for and now you want to charge us for supplying it to you. All can say is JEEZE WHAT ARE YOU??? |
| 2017-06-26 16:04:57 | Please don't give in to the coal-fired generator companies! |
| 2017-06-26 16:04:50 | Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally. Dear Sirs, |
| 2017-06-26 16:04:43 | I find the idea of allowing power companies to charge rooftop solar owners to export into the grid absolutely appalling. The power companies are already buying our exported power at rates substantially less than they are charging customers. The fact is that a large majority of rooftop solar owners were encouraged by the reduction of their carbon footprint as well as the savings on power supply costs in their decision to install rooftop solar. Surely we cannot be further penalised for being environmentally responsible. Charging to feed into the grid would be the lowest form of price gouging and totally reprehensible and would impact badly on any savings we might have made. |
| | Yours sincerely |
| | Dear AEMC |
| 2017-06-26 16:04:39 | I am writing to voice my strong opposition to any proposed fee for feeding electricity into the grid which has been generated by my PV cells. The feed-in tariff is already very low, and to charge a fee to be shortchanged in this fashion is adding insult to injury. Cheers |
| 2017-06-26 16:04:25 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I installed rooftop solar as my daily bill as a single person living alone and out at work all day was an exorbitant \$10 a day. If this charge is implemented I will invest in a battery and go off grid. |
| 2017-06-26 16:03:41 | Efforts should be directed to grid pull-down and rapid replacement by solar for the home. It's the sensible thing to do even if numerous installation capital domestic subsidies are necessary YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING! If I can be charged for providing solar to the grid, then I should be able to charge an electricity provider for providing me with power! How utterly ridiculous. If that happens at all, then I will be investing in battery and wind (I live on a farm) to completely isolate from the grid. |
| 2017-06-26 16:03:40 | This sounds like a proposal to somehow placate the coal/gas based industries in yet another attempt to delay the inevitable - totally renewable power resourcing. Charging solar providers will retard the take up of solar, encourage those who can to isolate from the grid and also further retard the industrial development of renewables, leaving us even further behind economically than we already are as a result of the infantile ideological arguments to retain fossil fuel that have raged on for too many years. Get over it. All efforts must be put into transitioning to renewables and forcing the fossil fuel companies to comply. Not forcing individual household solar owners to be penalised. |

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| 2017-06-26 16:03:10 | <p>I object most strongly to the notion that I should be charged for exporting my clean green solar power to the grid. I understand that large coal fired power producers pay nothing. It is bad enough that we are not paid a fair rate for the power we export to the grid recognising the environmental and health benefits this brings and considering the network benefits that our solar inputs provide. I installed solar in order to reduce the cost to my household of ever increasing electricity charges, but also to make my contribution to reducing global warming. I do not wish to be further penalised for this decision. As a pensioner, it is becoming more and more difficult to keep pace with ever increasing costs without being further burdened.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:02:54 | <p>The proposal to charge solar panel owners, for exporting electricity is preposterous. Every roof possible, house or business, should have solar panels installed and owners be encouraged to do so. Australia is rapidly falling behind the rest of the world in action on climate change and reducing GHG emissions. Governments should be transitioning to 100% renewable energy as a matter of urgency. Here's something I prepared earlier, when it looked like the minimum feed in was going to be scrapped all together.</p> <p>This is entirely relevant to this case also, if not more so.</p> <p>The evidence from other States shows that scrapping the minimum rate will leave solar owners worse off. It will only be large retailers that will benefit.</p> <p>At the moment the overwhelming majority of solar customers are provided the minimum by their electricity retailers.</p> <p>ECOSA should in fact be undertaking an inquiry into a FAIR price for solar that takes account of the social and environmental benefits of distributed energy like solar.</p> <p>The fact that the feed-in tariff has dropped as low as it has, is worrying in itself. I paid almost \$15,000 for my Solar installation. The idea is that 'eventually' it would prove to be a decent investment, and the saving in power consumption would pay for itself. At this rate, I would have been better off leaving this money in the bank. The idea that Electricity companies should benefit(profit) from free power generated by citizens who paid full price for their Solar installations is crazy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:02:51 | <p>The only way such a system makes sense is if the electricity companies pay the majority of the cost for residents solar panel installations. If they are paying for the equipment that is generating the power they are selling, then sure, they can make the profit. However; if I've paid for my panels, why should the electricity company benefit from all the power I generate that I'm not using at the time?</p> <p>For example, lets take AGL's lowest current price for electricity (30.75 cents per kWh). https://www.agl.com.au/-/media/AGLData/DistributorData/PDFs/PriceFactSheet_AGL169825SR.pdf</p> <p>We will round that to 30c. If you take a 6.8c feed-in tariff, and re-sell it for 30c. You're making a 341% profit. That is exactly what is already happening. Electricity companies are 'buying' power generated by residents, by equipment (Solar Panels) paid for by residents and making a 341%+ profit on that transaction.</p> <p>You could take it further, and make the assumption you're actually buying back your own power you generated earlier that day at over 4 times the cost, simply because you didn't use it at the time. The idea that citizens are being punished for trying to be economically and ecologically responsible is ludicrous.</p> <p>Even if every household got a feed-in tariff the equivalent to exactly HALF the standard retail electricity rate. Every electricity company is making a +100% profit on every bit of energy, and they don't need to do anything to generate. WE are generating it for them!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:02:49 | <p>Imagine for a moment that you had been encouraging your child to do the right thing, and try to earn some of their own money. So listening to you, your child gathered up their The plan to charge households for exporting energy to the grid makes no sense. Indeed, it is upside down. Because I reduce the need to upgrade the transmission system and generation infrastructure, I should be being paid!</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:02:43 | <p>The idea that charging a fee to export to the grid is morally and frankly corrupt. Many millions of individuals in Australia and around the world have spent their own capital to install PV systems to combat climate change and save money. And as a bonus saving energy companies billions in infrastructure expenditure on new power plant. Individuals are already paid a pittance in FIT's.</p> <p>This is just another cash grab by incumbent rent seekers trying to prop up a crumbling business model. I have exported over 18mw of clean green power.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:02:41 | <p>We can democratize energy and build a cleaner and greener future.</p> <p>Owning solar infrastructure is not a set and forget investment, for instance we replaced our inverter this year for over \$2000 this year. Unfair tariffs for Australians trying to do the right thing to reduce climate impact should be rewarded not penalised.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:02:40 | <p>Please allow Solar owners to assist the grid without an unfair tax,thank you.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:02:37 | <p>In our last quarterly power bill we exported we consumed 1017 kWh of electricity and exported 1469 kWh yet our bill still amounted to \$275, including a service fee of over \$92 and a meter services charge of \$18.50. We are already being charged for exporting to the grid and we object to any additional charges being levied for exporting electricity.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:02:04 | <p>We consider that it is grossly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid, particularly as the major power companies don't have to pay.</p> <p>We believe that there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar power, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:01:58 | <p>A charge on top of the existing network charges would be likely to rive us off the grid completely!</p> <p>It is unconscionable that consideration could be given to charge solar feed-in customers to provide electricity to the grid. It should be the other way around - customers who feed-in solar to the grid should receive a rebate from the daily Service Availability Charge. It seems AEMC might be doing everything in its power to encourage consumers to go totally off the grid - something we, as 10KVA solar providers are seriously considering.</p> <p>We are considering removing ourselves from the grid due to the totally inequitable feed-in tariff now being paid to feed-in providers.</p> <p>These feed-in providers are providing clean energy and reducing the need of the power companies to continue sourcing dirty electricity generated by coal - and THERE IS NO SUCH THING as CLEAN COAL, however much the semantics tries to say otherwise.</p> <p>The quickest way to force our hand to go totally off the grid is to continue the inequitable and pathetic feed-in tariff at current rates, and attempt to charge us for feeding-in solar.</p> <p>I suspect this might be a scam because no-one in their right mind in this supposedly progressive and enlightened 21st Century in a First World country could be considering charging solar providers to pay for the privilege.</p> |

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| | <p>Fair go...we have invested in expensive solar panels in a small attempt to help limit our emissions of greenhouse gases. The reduction in our electricity bills is such that we will need to live in the house for at least another 30 years before they pay for themselves in terms of electricity savings - and we are unlikely to live that long! But we felt it was the right thing to do.</p> <p>We export more electricity to the grid than we use yet we are compensated at a minuscule level while our provider charges us the maximum for our nighttime usage.</p> <p>I feel as though we should take our additional solar panels off-line rather than donate free power to a large corporation so they can pass it along customers who will pay THEM for OUR electricity.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:01:35 | <p>I believe that we ought to be compensated at a minimum of 75% the rate the company charges us for all power we feed into the grid.</p> <p>Furthermore, any feed-in tariff is completely out of the question. The power companies already charge exorbitant amounts simply for the connection to the grid and this is enough to compensate them.</p> <p>Should a feed-in tariff be applied, we will take our panels off-line altogether.</p> <p>Is this proposal designed to ensure that no-one invests any money at all into alternative energies and that we all become reliant on CO2 emitting coal fired power plants? I cannot help but wonder what directorships are being negotiated under the table that people in decision-making/influencing positions could possibly consider a feed-in tariff to be rational or reasonable ...this is truly unconscionable.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:01:32 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have installed solar psnels in order to avoid large power bills. To be charged for solar exports negatee what I may have been able to save. As apensioner I am not able to afford such charges.</p> <p>Dear Sir or Madam</p> <p>I installed solar panels on my roof to do my bit in helping to combat climate change and I'm happy I did it, despite the expense that I will never recoup.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:01:22 | <p>I consider it grossly unfair that you are considering charging to export clean, renewable to the grid when you don't charge the big coal powered to do the same thing. Why are you discouraging people who are trying to do their bit for the planet?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:01:20 | <p>There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environment and health benefits of solar and our contribution to the grid. I am a retiree with limited resources and charging me to export solar power to the grid would put me under considerable financial strain.</p> <p>As an owner of a small solar system under the ACT's feed-in tariff, I wish to lodge my objection to the proposal to charge solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid. Having a large number of distributed generators closer to sites of consumption helps reduce transmission losses, and has environmental and health benefits in contrast to polluting fossil fuel generators. Hence I believe we should be encouraging the deployment of a large number of diversified and geographically distributed generators to support a robust and reliable grid. Which needs to be engineered and regulated to support this. I have been very happy with the modest contribution my system makes, and believe any generator supplying power to the grid should be paid a fair tariff for that generation. Thankyou.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 16:00:48 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 16:00:43 | <p>I am an age pensioner of 72. I had rooftop solar panels installed for two reasons: first to make my electricity supply more affordable and secondly to decrease emissions. I obtained my rooftop panels through my local city council which is allowing me to pay the cost off over 10 years.</p> <p>It is grossly unfair that I should be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid especially when big polluting power businesses don't have to pay anything.</p> <p>Charging me to export power to the grid would be a disastrous drain on my minimal pension income.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:59:10 | <p>A fair feed-in tariff must be set that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar power and the network savings that solar power provides to the group. It must take account of the minimal income of age pensioners like myself.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I spent alot of time and money installing solar to reduce fossil fuel needs, so don't charge me twice, please</p> <p>I am a pensioner so charging me for my solar exports to the grid would be crippling.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:58:38 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Private solar owners paid for the installation of their systems (albeit with some subsidies) and pay to maintain the system</p> <p>Solar owners still get charged a supply charge and also a charge for having a solar meter. Should not solar owners charge the electricity companies a supply charge also?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:58:22 | <p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission:</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I have had 17 solar panels on the roof of my house for the past 7 years and 3 months.In that time the panels have done much to reduce my carbon footprint. This sort of action should be encouraged , not discouraged.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:58:08 | <p>Yours sincerely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent •There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid <p>* It was a costly experience in a struggling household to choose this option many years ago and it is something I would like to help put on my children's homes but at this stage it is not a viable option. We did it to help the family budget, use clean energy and to use a natural energy freely available to us. The small amount fed in to the grid should be rewarded and excepted as previously to help the footprint on the earth. The small consumer should not be penalised at all and be rewarded as you don't charge the big companies to put energy back in to the grid.</p> <p>* my ideal would be to use up the energy I have saved in my panels first and then pay for the extra needed to run our household. This may one day be viable to the batteries that are coming available, but are way too costly for the average person.....</p> <p>* these proposed export charges will destroy our family budget. It is something that we have chosen to do to help us in the long run and you are taking it away from us and our future. Life is more and more expensive without better improved benefits. I worry a lot for my children and their children and future generations.</p> <p>The bottom line is tariffs should be true and fair and companies should be charged feed in tariffs and not the consumer.....</p> <p>Charge homeowners who are feeding their excess electricity into the grid?!? You've got to be kidding!!! We should be rewarding those who invest in clean, renewable energy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:58:08 | <p>By putting solar on their roof, they are saving everyone money by decreasing electricity demand on hot sunny days when peak demand makes energy more expensive. Our government has been delaying the transition to renewable energy that is needed to avoid catastrophic climate change. Homeowners who contribute emission-free electricity should be rewarded not slugged with a fee.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:57:44 | <p>It is just plain theft and greed to take our clean power generated , charge us for the power being exported. We spent a lot of our money installing solar at the request of the government and now we are getting penalised for it. As pensioners this would cause us great hardship.</p> |

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| | Dear AMEC, I write to express strong support for a fair tariff being paid to those who generate & provide power. This is not only the power companies, but also those private generators such as households with roof-top solar. In particular, the generators of renewable energy (businesses or personal) should receive a financial incentive in order to maximise production of such energy. |
| 2017-06-26 15:57:39 | I put solar panels on my roof because I want to minimise my carbon footprint. I was able to 'put my money where my mouth is' because rebates and feed-in tariffs meant I would achieve a payback time of 5-7 years. A cut in tariff, or (unbelievably) a charge to export to the grid, would make household renewable energy for new starters in my situation financially unfeasible. It beggars belief that dirty power would be charged nothing whilst renewable energy gets slugged. Please don't do this. |
| | Yours sincerely |
| 2017-06-26 15:57:34 | Not very smart AEMC. Is your aim to have people who CARE about our planet, to stop putting solar on? Wonder what the newspapers would do to you if they found out what you are up to? |
| 2017-06-26 15:56:58 | Climate change is real, and human activity is the major cause, perhaps the only cause. By using solar panels I contribute to lessening the effect of climate change. Don't penalise me for doing the right thing! |
| 2017-06-26 15:56:47 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Dear AEMC, |
| | I am appalled to hear that you are considering charging solar owners for feeding energy back to the grid. |
| 2017-06-26 15:56:26 | This is especially galling when you do not charge fossil fuel generators for doing so. |
| | If you go ahead with this ridiculous proposal many people including myself will simply go off the grid and you will have to deal with the consequences. |
| | Yours sincerely |
| | It's utter nonsense to even consider charging solar owners for the power they export to the grid. Do the large generators currently get charged for the power they export to the grid, or do they get paid for it? I believe they get paid for it, so why should power from rooftop solar be any different? Renewable or Green energy is sold at a premium by the retailers, yet the amount paid by way of feed-in tariffs is a pittance in comparison. Solar owners should be able to sell their excess power for a reasonable market rate, not give it away so that the large retailers can profit from it. |
| 2017-06-26 15:56:21 | I've personally invested more than \$10,000 in installing rooftop solar, with the aim to offset my power costs. Is the AEMC aiming to stifle any competition to the big generators, no matter how small? Forcing me to pay for the power I export will simply cause me to install a battery system to absorb my excess rather than pay someone else to take it. Think about what you're proposing and apply some common-sense. |
| 2017-06-26 15:56:10 | It is ludicrous your proposal to charge solar owners for feeding back to the grid. I am flabbergasted by it but I guess that's what happens when oil companies are paying you off. |
| | Hi |
| | Please don't charge Australians for trying to do the right thing and produce solar power. We already get a very poor deal with a payment of 6 cents per KW back into the grid. How are we poor Australians expected to pay our systems off if you do something like charge us - this is one of the saddest and silliest things I have ever heard in my 43 years of life. |
| 2017-06-26 15:56:04 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Thanks |

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| 2017-06-26 15:55:41 | <p>It is unfair to charge Solar owners to export clean power. If owners of Solar Systems are charged it should also include charging the power station for using the grid. While most of the power stations are polluting the environment Solar Systems are not polluting the environment and therefor save Australia the cost to reduce the pollution. Owners of Solar System should be rewarded and not penalized for providing clean energy. As a retiree I spent a considerable amount of money to reduce the pollution of the environment by power companies and it would hurt us financially if we would need to pay a premium to have Solar</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:55:41 | <p>Support us don't look at us a another tax source. We are doing our bit.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:55:36 | <p>To charge solar producers for selling to the grid is a totally unfair impost on a whole community that is trying to reduce the need for further construction of generation and is actually reducing the stress on the grid at peak times. I totally oppose such a suggestion. We already pay a connection fee, which is just that - a connection to the grid. Why should we pay more when we sell back to the grid when the retailer is not also asked to pay when it sells to us?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:55:33 | <p>Come on. Some of us have invested in a healthy future. Please stop trying to drag us back to the last century. Please stop putting your outdated fossil friends before Australian families and forward looking business. Why start charging the future when the past has never paid?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:55:24 | <p>Wake up Why pay to fee in when I already paid hundreds for a digital meter and continue to be levied a fee quarterly for same? With the ever increasing cost of electricity, as a retiree, I cannot afford to pay for the privilege of supplying power to the grid!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:55:06 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:54:52 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. How many businesses charge their suppliers for the privilege of supplying them? The daily grid overhead charge already amounts to about \$600 per year, more than enough! Energy providers need do nothing to have energy inputs to the grid at points of use and at high demand times, like mid summer. Why should we be charged for supplying a product that is on-sold by the energy company for more than twice the amount they pay? If this eventuates, there is an increased incentive to leave the grid entirely!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:54:44 | <p>Hello, I would like to voice my objection to the proposal that solar generators are to be charged for feeding energy into the grid. Firstly, when I purchase power from my provider, it has network charges built in to the price. When I sell my power back to the provider, after it leaves the meter, it is no longer mine, and as such any network charges should be directed to the provider, not me. Secondly, when "my" power is on-sold to other customers of the provider, it also has network charges built in to the pricing, so any network charges due are already being collected by the provider, who is the entity who is using the network, and therefore the one liable for any charges. it also seems somewhat unfair that whilst this proposal is directed at solar owners it is not directed towards other generators, such as coal and gas fired power stations. In order to move this country towards a more sustainable energy future we do not need to be unfairly punishing existing solar generators, and at the same time making solar unattractive and uneconomical to new customers.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:54:29 | <p>Yours Faithfully I wish to register my opposition to the AEMC's proposed change allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large power companies don't have to pay. Solar owners are trying to do the right thing by the environment and their health, and don't deserve to be penalised for seeking energy independence. Rooftop solar should be made more economic / accessible, not less.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:54:27 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 15:54:08 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent, or a carbon tax, or an emissions intensity tax, or a low emission tariff.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>To: Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)</p> <p>re: solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madame</p> <p>I wish to voice opposition to the proposition to charge individuals who are generating and then feeding renewable clean energy into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:54:03 | <p>In light of that Australia has signed the Paris climate change agreement, it should be encouraging the production of any renewable energy, and taxing the use of non-renewable energy.</p> <p>This is the only way our country will be motivated to change the current dependence on non-renewable energy sources.</p> <p>As outlined in the recent studies/publications (eg http://www.atmos-chem-phys.net/16/3761/2016/acp-16-3761-2016-discussion.html) the effects of not forcing the uptake of renewable energies will be catastrophic for our planets survival.</p> <p>Let alone the impact which Australians especially those living in our shoreline communities will face if the sea level rises by the conservative estimate of 9m let alone the possible 40m raise in sea levels. Spend the time to look for yourself: http://geology.com/sea-level-rise/).</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:53:47 | <p>As policy makers you have the opportunity to encourage the uptake of renewable energy sources as Australia's preferred options</p> <p>This charge on solar owners is grossly unfair. We are paid a pittance for our exported electricity as it is. The power provider then sells it back at three or four times what we receive. Solar owners across Australia provide a cheap, clean source of energy for all users. If you introduce a charge to export power we and many others will self use the power we generate, depriving the grid of this energy. I would prefer not to export rather than pay this unfair impost.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:53:46 | <p>Any solar connection ought to be rewarded not penalised. Make a federal feed in tariff that is one for one. Clean energy please !</p> <p>I wish to express, in the strongest possible terms, my opposition to the idea that solar owners should be charged a fee to supply power to the grid.</p> <p>It is patently unfair to charge for solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid, from panels and inverters we have paid for ourselves, when the owners of highly polluting, fossil fuel driven generators do not have to pay a cent to do so.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:53:38 | <p>Furthermore, there should be a fairer feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar generation, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid by providing generation during times of peak demand (hot days when the sun is shining - when everyone's air conditioners are running). I am lucky enough to have secured a contract at the high FIT, but many are now looking at the ridiculously low FITs available (6c per KWH) and are either not installing solar or are going directly to battery storage.</p> <p>We installed solar panels on our roof 6 years ago, and we recently paid to replace these when the panels and inverter failed. This was an investment we made based on the environmental benefits and also the cost savings. If there was to be a charge for this, it would be an unfair hardship on our family finances. If such a charge were introduced I imagine that a class action for damages would be started, and if so, we would definitely join it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:53:34 | <p>Although we could not afford to do this, I think that many solar owners would withdraw their solar connection to the grid and install batteries, which would result in enormous costs to the grid in terms of having to replace that lost generating capacity.</p> <p>Its ridiculous to think that we outlayed thousands of \$ to do the right thing and help the environment and now we are to be charged for doing it i object immensely to these changes.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 15:53:14 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I spend so much money to put solar not only to have clean energy and environment friendly, but also to save some money . However instead of saving money, being going for environment friendly i am being penalised in these ways .</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:53:12 | <p>This is blatantly wrong and should not be considered in any circumstances. We are doing the right thing buy using solar to supply our homes with clean energy not dirty energy now they want charge us for the excess that goes back into the grid. GET LOST.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:53:06 | <p>Given that the owners of solar panels are already getting a paltry amount for their feed in tariff, to add an additional charge for this is unfair. It seems that this is to be done to discourage the adoption of solar panels. I shall do everything I can to oppose this impost and urge the AEMC to not to proceed with unfair charge.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:53:03 | <p>We are self funded retirees and thought to reduce our monthly expenses by investing in solar panels. Charging us would make it extremely difficult for us financially as we get no government assistance at all! It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:52:47 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Solar owners are trying to do their 'bit' to avoid climate change. They should not be penalised by taxing their exported clean energy back to the grid. Shame on the AMEC for even considering such an unfair proposal !</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:52:33 | <p>Electricity Generators, Distributors and Retailers have a network that is capable of supplying electricity to Australians. I can see no reasons why they now want to charge Australians that have solar, a levy to export excess electricity to the grid. The grid, which they own and maintain, should be capable of meeting this requirement. This will result in Small Solar Generators taking the next step, which is installing battery storage and taking themselves off the grid entirely. This will only result in less electricity for them to supply, prices will go up, more people will install solar and leave the grid and the spiral of death of electricity supply will be accelerated. Very soon they will have nobody to supply as electricity prices will be so high that nobody will be able to afford electricity unless they generate it themselves. It is about time that the generators, distributors and retailers understood the evolving electricity sector and made changes to cater for a changing market.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:52:32 | <p>Solar contribution should be encouraged and rewarded not penalised. We have investment responsibly and this should be supported through a realistic feed in tariff.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. In fact, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:52:23 | <p>I've invested a substantial amount of money into a rooftop solar system to reduce my impact on the environment as well as protect me from the ridiculous price increase from big power.</p> <p>Charging me for the right to use the sun's free energy will harm my investment and reduce the amount of money I am able to return to the local economy.</p> <p>Charging for solar electricity generation will also put a considerable number of people and companies out of work, as the solar industry will collapse overnight - but then perhaps that's what big power wants?!?! To whom it may concern</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:52:19 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>My family purchased Solar panels under a system that rewards people for making an environmentally responsible decision which is also financially responsible.</p> |

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| | <p data-bbox="360 177 2078 225">Why is it that businesses who make profit from providing power the the Australian power grid can bring up the ridiculous concept that smaller power producers should be charged to export power to the grid?</p> <p data-bbox="360 260 2078 312">This is such a ridiculous abuse of power and the submittal for it should have been assigned directly to the waste paper basket where it belongs, not placed on an agenda as a serious item for consideration.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:52:17 | <p data-bbox="360 344 2078 397">I expect that members of the Australian Energy Market Commission should not have to waste their time considering such ludicrous concepts, but instead get on with the real engineering of our energy supply system.</p> <p data-bbox="360 427 2078 480">Perhaps some time would be warranted in questioning the motives of the people who put it forward and considering if they are a fit and proper persons to be advising the AEMC.</p> <p data-bbox="360 510 1128 536">I extremely strongly reject any actions to implement this self-serving proposal.</p> <p data-bbox="360 550 1305 576">I am writing regarding a proposal to charge solar owners a fee to feed energy back into the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:52:15 | <p data-bbox="360 608 2078 660">I put my solar system in so I could help the environment. I have also placed a battery back up system in place to optimise the system and minimise my reliance on coal fired power stations.</p> <p data-bbox="360 691 2018 716">I feel that there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="360 746 1281 772">It would be unfair and unreasonable to charge people who are trying to help the environment.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:58 | <p data-bbox="360 788 2078 841">It is unfair that feed-in tariffs are so low. They should be the same as the domestic usage tariff rate regardless who the retailer is. A unity rate is what solar owners should be getting.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:47 | <p data-bbox="360 873 2078 952">Thanks, it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay a cent. They are doing the rest of us a favour by reducing loads on the grid especially during peak demand periods.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:44 | <p data-bbox="360 984 1480 1010">There are many other reasons but I am sure you already know them and there is no justifiable reason for doing it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:41 | <p data-bbox="360 1011 1749 1037">all ready going to get screwed by lower feed in tariff now you want to charge for whats exported to the grid what next the the air we breath tax</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:41 | <p data-bbox="360 1038 1962 1064">I strongly protest at this attempt at a price gouge by AEMC against Solar users. Leave solar owners alone and stop looking after the interests of power companies.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:22 | <p data-bbox="360 1082 2078 1134">A suggestion to charge clean energy generators a cost for you to onsell to other customers demonstrates a biased illogical mercenary attitude. Clearly the responsibility for energy policy and pricing should be within a wholly independent regulatory body and not within a company clearly in the pocket of energy companies..shame on you all.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:21 | <p data-bbox="360 1166 2078 1219">The AEMC should in no way think that charging domestic or small commercial energy users a fee to take their own power is acceptable. Is simply is not!! Each solar system owner has invested for a number of reasons, none of which were to allow energy companies the privilege of charging them a fee to use their own electricity.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1220 1935 1246">The utilities do not allow consumers to have free access to their infrastructure or electricity, so why should the AEMC think that it is acceptable for the opposite?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:18 | <p data-bbox="360 1278 1379 1303">Do not under estimate the massive public backlash and political power that solar consumers now have.</p> <p data-bbox="360 1305 1305 1331">Listen to them instead and make the right decision for consumers and the wider energy debate.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:51:18 | <p data-bbox="360 1358 2078 1410">We who have installed solar in our homes have sprnt hard earned money in doing so and also solar power helps all. It takes pressure from commercial power generation which must be beneficial when we are being asked to conserve and save power usage. We should be entitled to a fair return on energy that we return to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 15:50:45 | How dare you try to charge solar owners for feeding solar power into the grid. You have reduced the amount of feed in tariff, got rid of the carbon tax, forcing power prices way up beyond the affordability of many many people and shown that your interest only lies in the profits from dirty coal. We are appalled and disgusted and never have and never would support these disgraceful moves. We are doing our bit, you are failing miserably. |
| 2017-06-26 15:50:41 | I totally disagree with the proposal to charge solar owners for exporting energy to the grid - if the big companies are not paying for the privilege, then why should we. Most people made the investment at the encouragement of the Government - we should not be penalised now. I would like to see the Govt encourage further installation of solar panels across Australian homes - to ensure there are some fossil fuels left for future generations and to reduce our carbon footprint. Please remember, we are the ones who vote - stop attacking solar owners. |
| 2017-06-26 15:50:36 | Why are is he battler always fighting for a fair go. It is so unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. As a roof top solar owner i am trying to make this country a better place for the next generation and so should you. |
| | Thanks for listening |
| 2017-06-26 15:50:32 | It is completely unreasonable to charge solar owners for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid. If a charge for exporting power is instituted, it should be directed at those who export non-renewable energy. Exporting solar power has numerous health and environmental benefits and people who do so should be rewarded, not punished. |
| 2017-06-26 15:50:31 | Should NOT have to pay |
| 2017-06-26 15:49:49 | Why is our country not encouraging and enabling the public to access and use solar efficiently? We produce the electricity! We are contributing to the grid, but you want to charge us for it? Unethical and immoral. Do the right thing and reward those who have spent thousands contributing to their own energy requirements. Pay us a fair price for our solar and do way more to combat Climate Change instead of pushing filthy fossil fuel. |
| 2017-06-26 15:49:43 | I put in a solar power system a number of years ago for two reasons. The first was to help to reduce the drain on power resources by the people of Australia, the second because I was getting older and hoped it would reduce my power costs as my income dropped. I achieved both these aims, even though the cost of putting in solar at that time was very much higher than it is now. It seemed a worthwhile investment, and I was glad to be contributing to renewable energy resources. I believe it would be grossly unfair for me and others like me to be charged to export renewable power when the big polluters, the major power companies, are not charged a cent. Those of us who have contributed to reduce the demand for highly polluting power, and to increase the amount of renewable, clean power, should not be charged for doing a public service. For example, I made the decision to install solar power mainly for environmental reasons, but now that I am retired and on a fixed income, to be punished for this by being charged for supplying renewable power would be an insult and a hardship. Please do not do this. |
| 2017-06-26 15:49:43 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. We have been early adopters of solar PV at considerable expense because we believe in the benefits of a shift to a low-carbon economy. We should not be penalised for our effort to care for the future of our environment. |
| 2017-06-26 15:49:41 | Charging for Solar Exports to the grid is as I see it completely absurd, unfair and unethical. You should be encouraging electricity generation that is clean, green and sustainable. Think of the planet that's in a bad way, as well as the individuals like myself who have been prepared to go solar, but want fairness . |
| | It is absurd to consider that solar owners would be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid, when commercial, polluting power companies have never paid. |
| | Fair feed-in tariffs that also recognise the environmental and health benefits of solar as well as the network savings that solar provides to the grid are required. |
| 2017-06-26 15:49:34 | The introduction of export charges for solar households will apply a significant pressure on these households to disconnect from the grid entirely. This will shift the generation burden and network maintenance costs to the existing failing network, polluting providers and the upkeep costs on to fewer households. |
| | Thank you for recording my opposition to the proposal to charge grid connected solar owners. |

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| 2017-06-26 15:48:55 | <p>It appears the greed of the big fossil fuel polluters knows no bounds. It is totally unfair and outrageous for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. It is imperative that there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. No one, other than the industry vested interests and their political puppets, can look Australia in the face and say that solar power is a bad thing that should be discouraged by use of financial penalties, which this proposal most certainly is. You cannot allow vested interests, who act only with the intent of enriching themselves, to drag Australia even further in to the dark ages whilst the rest of the world leave us behind. To do so will be a total betrayal of our children and all future Australians. This change was rejected in 2013 and must be rejected again. The game of mates must stop here.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:48:49 | <p>In good faith I installed solar panels - for a cleaner environment, and to reduce my costs as a pensioner. The big dirty power stations go scott free while I pay twice - I pay for my product AND give you power from my panels - UNFAIR. I already struggle in winter - more increases just for AEMC profits is hitting the wrong people/ organisations. The most liveable city in the world won't be that for long if people can't afford bills. We are one of the sunniest countries on the planet!!!! Why don't we reward those who try to continue to maintain that by using 'free' clean sunshine</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:48:41 | <p>The concept of charging households for exporting solar energy to the grid is nothing more than a money grab and a blatant attempt to try to suppress the rising popularity of home solar and battery storage systems. It is extremely concerning that this proposal would even be considered and if adopted would place unfair financial pressures on many households who have installed solar systems to try to avoid the already excessive cost of electricity in this country. It would be a very dark day in our history and a victory for corporate greed if such a proposal was successful.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:48:23 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:48:14 | <p>As a pensioner I don't want it to cost me to protect the environment.</p> <p>I strongly disagree with charging for consumers to feed in power into the power grid. Like other generators, home users take on both the capital and operational costs of installing solar power. Unlike generators, consumers don't actually generate revenue from this investment and therefore they should not be charged for feeding in the power they do generate. I understand the commercial costs of still maintaining a distribution network and that home owners need to contribute to this as it will be required 100% of the time, irrespective of usage. Therefore I believe the rebate tariffs should reflect the power that is put back into the network while maintenance of the network should be separately itemised and not be a function of the amount of power generated. We should continue to encourage consumers to be taking on both the capital and operational costs of solar generation through attractive rebates and minimal if any input costs.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:48:08 | <p>Solar PV owners are contributing to reducing greenhouse gasses. We have also invested in our futures.</p> <p>We will not be held hostage by electricity providers and be penalized by them with our feed in to the grid of excess electricity. They already make a profit from the excess power.</p> <p>It is time the AEMC paid more attention to the many people who have solar on their homes and less to corporate greed.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:48:07 | <p>Thank you</p> <p>Charging solar owners for feeding their energy back into the grid is patently wrong and a move designed to cripple the solar industry.</p> <p>Big power companies don't have to pay a cent and the dirty energy they create adds to Australia's sizeable climate change emissions.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. These are measures essential to the future of Australia and the world. common sense dictates that clean energy should become the new norm and by impeding solar energy you are impeding our future.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:48:05 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. This is a product that I produce and sell, and it should be being purchased from me for the power company to onsell.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:47:57 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> <p>I had solar fitted to my roof so as to be able to run air conditioning at a reasonable cost for a medical condition if this charge goes ahead the gains I had made will be regressed and electricity companies will be again profiting from my enterprise at no cost to them</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 15:47:43 | <p>We are extremely concerned at the proposal for solar owners to have to pay for exporting their power to the grid. This discriminates against private owners as the coal and gas generators don't pay to export their power.</p> <p>Such a scheme would also have a serious effect on our household budget as we are aged pensioners. Solar owners should instead be paid a fair feed-in tariff for their renewable power which is lessening the demand for power from large generators.</p> <p>Overall it appears this proposal is for the benefit of these large fossil-fuel generators who want solar to be less competitive. Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate. Allowing an unfair charge would punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:47:39 | <p>Your organisation is on the tipping point of 'BEING AN OBSTACLE' to the Australian community moving towards our clean energy future!</p> <p>The next step people are going to take is removing themselves from the grid altogether! - OR IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT??!! It is patently clear to all of us, if that happens, coal and ALL fossil fuels are dead and gone overnight, as we all know they are too expensive to continue operating on a business model! The choice is yours whether to admit defeat and become irrelevant, or change the way you think and change the way you do things and embrace the future - with all it has to offer. Plug and Play homes (Distributed energy c/w battery storage) is the future for domestic energy. GET ON BOARD or THERE WILL BE REVOLUTION!!</p> <p>Solar owners have been supporting the energy market with clean energy and reduce our carbon footprint at a time when federal and state governments have been creating uncertainty in the market, this has reduced investment and created energy instability. As solar owners invest further in solar and battery storage, they will continue to improve energy security and help reduce the need for large investments in new power stations. If they are not adequately compensated for this it is likely they will be forced "off grid" creating more market instability. The recent tariff cuts as well as huge increases in standing charges and grid usage have resulted in huge increases in solar owners bills and financial pain that could have been prevented if they were paid a fair price. Surely all solar owners deserve a fair price for help provide energy security and reducing the huge huge financial burden on the market to build new generating capacity.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:47:33 | <p>Thank you</p> <p>It is completely immoral and undemocratic to charge for supplying energy to the grid. It would be a tax on those that have invested in renewable energy and who have contributed to a healthier climate and to the grid owned by traditional energy suppliers and polluters.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:46:57 | <p>To The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)</p> <p>It is TOTALLY unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:46:53 | <p>I put a 6.25kW solar PV setup on our house 3 years ago because the electricity providers were really starting to price gouge the consumers, especially here in South Australia. We currently only get around 6 cents per kWh but have to buy what we need from the provider at a rate that is in excess of 4x this when the provider has not had to do anything for it... this is GROSSLY unfair! and to then have AEMC want to start CHARGING households just for using excess solar to the grid is a TOTALLY INSANE proposal !</p> <p>Charging us for our solar exports to the grid would have an extremely deleterious effect on our household as by lowering our electricity bills through having roof top solar has enabled our single income household to just keep "our head above the water"... so, PLEASE, do not charge household to export to the grid... coal generators do not have to so we should not have to!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:46:41 | <p>yours sincerely</p> <p>It ridiculous and totally unjust to charge people who provide clean, renewable energy to the grid. Have you not heard of climate change?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:46:33 | <p>I can't see how it is even possible for anyone to consider charging solar power owners for putting clean, safe energy back into the grid. If you need more money charge the dirty coal company's for putting their polluting energy into the grid. Renewable energy is on the rise, it's what the public wants, stop wasting everyone's time with fossil fuels, start injecting funds into renewables and encouraging EVERYONE generate energy and send their excess to the grid.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 15:45:58 | How in heaven's sake can anyone consider charging solar panel users for inputting electricity to the grid? We should be paid a fair and reasonable price for our electricity generation. We paid for the panels after all. The big power companies don't pay to input into the grid. Why should we be charged? |
| 2017-06-26 15:45:53 | To AEMC. I would be quite happy to pay your charge for feeding MY generated clean energy into the grid AS LONG AS YOU PAY BACK TO ME THE MONEY I INVESTED IN PUTTING THEM UP IN THE FIRST PLACE which we know you won't. GET THE MESSAGE It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. |
| 2017-06-26 15:45:01 | There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it. |
| | As a retired senior citizen charging me for my solar exports to the grid would have a detrimental financial impact on my household. * Why should I be charged for generating electricity, which is being resold at a massive profit by the energy providers, after only paying me 5 cents per Kwh? |
| | *The power providers are going to greatly increase their prices while not paying me any more |
| | *I should be fairly compensated for my contribution to the available power |
| 2017-06-26 15:44:59 | *My contribution along with thousands of others relieves the burden on existing power generation |
| | *Their will be less requirement for new power generation in the future due to rooftop solar |
| | *It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent |
| 2017-06-26 15:44:58 | *There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. |
| | Dear Sirs, I have just heard of the proposal that solar owners are going to be charged to send clean, renewable power to the grid. I understand that Coal and oil fired power stations do NOT have to pay to send their power to the grid. This seems totally unreasonable. |
| 2017-06-26 15:44:47 | We are retired pensioners and we put solar on our house because we believed it was the right thing to do for the health of the Planet. We believe that a fair feed-in tariff should be paid to households that send power to the Grid; this is in recognition of the network savings that solar provides to the Grid, and the fact that as our changing climate increases, droughts, fires, storms etc., eventually everyone will have to make changes to clean power. It seems to us that our changing climate is going to wreak havoc on our World, and EVERYBODY should be encouraged to change to renewable power, and the Government should be leading the way. If we were charged for exporting our power to the Grid, it is highly likely we would install batteries and go OFF-GRID. This will encourage the 'death spiral' of less and less people being left on the Grid, having to pay more and more for their power. Please stop this reckless idea to charge solar owners for sending clean energy to our Grid. Yours faithfully |
| 2017-06-26 15:44:26 | The proposal that solar owners should pay to had their excess energy back to the grid is unbelievable! We have outlaid the cost of our renewable generation facilities in the expectation that there will be a return on our investment. Any proposal to charge us flies in the face of those who want to encourage greater use of renewable energy. The feed-in tariff has already been cut to an unrealistic level. Meanwhile dirty energy providers continue to receive taxpayer subsidies. |
| 2017-06-26 15:44:19 | We are already being ripped off with next to nothing feed-in-tariff to the grid, and extra metering charges, and now you people in authority want to make us pay even more. The sooner the price of Solar Batteries come down the better for those of us who are actually doing something for the welfare of the Planet instead of those that are polluting it at the expense of Solar users. |

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| 2017-06-26 15:44:02 | <p>I put in solar panels for two reasons. 1. the environment. 2 household economy. I thought I could trust the government (or energy provider?) to uphold its end of the contract I signed that my household budget would be helped by the feed in tariff and the environment would be helped by the money I paid out upfront.</p> <p>Now I find my plans are in jeopardy. My small return on my investment is at risk, while big companies pay no penalties for their unsustainable use of a public good. Where is the equity in that?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:43:43 | <p>As a self funded retiree (no that does not mean I have money to burn, it means I am just outside pension limits) and household bills are a constant concern to my 89 year old husband and myself. We are not a burden on the taxpayers through a pension and that is because we made as much provision as we could to be self sufficient. Solar Panels and feed in tariffs are part of our provisions.</p> <p>I think it extremely unfair that our small efforts at self sufficiency should be penalised by greedy power providers, who have made much less provision for their businesses than we have done for our domestic economy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:43:36 | <p>The feedin amount late next year here in Tasmania will plummet to approximately 6 cents a kw.. Do you seriously think a feedin charge is necessary? I am already considering getting a battery system and going off line.</p> <p>Dear AEMC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is clearly anti-competitive that the AEMC is considering making individual solar owners pay for the privilege of exporting clean, renewable power to the grid when dirty coal fired power companies don't have to pay a similar charge. Clearly, if you are to apply this charge to individual solar owners then a similar charge would also have to be levied to all energy generators accessing this infrastructure. If this was not applied equitably then this would be a punitive action against a single user group and would be treated as such by the courts. 2. I installed solar generation on my house to take control of the escalating costs which were raising at levels many times higher than inflation. To add a charge that would not be applied to all power generators would be punitive and not equitable. 3. Increases to access charges for solar owners would result in myself and many others exiting fully from the grid via the use of battery technology thereby placing a further burden on remaining users to maintain and facilitate ongoing maintenance of the grid infrastructure. 4. The provision of low cost solar energy to the network, if combined with battery storage, would enable better management of grid networks and facilitate use of this power locally. <p>I view this action as a punitive action against a single user group that is not equitably applied to all energy generators of the network. Should these additional charges be levied against solar owners then they would have no choice but to install batteries and exit fully from the grid. The consequence of this action would be that fewer grid users would be paying more for the maintenance and upgrade of the grid network.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:43:12 | <p>If the charge is to be applied then it must be applied to all energy providers equally and without bias based on their actual percentage use of the grid infrastructure.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:43:01 | <p>Solar owners should not be charged to export renewable power to the grid</p> <p>People who have spent their money installing solar panels which is a responsibility and expense should not have to pay anyone to export their power. You should be paying us a lot more than you do.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:42:53 | <p>It's unfair to change the rules *after* people have installed solar. We installed with the reasonable expectation of breaking-even after five years (and assuming the risk thereof) so why should we be penalised?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:42:47 | <p>If you are going to charge to feed in, (1) it changes the economics of battery storage and (2) we should be paid a fair rate for FIT.</p> <p>As a generator of solar power, I just don't understand why the electricity company can charge me so much more than what they pay me for my feed in to the grid. I have outlaid a considerable capital sum for the generation and modulation equipment which is not an investment but is depreciating. I also pay a line rental through the standing charge. But we have no choice. As power prices increase, the feed in tariff should also increase to maintain parity, however low this figure may have been set. Obviously the \$0.60 a unit was silly but \$0.20 seemed fair, \$0.07 a unit is just unethical robbery and exploitation. The feed in tariff must be increased.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 15:42:32 | I did without to afford to put solar on my home and now you want to tax me Australia's have a free fresh lovely country we should be encouraged to keep it that way and government elected by australians should be listening i want my decendants to enjoy the earth we need to look after it for future and forget the coal companys dirty money |
| 2017-06-26 15:42:05 | We have spent over \$18,000 on solar to prevent being charged for Electricity as we are on a pension now. We used our superannuation money to reduce the costs of energy not to be targeted as another source of income for the Energy Companies. This is a blow to our living standards if we are hit with more charges we just cannot afford. Holidays are out what next we cut back on food? Hi, AEMC, |
| 2017-06-26 15:41:47 | I guess one way to avoid paying for the export of clean energy is NOT to export it. If us Solar Energy exporters decided to turn off our exports without notice, (maybe triggered by an email from Solar Citizens), the result will be that the AEMC is going to look very poor at managing the grid. |
| 2017-06-26 15:41:30 | AND, if your organisation continues to annoy us Clean Energy Suppliers, that is most likely what we will do! Question is, do you want citizens roof top Solar Energy as part of the National Energy mix, or not? We've already been forced to invest because grid electricity is so uncompetitive. Now we want a return that was available at the time and nothing less. Charging solar owners is not on! AS OCTOGENARIANS WHO HAVE INVESTED IN SOLAR PANELS, BATTERIES AND WATER HEATING TO REDUCE LIVING COSTS AND REMAIN IN OUR OWN HOME. |
| 2017-06-26 15:41:25 | WE WOULD CONSIDER IT AN IMPOST TO HAVE TO PAY TO EXPORT EXCESS ENERGY TO THE GRID, ESPECIALLY AS THE GRID COMPANIES PAY WELL BELOW THJE VALUE OF THE KILOWATTS WE EXPORT. SCREWING THE THE POPULACE SEEMS TO BE THE MANTRA BY UTILITY COMPANIES IN GENERAL. GOVERNMENTS ARE PUT IN PLACE BY THE PEOPLE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE, NOT TO PLEASE PROFITEERS. LETS GET BACK TO BASICS AND PUT THE PEOPLE FIRST. |
| 2017-06-26 15:40:43 | REGARDS Thank god for democracy - well lets see it in action. Your humble servant, |
| 2017-06-26 15:40:27 | We've had solar on our roof for many years because Australia gets abundant sunlight and we can harness this clean energy to protect our environment. Apparently someone is considering making us pay to help the country and letting the big power companies enjoy this exploitation of consumers.. This is nothing short of criminal and that someone should be locked up! You should be bowing down before us and thanking us for ensuring the sustainability of this country. However we will settle for a fair feed-in tariff. |

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| | <p>I am alarmed that the AEMC is considering charging solar owners for the electricity they feed into the national grid. Solar owners have collectively spent millions trying to make a better world for themselves and others, and trying to keep their electricity bills down. Governments have failed us in reducing the cost of electricity, despite the number of promises made to do so.</p> <p>Will you also charge polluting providers for the energy they export via the grid? The AEMC should be doing all within its power to ENCOURAGE solar production, not discouraging it. If not, how will we ever be able to containing the global warming to what is now looking harder each day.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:40:07 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>I have personally installed solar as I believe it behoves all of us to make a difference to our environment, the future for our children. Charging me for the non-polluting energy that I may export to the grid is counter-productive.</p> <p>I do not support a charge for electricity I export to the grid. It's downright unfair and unethical. I do support a much higher feed-in tariff, to encourage more people to install solar panels on their roof. Australian Energy Market Commission,</p> <p>Dear representative,</p> <p>I write today to make a submission against an unfair, absurd fee for solar owners to export their clean, sustainable power back into the national grid.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable and sustainable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:40:04 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>Any fee for exporting solar back into the grid would further dent our household finances and make the cost of living so much harder.</p> <p>I urge you to scrap any plans to introduce any kind of fee for solar owners to export the most beneficial power source back into national grid.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely It's an unconscionable act to punish a person for saving on their power bill, especially when you promoted us to adopt solar panel technology in the first place.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:40:03 | <p>You are misusing your position in government to extort money from hard working individuals who are trying to future proof themselves because politicians no longer look after the little guy.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:39:46 | <p>If I knew this skulduggery would eventuate SOLAR POWER most likely wouldn't be on my rooftop. As per normal the little guys get slugged while the big guys feed from the trough as if it is bottomless.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:39:17 | <p>What a joke you want to charge people with solar systems an export rate I've already spent & 12,000.00 on my solar system and now you want an export charge, more like you need to pay us 0.20 cents for what we export this is a joke.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 15:39:10 | <p>I'm getting my solar installed on 7th July. I was hoping to save my monthly expenses in the long-run and future proof my life but to have news come around that those trying to BETTER the environment will be slugged a fee for doing so.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:38:59 | <p>Then were's the incentive for Australian's to do better than corporations can provide if we're made the doormats of corporate dollars? Will solar owners be served the raw prawn? Stop the solar swindle!</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:38:54 | <p>Hi, I believe it is unfair to charge those who have invested in clean energy via solar panels on their rooftops, like me, to be charged for exporting this energy into the system. The investment I made was considerable, in my instance over \$14k, and was in a large part meant to help address climate warming. Adding further financial burdens onto something so marginal in its financial benefits will only deter people like myself investing in clean energy in the future. I hope you consider my submission favourably. Sincerely</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:38:50 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I put panels on to help the environment and save money on power bills now you want to try and charge me for exporting power to the grid? I DON'T THINK SO.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:38:44 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. We put solar power on our roof to help minimise our power bills and increasing tariffs is just a way of swindling us out of our savings, which are now more important as our other bills are going up. Charging for solar exports is taking food out of the mouths of my children. Our family only has a finite amount of money and we are already at the limit.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:38:44 | <p>Pls refrain from charging for rooftop solar exports, as at the time of state promotion for installing the solar panels no such charges were mentioned or foreshadowed. On the contrary, the relevant department went out of its way to plead for the installations so that a cleaner power would be available.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:38:37 | <p>It is crazy to even contemplate charging a cost to send clean power back to the grid. We already have a extensive battery system to store our energy. It makes good sense to export green energy back to the grid for others to use. However if AMEC in its great wisdom decides to charge we will add more batteries to our system and let them stuff the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:38:01 | <p>My energy provider Origin has new charges of over 6 cents per day, for having solar panels. They only pay me a few cents per kilowatt for what I send back to the grid, yet charge me full price for the power I need at night. This is unfair and unconscionable conduct by Origin. The power I send back to the grid they use to charge full price to other consumers, yet its cost them very little to distribute. In the last 3 months they gave me \$13 for the amount I sent back to the grid. They would make a handsome profit on that by on-selling to consumers at full price. Householders are doing the country (and the planet) a favour by harnessing the sun to create power, instead of burning coal. They should be rewarded, not punished, which is how I feel I am being treated.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:37:58 | <p>Hello, I have solar panels and feed power onto the grid, my feed in tariff is only approx. 7c per kWh. This power is available others in the area to use, for which they are charged the full tariff 11 cost, approx. 28c kwh. The electricity company already makes a nice windfall from the power I supply onto the grid. I do not agree that I should have to pay them for the power I am supplying, it makes no sense.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:37:55 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I have a 3.5kw solar system on my roof. I put it there because I believed there was never going to be a political solution to climate change. We have to do it ourselves. So why should we be penalised for doing the Government's work for them - protecting our country against climate change. Now that the feed in tariff has been reduced so much, I am paying power bills for the first time in seven years. Power prices are rising unfairly, all the time. How will I afford my clean energy if you tax me?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:37:39 | <p>Nothing can stop the move toward renewable generation and if the market controllers can't see that, then they need to get out of the way for people who can. The organisations controlling power generation and distribution are in denial: The market has changed dramatically and they failed to predict it, or adjust the new reality. The existing market controllers and conglomerates should bear the cost of their failure and new forward thinking experts replace those who can't accept the new market reality. Meanwhile household solar generation should be fairly recompensed for the power they produced - not penalised.</p> |

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| 2017-06-26 15:37:12 | Not every solar owner does actually feed power into the grid, I know a lot with small scale systems who use all their own generated power right away. How do you charge them for the potential to export ? Regardless, everyone already pays to be connected to the grid, it's included on every power bill. If this is not enough to maintain the grid it needs to be increased for all users, don't just penalise people who are trying to make this world a better, cleaner place. |
| 2017-06-26 15:37:01 | Don't do it guys, enough is enough |
| 2017-06-26 15:36:58 | It is unbelievable in this climate, to consider charging solar owners a "feed in" tariff. We put solar panels on our home, at considerable personal expense, (and NO Government rebate) in order to provide a clean, green power source. We did not do it to penalise non-solar owners, but believed we were contributing to a more sustainable economy. We already pay a solar meter charge, and increasing "supply charges". Why can't the regulator embrace this power source and rather than punish people who have made significant investment, incentivise people to put solar power generators in their homes and offices, and make a difference to the environment at the same time? It is not our fault that the various governments have failed to move with the times, failed to invest in their coal power stations, and now look at redundant infrastructure. Send a message to the State Governments that citizens want to harness the power of the sun, and so should they. This smacks so much of a time (not so long ago) when local Councils wouldn't permit residents to install rainwater tanks. It is short term thinking, when a long term plan is required. |
| 2017-06-26 15:36:53 | I am totally opposed to the idea of charging homeowners to export their solar energy to the grid. In fact I believe that the energy companies should be paying more for the electricity generated by homeowners. If homeowners are penalised in this way, I believe that they will vote with their feet and go off grid, using battery technology. This will greatly disadvantage people living in cities or apartment blocks who cannot generate their own power and will be obliged to pay increasing amounts to keep a national grid going, with fewer and fewer customers. This is likely to increase electricity prices further for the disadvantaged among us. even though I do not wish this to happen, I may be obliged to go off grid if charged to export my clean solar energy to the grid. I feel passionately about this issue. |
| 2017-06-26 15:36:33 | It is only fair and reasonable that as producers of energy the same rules apply to all forms of energy. WHEN the coal and gas companies pay, then we should too. Please allow for the natural evolution of the energy market without biasing it. |
| 2017-06-26 15:36:07 | The impact of charging our family to produce energy will only reduce our/others uptake...unless that's what you want! Dear AEMC, I would like to voice my concerns over the proposal to charge solar households for exporting to the grid. We have chosen to get solar not only to offset our household electricity costs but also to assist Australia generate clean, renewable energy. I don't understand how you can consider charging households, who battle to get by, when the large power generators, who make millions of dollars generating and selling electricity, continually increase charges and are charged nothing to have their electricity exported to the grid. The proposed change, essentially a discriminatory increase in electricity costs to those households with solar, will have a major impact on our household budget and I think those who've chosen to produce environmentally friendly electricity should in no way be penalized for doing so. And this proposal is just that, a penalty for producing green energy. Thanks for taking my submission. I am currently saving for a solar system for my house to offset the crazy electricity price rises that are coming. |
| 2017-06-26 15:36:01 | It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export renewable clean energy, fossil fuel generators pay no such levy. In honesty rooftop solar provides a massive benefit to the grid. Adding this tariff will not stop me getting solar it will only make me more committed to upgrading to a battery pack of sufficient size that i can disconnect from the grid altogether. I suspect that I will not be alone in this and with the price of storage coming down while grid connection costs go up you do not have to be genius to figure out where the smart money will be spent. |

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| | <p>Charging solar owners for exporting power to the grid is outrageous and discriminatory. It is also against the interest of those who run the grid. The more distributed contributors there are, the less strain there is in times of high demand, such as summer afternoons.</p> <p>Also, the more homeowners who have solar power and battery systems, the less the grid has to invest in polls and wires.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:35:59 | <p>For these reasons, home owners who export power into the grid should be paid a fair feed in Tarif which comprises environmental benefits and network savings as well as the whole sale price of energy.</p> <p>Any other option would make us more of an international embarrassment than we already are.</p> <p>Best regards</p> <p>Don't even think about charging solar owners for exporting power to the grid. Disgusting to even think you are trying again. I am over solar system owners being treated like criminals while fees and charges are rising for simply being connected to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:35:40 | <p>The time is coming when people will start disconnecting from the grid. Bring on battery power. I suppose then they will make you pay for simply having power going past your front door.</p> <p>Stop trying to screw the solar owner over, we are over it.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:35:33 | <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>We have invested almost \$20k of our after tax income to install our solar rooftop system - why should we then be charged for offering power that we have paid to generate to the grid?</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:35:18 | <p>If I am charged for feeding into the system, I will disconnect my SPVA from the Grid and buy batteries and a diesel generator. I don't see why I should pay to subsidize big foreign owned businesses who would be the only beneficiary of this hairbrained scam. I kid you not.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:34:31 | <p>STOP STOP the theft of our power, give us a fair price.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:34:17 | <p>Any input charge from homeowners to electricity providers should never be implemented. The suggestion is outrageous.</p> <p>Putting solar panels on our roof was a very large capital outlay for us. It made financial as well as environmental sense for us to do so because of a) the money we would save and b) the fair feed-in tariff at the time.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:34:10 | <p>We should not now be charged for providing clean energy to the grid.</p> <p>We should not be penalised for the power industry's lack of vision over the last two decades.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:33:51 | <p>Stop taxing a sun-shame of you.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:33:45 | <p>You can't tax the sun.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:33:23 | <p>Rooftop solar saves costs by decentralizing power production maybe these savings should also be passed on to the little producers especially in high summer when our power is most valuable for running cooling loads. These savings will more than make up any transmission costs.</p> <p>Regards</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:32:15 | <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:31:54 | <p>We have solar hot water and about to get solar on our roof because we just can't afford to pay the ridiculous amount of electricity that is charged to us in SA. I have no idea how you actually think that charging us for buying and placing solar on our roof should be charged. You have to be joking right? We are going to be charged for using the sun?? What I want to know is what are you going to give us in return? Oh that's right.. NOTHING!!! This is disgusting. I am ashamed of our country lately.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:31:08 | <p>I do not believe it is fair to charge solar pv owners to export electricity to the grid.</p> |
| 2017-06-26 15:29:59 | <p>It is unfair to charge for something that they are getting for free.</p> |