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	<p>I'm making a submission because I believe it is totally unfair that solar owners 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 have owned two properties that have rooftop solar - for both hot water and electricity - and strongly believe clean energy is the way forward. I have experienced different feed-in tariffs and currently am barely receiving anything. 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>
2017-07-04 14:59:13	<p>Thankyou for your consideration of this important issue.</p> <p>To the AEMC</p> <p>Australian rooftop solar owners are an essential part of the Australia's Climate Change obligations. At present the Energy Utilities are charging Australian rooftop solar owners for grid connection, meter connection, poles and wires, substations, as well as a raft of hidden fees and charges. These hidden fees and charges require that the average home installs on average 4 kwh of solar panels even if net consumption for the household is zero (0) kwh's. This mandates the installation of a 6kw solar rooftop array for highly efficient households using less than 3kwh of energy per day. In short, without subsidies and at current wholesale energy prices these households are contributing \$1500 (retail value) to the Energy Utility bottom line whilst being billed for a small amount. (Usually less then \$100) In other words, under the current regulatory environment the Energy Utilities are earning an annual rooftop solar profit whilst minimizing their transmission, as well as wholesale gas, coal, wind/ solar farm spot price purchases. This avoided cost only partially flows onto rooftop solar pro-sumers under state agreements, but is never fully accounted for under current AEMC and AEMO regulatory mess. Solar rooftop pro-sumers should in all cases be exempt from distribution, transmission, metering, retail and related pass through charges because the energy distribution company sell rooftop solar energy at a premium to local customers often less then 100 meters from the SM rooftop generation source. If the AEMC bows to the pressure of the Energy Utilities I predict that Australian rooftop solar pro-sumers will look for other solutions. This solution can be expressed in a very simple formula: Rooftop solar + storage * blockchain connection using TAG-e technology in a closed renewable zone = SolarCoin crypto-currency value market transaction. In short, if AEMC caves in to the Utilities they will not survive the move by rooftop pro-sumers to a crypto currency transaction. Why? Because Swiss bankers, French, Belgian and Dutch Utility companies as well as a raft of solar manufacturers, solar and wind farm developers are already part of an international value chain network to make this a reality. The ICE-group and Lumo Energy are already part of this network in Australia. If the AEMC caves in to the demands of the Utilities will sign their own death warrant.</p> <p>Instead of charging solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid, how about giving them more per unit for doing this. We have paid to have the solar installed to alleviate the costs of power from the current providers, so by charging us to allow the electricity companies to benefit from our foresight would be totally illogical.</p> <p>I have been feeding solar energy back to the grid for over 10 years and I plan to install more panels to increase my solar contribution.</p> <p>This is not just to save money and to reduce my personal greenhouse emissions.</p> <p>I consider that It is my responsibility to future generations to help reduce greenhouse gases in whatever way I can.</p> <p>I am outraged by the suggestion that in addition to my initial installation costs and the paltry amount that I receive in FIT, I should actually have to pay to contribute solar energy to the grid.</p> <p>My contribution to reducing the environmental and health costs of an unsustainable reliance on fossil fuels should be rewarded and not penalised.</p>
2017-07-04 14:52:04	
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2017-07-04 14:17:24	<p>Solar owners should not be charged to export clean, renewable power onto the grid when polluting power company's don't do the same. There should be more recognition and promotion of solar owners with an increase to the feed in tariff that acknowledges the social, environmental and health benefits of solar energy generation.</p>
2017-07-04 14:05:35	<p>Any increase in charging will increase my power prices, when I have been previously encouraged by government to export my excess power to the grid...not fair!</p>

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	<p>I consider it 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</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> <p>We installed rooftop solar about eleven years ago, at a cost which was quite significant at the time - however, we researched the concept and felt that it had many benefits - both financial and environmental. The passing years have confirmed that we made a good decision and while enjoying low cost power we are also pleased that we are helping to make a difference to the environment - and that's a warm and cosy feeling too.</p> <p>If the government decides to allow us (and every other household who did the right thing and installed solar) to be charged for exporting power to the grid then I think that we would seriously consider changing our political loyalties and vote against that government at the next election. The financial effect on our household budget (two older citizens on a pension) would be significant and it's difficult enough at any time to manage without this extra and totally unfair cost being imposed on us. I hate to think how it would affect young people with children and a mortgage - they are already struggling and they don't deserve yet another kick in the pants from government (who it must be noted have just received a huge 17% pay rise with added tax benefits thrown in for good measure). The Turnbull government is a disgrace, unable to run themselves, let alone the country, in a fiscally responsible manner and we are the laughing stock of the world with our swings and roundabout Prime Ministers. And I'm an LNP voter - just think what those who don't or didn't vote that way must be thinking. Armed insurrection might be an option. We've all paid taxes all of our working lives and we all deserve better. Thank you to Solar Citizens for making this comment site available so that we can tell the government what we really think of them.</p>
2017-07-04 14:04:30	The stupidity of this proposal beggars belief... this comes out of the desperation of the dying coal industry trying to hang on to its last planet destroying discredited business model ...wake
2017-07-04 14:01:30	<p>up there's more at stake here than you're greedy profits think just for once of the future generations</p> <p>There is something just not right here, we as solar panel owners, especially in the early days paid top dollar, business aren't charged. We should receive a fair environmental subsidy. You will once again be forcing solar panel owners to invest even more in buying a battery for our own storage, thus not putting back into the grid. Just stop it. Us the general public are doing it hard, trying to survive and be environmentally friendly whilst doing so, just look to tax big business, stop being so afraid about votes and YOUR coffers and remember it's the multitude who elect government - no big business, big business may line your pockets but ultimately it's the little guys who decide the outcome.</p>
2017-07-04 13:59:51	<p>To even think that there would be a charge for generating electricity from my solar panels is ludicrous. I paid for the system, no one else. Start charging filthy coal fired power stations rather than those like me who have invested in the system.</p>
2017-07-04 13:47:57	<p>I'm fed up with looking after the few at the expense of the many.</p> <p>As a person who cares about future generations and who understands the basic science of global warming, I installed my solar panels when I moved house three years ago. I received 8c government rebate for a while, and now receive nothing</p> <p>My electricity company charges me over a dollar a day just to be connected, 29 cents per KW hour, but only pays me 10 cents for what I provide to the grid. This already seems like price gouging without the proposed new charge for me to supply to the grid.</p> <p>It is pretty common knowledge that the high prices are as a result of the companies over estimating and investing in poles and wires without taking into account the effect that rooftop solar would have in taking the pressure off in summer because of use of air conditioning.</p> <p>So poor decisions on the part of the power companies and they make solar owners pay. Fair business practice would say that the company should bear the brunt of its own mistakes</p> <p>I am an aged pensioner recovering from chemotherapy, I invested in solar partly so that as my income declined I wouldn't end up not being able to cover basic power costs. The original investment was considerable, but it seems that not only will it not pay for itself but end up costing me.</p> <p>If the government was serious about meeting our emissions target, then it would be encouraging solar owners, not penalising them.</p> <p>Meanwhile the big power companies are not charged a cent for exporting to the grid.</p>
2017-07-04 13:47:37	<p>Please review this policy, and disallow the big companies from charging home solar owners to export to the grid. Please also reinstate a fair feed-in tariff to the decision makers at AEMC</p>
	<p>I and my partner are totally opposed to this idea of charging to provide power to the grid from our solar cells. It is not in the spirit of the agreement we originally made to take up solar. The power retailers and AEMC need to consider their social capital when dealing with solar owners; in my opinion, to their detriment large corporations inexplicably often do not consider the value in maintaining or building their social capital.</p>
2017-07-04 13:43:07	<p>Furthermore, what is to stop us solar investors from shutting off our systems on a mass basis during a heatwave? Think hard about that; it is an idea I have been mulling over for quite some time and may be discussing ways to implement such actions with solar activists should further unsubstantiated changes to our power bills occur.</p>

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2017-07-04 13:41:26	<p>I paid to have a rooftop solar, which feeds excessive power back into the grid. Why should a power company then buy electricity off me for \$0.07/unit, only to sell it to my neighbour for \$0.26/unit?</p> <p>Solar owners should be fairly compensated for exporting clean, renewable electricity into the power grid, effectively doing the job of the power companies (and the govt) for them. Placing a "solar tax" on rooftop solar owners is simply a money-grabbing extortion (power companies are feeling the financial pinch and need to recoup some income). We are generating and exporting cheaper electricity into the grid that can be used by non-solar households (shocker!).</p> <p>Besides, isn't the govt supposed to be trying to REDUCE power prices?</p> <p>Charging solar panel owners to pay money to the electric companies is clearly wrong on a number of levels.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have an energy shortage and we should be encouraging more people to install solar panels and therefore reduce their energy consumption. This move will discourage solar panel innovation and growth. 2) People who have invested money into solar panels already only get 5c back and yet are charged up to 55c for the energy. 3) If you want huge numbers of people to leave the grid and install their own batteries this is likely to increase the number of people leaving the grid. This in turn will put up the cost of the fixed grid as it will consequently be shared between less people.
2017-07-04 13:40:20	<p>In short this is a ridiculous proposal.</p>
2017-07-04 13:19:52	<p>Folk who install solar power are part of the solution to the Climate Change drama the world is facing. Please do not penalise these good folk. They are a shining example for others to spend their hard earned cash on helping save this wonderful planet. Wealth is all good and fine but when policy is created to protect wealth over sustenance, something is really wrong. Please stop this madness.</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>
2017-07-04 13:18:50	<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. Solar PV owners are making a very significant contribution to energy efficiency and security throughout Australia. They are pursuing a self-sufficiency strategy that not only benefits them, but is of benefit to the whole community. Surplus energy that is fed back to the grid makes a significant contribution to energy security during daylight hours and reduces dependency on other forms of power generation. As consumers they already make a very significant financial contribution to supporting the grid via daily service fees and their use of grid generated power. Under no circumstances is any proposal to charge solar PV owners for feeding back to the grid reasonable or justified. As one such owner I will publicly oppose any move in that direction.</p>
2017-07-04 13:13:43	<p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when they also don't get paid adequately for the power provided free to the power company. We pay to put on the solar system at our own personal cost, the power companies pay us minimally for the power (less than 1/3/unit price of what we have to buy back power at). Solar owners are helping provide clean power and you want to charge them 3 times? not fair. People will not invest in solar power if you further raise any charges meaning the power companies will have to increase production and costs further again.</p>
2017-07-04 13:12:02	<p>Why punish those that have paid thousands to take pressure off the grid. This does not in any way make sense. Punish those that are contributing to global warming not the people trying to save the planet!</p>
2017-07-04 13:06:56	<p>We have already been experiencing difficulties with our solar package and this would make it worse.</p> <p>I am very disappointed for the thousands of solar owners who are going to be charged for excess power they feed into the grid.</p>
2017-07-04 13:01:17	<p>Firstly, many have invested in the environment to minimise greenhouse gases, and are now being penalised for doing the right thing. They may need to spend a large amount of money either in fees or to limit their export to the grid. How would a pensioner be able to afford this?</p> <p>Secondly, I thought we had a shortage of electricity production since the coal fired power station is being closed down in the la Trobe valley. Won't this exacerbate the power shortage? Don't we want more rather than less electricity production!!!</p>
2017-07-04 12:54:33	<p>How dare these greedy suppliers try to charge for using poles and wires these were put in place by public monies.</p> <p>I have only had Net meter installed today 4/7/17 after being informed since May 16 that it would be changed by January 17,</p>

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2017-07-04 12:49:08	<p>We spent money on solar panels to ensure we can do our part to reduce greenhouse emissions and to do our bit for the environment. It's bad enough solar use is already capped, so to add a charge for creating clean, renewable energy and sending back into the grid is COMPLETELY unfair! If the Australian government really cared about climate change, they would REWARD solar power users. Additional costs after spending thousands of dollars on solar panels would completely crush our family budget. I'm certain this would deter others from changing to solar.</p>
2017-07-04 12:46:02	<p>I would like to know WHY!! we are being RIPPED OFF!! just because we have done the right thing and have solar panels fitted to our home. We where really conned by you,the so called government! into getting solar so that we could relieve the strain on the power grid,WELL!, that backfired on all of us as you now sell our power to any body that you wish and don't give a toss about us,the people that are supplying you with OUR power. So I say to you SHAME ON YOU. Give us back what YOU promised and do the right thing and let us all have a fair go and return the price on our power that we all deserve and which is our right. We never expected that we would all be shafted when we listened to you bleating about how we could help ourselves and others.YOU ARE ALL A BLOODY DISGRACE .So give us a fair go NOW!!!!.</p>
2017-07-04 12:35:26	<p>Sirs, As a person who is seriously considering future solar investment in recognition of environmental & health benefits, whether feed-in or off the grid, I find it ethically deplorable for you to even consider charging householders a charge for their solar power, which they have invested in for whatever reason, back to the grid.</p>
2017-07-04 12:31:12	<p>It really does smack of a "back-door" effort to halt the snowballing effect of people deciding to back alternative power sources in this country & for them to not venture into this avenue through the benefit of installing solar power. We live in a country which has sun, sun, sun ! Maybe the politicians themselves should venture out more into the open air to realise that this sun is one of the most beneficial power sources that we in Australia can use!</p>
2017-07-04 12:23:45	<p>So I would take this time to say that my vote is in opposition to this idea that is not in step with current environmental issues for Australia & Worldwide. Ergon is already doing this to solar participants in nth qld in form of an admin fee not charged to non solar users. This fee is outrageous at approx \$ 120 per quarter usually higher than cost of my electricity consumption...JUST STOP IT</p>
2017-07-04 12:18:27	<p>To the AEMC Solar power is now an essential part of the energy mix in Australia. I installed rooftop solar power to help reduce the impact on the environment of polluting energy producers and to reduce the burden of the increasing cost of energy. 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. Being a pensioner on limited income, charging for solar export to the grid will have a big impact on my household budget. 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 a 73 year old pensioner and doing my best to get my electricity bill down. I have some solar panels and I feed back to the grid. I believe this is helpful for general energy production and I don't think it is right to penalise me for this.</p>
2017-07-04 12:18:22	<p>I can't believe you're considering CHARGING solar owners to provide power to the grid. Anyone else who provides goods or services is PAID for same. We are self-funded retirees who went to considerable expense to install solar, both to save on electricity and do a bit to reduce greenhouse gas. This proposal is unconscionable. Please scrap the bizarre idea that those who produce clean energy from their rooftop solar grids be charged for supplying it to the grid for others to access. It is abhorrent that such a thought has even entered the minds of those who hold the responsibility for our future enery supply. Please dump this concept for what it truly is, a total swindle of your fellow Australians who, in good faith, took the step towards clean energy production, in a political climate where our leaders lack the guts to even start cutting the umbilical cord to dirty, fossil-fuel-based power generation. We need to be encouraged, not discouraged!</p>
2017-07-04 12:11:12	<p>I am gobsmacked at the inherent ignorance in the proposal. It must be dropped!</p>

Date

Your submission

I expect the AEMC to look after the interests of ALL energy suppliers not simply those of the big generators. Putting a charge on energy exports from small solar owners plays into the hands of fossil fuel interests at a time when we need to rapidly decarbonise our energy systems.

When we had our 1kW system put on our roof we did it not expecting a payback but because it was the right thing to do. Now, even though our PFIT has another 6+ years to run, we are considering expanding our system to over 5kW. Again we are doing this because the time is well past that strong action is taken on climate change. Last year we took our home off the gas grid because there is no such thing as clean gas. Expanding our system would cover our increased electricity use and provide energy exports even during peak times as we will be facing most of the new system west.

Putting a charge on the generation of clean electricity from over 1 million rooftops around Australia would be a slap in the face to people who care about the environment and the kind of planet their children will inherit.

Putting a charge on the generation of clean electricity from over 1 million rooftops around Australia would create a disincentive for others to do likewise.

Putting a charge on the generation of clean electricity from over 1 million rooftops around Australia may even create the conditions the fossil fuel generators are trying to avoid - the death spiral - in that now that battery systems are becoming more viable, people may consider leaving the grid entirely. From an environmental perspective this would be a perverse outcome as the energy generated by their systems once their batteries are full would then no longer be available to support the grid!

There should be a fair feed-in-tariff paid for small solar generators that recognises all the benefits that small-scale solar provides to the grid. I'm sure you are aware of them so I won't list them here.

We don't use much electricity having implemented energy efficiency measures in our home. If a charge were put on solar exports it would tell me that the entire system is designed to support the fossil fuel industry to the detriment of our fragile (and getting more so) ecosystem.

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I hope the AEMC will make the right decision here and encourage small solar systems to be installed rather than making grid defection a more likely outcome.

As I see it, for regional Qld. the snag will always be the 44 cents F I T. Until this is rectified there will always a dilemma.

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Be fair in this new modern power world. You know what to do. If crazy unfair rules and charges are imposed, many solar households will go off-grid. We would rather stay on and share our excess power but won't if you make it impossible and grossly unfair.

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It is difficult to comprehend how or why Australians could be charged to input solar-generated power back into the grid. It defies all we know about the science of climate change and clean energy solutions. Australians who feed power back into the grid should not be charged but rather REWARDED for taking the initiative and putting their own money into providing a small part of the solution to the complex global issues at hand. Those who do so understand what is at stake and set the highest ethical standards in regard to energy generation. We need more of these committed people, who understand the science of energy, which will be true whether we take notice of it or not and are prepared to do something positive for all our futures.

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Stop the solar swindle!!!!

Does "fairness" matter to AEMC? The proposal to charge solar owners for exporting their clean, excess energy to the grid, to then be sold-on by Energy companies to other customers for high prices, is stealing. Solar owners deserve to be rewarded, not punished for installing solar panels.

I look on my electricity bill and note the amount of greenhouse gases I am saving from the atmosphere and feel that we solar owners should be rewarded for being responsible citizens.

I am very happy with my rooftop solar but it was an enormous sacrifice financially to me to install it. As an elderly, single, aged pensioner I saved and saved for several years to afford my small solar system because I knew of the horrors of Climate Change and wanted to do my bit to protect our atmosphere. Why should I, and the other people like me, be rewarding the price-gouging of the greedy energy companies who are still polluting our life-support systems with fossil fuels?

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Your submission

Dear Australian Energy Market Commission,

Thank you for calling for submissions from the public and from Solar Home users to see whether this new charge is fair to solar Home Owners for providing their clean energy into the dirty grid.

It is not fair or justifiable in any way to add this ridiculous charge to solar homes!!

This is just a plain attempt at gouging the Australian solar consumers by the Power companies to try to recoup some money back because they now have to pay us a few cents more per Kwh for our feed in tariff.

We don't charge them an extra fee for the solar power we give them and after all we paid for the meters and the cable to the ETSA fuse is at the border of our homes!

Please take into consideration that for years our power bills have been the highest in the world?

For a long time some States solar users have received nothing for the power they feed into the grid while others were paid a pittance.

We are being charged higher and higher rates and fees for the little power used and could you please explain why our electricity is the highest in the world when we have abundant fuel sources and a healthy green power input?

When the Government first leased/Sold the South Australian power companies and it's infrastructure (without support from the public) we were told that competition would bring power prices down, It didn't, and we are at the point that thousands of people have their power cut off each month because they simply can't afford to pay the highest prices in the World.

I would like to remind you of the Solar users response to a similar attempted charge in 2013, more than 28,000 solar owners joined together to Voice their opposition to that unfair charge and now there are tens of thousands more Green energy users and providers.

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 generous feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

The impact of charging us for our solar exports to the grid would have a terribly unfair one sided impact to my household and quite frankly is totally unfair and completely unjustifiable.

Please take into account that my 3.6Kwh system cost my wife and myself \$18,000 years ago so It would be great to get a benefit out of this large investment into what the Government encouraged all people to do?

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A fairer thing would be to subsidise all homes to have battery backup that is able to help supply power to the whole State when needed in an emergency and to do away with feed in tariffs and make it a simple Kwh for Kwh swap?

I am strongly opposed to the suggestion that solar energy investors, who have made financial sacrifices to use solar to supplement their domestic energy usage, may now be charged a fee to export our clean energy to the grid. this is both unfair and outrageous that it is even being considered. The millions of Australians who have installed solar PV did so because it was apparent that governments and the AEMo were not up to the task of providing secure and affordable sources of energy. It also harnesses the sun, our most potent source of energy.

It is an even more inequitable proposal when one considers that polluting power companies are not charged a similar access fee to pump electricity into the grid. All Australians have obligations to reduce carbon emissions in the interests of mitigating the effects of climate change. It is unthinkable that such a charge, as proposed, could go ahead.

More recently, it seems that we are going to get a fair feed-in tariff for the clean energy we put into the grid, and it is about time.

Our family made a conscious choice to invest in solar 7 years ago and we have not regretted the decision for an instant. Combined with solar hot water, the solar PV system has dramatically reduced our electricity bills and all of us feel that we are making our contribution to reducing our carbon footprint. this is a matter of passion in our family and our extended family.

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If this charge goes ahead, I will personally feel obligated to activate our extended family of upwards of 30 households, to pressure our politicians to reverse the decision.

I object strongly to the ludicrous plan to charge domestic energy suppliers for providing power back into the grid. We are saving valuable resources and money for the government, reducing demand, often at peak periods. If anything Governments should be pro-active in assisting commercial enterprises in encouraging them to add solar arrays to their roof areas.

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Go to Europe and look at the massive solar panel installations on shopping centres and railway stations. And what do we do here,,,,? penalise small domestic installations. Who's pocket are you in?

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2017-07-04 11:13:03 2017-07-04 11:11:24	<p>I installed Solar Panels for a few reasons ,To help the environment, Try and cut my forever increasing living expenses down due to the greedy lying candidates that promised to support Australia in State and Federal Government who are continually increasing Power costs ,fuel costs , taxes etc. and I could go on. To yet again put in place something to steal more money off of the Australian people is Un-Australian , the amount of waste of money on extremely bad decisions by the State and Federal Government we hear of and don't hear of and you want to lower yourselves to this to people helping out the environment and supplying the shortfall of power during summer from the power companies who couldn't keep up!!</p> <p>Talk about shifting the goalposts, we're doing the power stations and retailers a favour now without paying for the privilege.</p>
2017-07-04 11:10:14	<p>Our initial purchase of solar panels was to suppliment our power usage. We are a fully electric household. At the time we purchased some ten years ago we could not justify the payback for our age but saw that this would assist the system which often experienced times of shortage of supply. It seems to make good sense to generate the power where it is needed and if households can achieve this it surely helps the overall system. Its somewhat like farmers each bringing their produce to market to be shared among the community. Thus each solar generator contributes to the need for power. Each solar generator has spent capital to this end. It may well be seen that this provision is seen by the major producer of power as robbing them of income, but, the provision of power, as for water and transport, must be seen as service to and for the community not as amoney making business enterprise. It should be owned by the people for the people. Power producers do not pay to provide power they get paid. So it should be for a solar household. And we only get paid for what we do not use. Perhaps the feed in tariff should reflect what the main producers charge. While we have only 1.5kWh system which cost us some \$7500, with current costs of power it has helped reduce our power bill. Should this provision to reduced or taken away with a charge then we would seriously consider up grade of the system to become independent. There are also environmental issues. Renewables, such as solar, must replace limited fuels. To invest in solar is to assist in the research of these resources.</p>
2017-07-04 11:08:25	<p>I have a small solar system on my house which helps with my electricity usage. Anything above what I use is sent to the grid for 6cents kWh. (Which is nothing really) If I have to pay to send to the grid what I don't use, then I will be happy to not send any back or even consider getting rid of my panels. You try to the the right thing and this is the thanks. Not happy at all. Thankyou.</p>
2017-07-04 11:07:45	<p>Householders and businesses that export excess electricity to the grid should not be charged for the "privilege". Already we are being paid a mere pittance for the power, but the power companies charge a high price and make a good profit. Australia should be encouraging all forms of clean and green generation of electricity, as well as investigation large scale storage options (batteries, hydro, ???). There is a problem with power generation and distribution being in private hands, where to only thought is maximum profit, not the greater good of the whole of Australia, be it the general population or all businesses. We need more renewable sources of electricity if the world is going to overcome the human-induced part of global warming.</p>
2017-07-04 11:06:18	<p>I am absolutely flabbergasted by the lazy negative attitude to renewable energy production by individuals that this federal govt. has. It is appalling. They are not thinking of the people and the ongoing increases to costs we face. They are instead thinking of cowering to the coal and gas fracking companies. It totally defies logic, is irresponsible and reckless for future generations. They are so dumb they don't even believe in Climate Change.</p>
2017-07-04 10:56:31	<p>I strongly object to any extra charges on anyone with solar panels. This is a total disgrace and should be strongly condemned. Many people have borrowed money to finance solar systems and are still paying interest on this. This nex tax will slow down investment in future renewable energy and create more toxic pollution in this country. We should be leading the world in renewable technology, but instead we are falling further behind because of corrupt governments and greedy currupt power companies. Quarry Australia which is rapidly becoming owned by foreign companies and foreign governments is going backwards at a rapid rate.</p>
2017-07-04 10:42:07	<p>Solar producers should be PAID a fair price for the energy that provide, not charged. All energy policy should provide incentives for renewables and discourage fossil fuels and nuclear power.</p>
2017-07-04 10:41:24	<p>It is unfair to charge for solar owners to be charged to export clean energy</p>
2017-07-04 10:31:07	<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. And what about the increased costs to households this will create. A BAD IDEA, WAKE UP AND DO SOMETHING FOR FUTURE GOOD FOR A CHANGE.</p>
2017-07-04 10:24:06	<p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>I am astonished and aghast that consideration is being given to charging home solar owners to provide clean energy to the electricity grid. The playing field is already tilted heavily in favour of the major electricity suppliers. It is outrageous for them to suggest that further advantages need to be given to them. It this suggestion is carried through I feel very strongly that that small solar owners will be being heavily penalised for the failure of successive governments to establish a price on carbon leading to a lack of investment and a hike in prices.</p> <p>It would be grossly unfair to allow the major electricity producers to further gouge small solar owners by letting them levy another charge for the already ridiculously cheap power that they collect from those small owners.</p> <p>One suspects that the major electricity producers are interested in discouraging people from installing new solar panels for, allowing this charge to be introduced, along with the unfairly low feed in tariff, will start to make the installation of new PV systems increasingly uneconomic for would be small solar system owners.</p>

Date

Your submission

I strongly object to ANY charges being imposed upon householders or businesses for solar feed-in to the grid. I am a property owner and struggling pensioner. Yet, I made a personal investment in solar panels because I believe in making a difference to our clean energy future.

Clean energy is the way of the future. It is beyond time that we, in Australia, fully harnessed the benefits of solar energy, while phasing out fossil fuels and embracing our shared global responsibility towards climate change.

Indeed, if it weren't for the imposition of mining companies and weak politicians, Australia could have ... and should have ... well and truly made the required transition by this point in history. Instead, to their credit, Denmark leads the way. What an embarrassment to past and present leaders in Australian Government, who have failed us all.

Despite the outstanding benefits of solar energy and the ability to fully utilise this as the main source of energy in our sun-drenched country, no Government body has seen fit to ensure that every Australian can share in the benefits of this source of cheap power.

Shame on those who have thwarted true progress! Clearly, ambitious politicians would rather reap whatever short-term benefits availed to them by supporting mining giants than to create a sustainable future for all Australians.

A wide range of Australia's most basic and crucial infrastructure has been taken over by private companies, including the energy market. As predicted, Australian residents are now held to ransom for everyday requirements

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) do not have a supportable case for shutting down incentive to the solar industry nor for charging householders or business owners for solar feed-in energy to the grid. It is entirely inconceivable that Australians who have taken responsible steps towards a sustainable future should be penalised for contributing to clean energy and to sustainable job creation!

2017-07-04 10:09:49

Dear AEMC,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on whether or not solar owners should be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. For the following reasons I do not think that solar owners should be charged:

1. They are providing clean, renewable energy. They should be thanked for doing this, not charged.
2. This charge is being suggested to cover the costs of providing inertia services and dealing with blackouts. In relation to the former point, it is vital that we move to renewable energy and stop relying on fossil fuels. You should be encouraging this, including if necessary absorbing costs to support a vital, fledgling industry. This is what tax payers money is for. In relation to the latter point, although the AEMC's report argued that the South Australian blackout was caused by renewable energy, it became clear later that in fact a lot of generation capacity was lost because of the transmission failure, which can happen with any generation technology. It is likely that decentralised energy solutions such as solar with battery storage and micro-grids will increase the resilience of the energy network. One cause of blackouts is extreme weather. Extreme weather will become more of a problem as climate change impacts increase, making it in the AEMC's interests and within its stated objectives to take steps to support renewable energy.
3. This charge is not in line with AEMC's stated objective to 'promote efficient, reliable and secure energy markets which serve the long-term interests of consumers'. Community owned solar energy is an efficient and secure way to provide power because it is not owned by foreign companies or by for profit companies but by people with an interest in their community having a good power source. It is in our long term interests as we urgently need to move to clean, renewable energy if we are to avoid catastrophic global warming. As a key player in this market you should be doing everything you can to bring this about. Instead you are suggesting charging solar owners, while power companies using fossil fuels do not have to pay anything.
4. The AEMC's strategic priorities include strengthening consumer participation and empowering consumers who benefit from and contribute to the energy market. Charging solar owners will reduce participation and be disempowering.
5. The AEMC's market priorities include providing predictable regulatory arrangements, however it is again considering changing the arrangements for solar owners. The AEMC already tried to introduce a similar charge in 2013. This creates uncertainty for people who are deciding whether or not to invest in solar.

I know people who have put on rooftop solar because they wanted to be part of the solution and to do something practical about climate change. However it is currently a large investment, because installation is expensive. Charging solar owners and creating uncertainty by changing the rules will make people less likely to move to solar power. I ask you to please reconsider this charge and instead support solar owners and producers.

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Ensure a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar. Solar produces network savings to the grid

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A solar charge is totally unfair!!!! I saved up from my pension and had solar installed so that my costs for electricity supply would be less. If this would happen I would save again for a battery and take me off grid.

Date	Your submission
2017-07-04 09:55:31	<p>It is criminal that, as person who paid thousands to install solar panels on his roof, to make an environmental difference, should be even asked to pay to export my solar power to the grid. We have gone from a situation, where I was producing power enough for my family, and being paid for the surplus, to a situation where I now will produce enough for my own needs and being charged to export my surplus to the grid. I see that I am now being paid 10c per kw hour...and that the power company is charging 55c /kw hour to others to use my power, This is OBSCENE. Where is the incentive to do the right thing for our planet?</p>
2017-07-04 09:53:06	<p>I have been using solar energy for a number of years now and find it incredibly disturbing that there is a suggestion that people like me will be charged for exporting power to the grid. I see no authentic reason why this charge should be imposed. It is like making an investment and then being guaranteed a negative return. Imposing this charge will kill off investment by people like me in renewable energy. I am strongly opposed to any charge being made for exporting energy to the grid.</p>
2017-07-04 09:51:38	<p>Its a blatant cash grab. There is no extra work involved in feed electricity into the grid so why should it have a charge attached to it. The power companies can keep their hands off.</p>
2017-07-04 09:49:11	<p>Solar owners shouldn't be charged for supplying the grid with clean power that is contributing to the health of our planet. I believe in a future for my family and any organisation that believes it has the right to charge a tax on solar energy provided by the sun and on a technology that mitigates climate changes will have a short life span. I have largely invested in solar and and was responsible for building the Williamsdale Solar Farm. It is obvious to see how political donations from the coal industry to the two main political parties end in poor policies like this. How many thousands of Australians will have their returns in solar diminished by backward thinking organisations such as AEMC.</p>
2017-07-04 09:47:14	<p>I support solar because it provides zero emissions power, reduce household electricity costs, strengthens the grid and reduces some pressure points on the electricity grid. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large carbon intensive power companies don't have to pay. AEMC needs to understand that most Australian want a clean - zero carbon electricity grid to play our part in trying to create a safe climate. Households like me have added solar at considerable expense, to reduce carbon emissions. AEMC needs to prioritise and support low carbon electricity productions and smart networks - not place barriers on low carbon generation such as roof top solar. AEMC fundamentally needs a rule change to mandate AEMC to reduce carbon emissions and support decentralised networks, with smart and efficient management of the grid. AEMC is simply using its existing 'narrow' market rules to protect existing generators and their networks profits at the expense of all electricity consumers. Wake up! The future is 100% renewable energy for Australia. 100% renewables will be better for our economy, employment, air quality (reduced air-pollution from particulates and other nasty emissions) and of course for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. AEMC needs to instruct and encourage all States to provide 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,</p>
2017-07-04 09:46:09	<p>We are alarmed to hear that, despite the clear feedback provided by the public in 2013, some people are still considering charging solar owners to export their power to the grid. Needless to say that, if we want to change something, people should get more money for what they feed in, and not the other way around.</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 and are given discounts on coal paid for with taxpayers' money.</p>
	<p>As I said above, 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, so you should compensate solar owners more AND tax polluters more.</p>
	<p>It's 2017, and the public knows that solar generation and renewable energy in general are the future, and are already the smartest investment in terms of jobs, environmental impact, and value for money.</p>
2017-07-04 09:44:30	<p>I trust that your commission will make the right choice for solar owners, for taxpayers, for Australia's sustained prosperity, for the environment that said prosperity is inextricably linked to, and last but not least for our children's future. I can't even conceive of anyone ignoring all that to appease some fossil fuel dinosaur's greed. Can you? I find it inconceivable that people who attempt to assist in improvement of the global and local environment by spending their own not insignificant money to install solar generation, should be charged for doing so. Your logic escapes me entirely, especially when solar generation has proven itself a saviour for the grid during the last summer heatwaves by removing load from the big generating plants. As if paying an insignificant return on the power generated is not enough of an insult, your consideration of a charge on such households illustrates just how out of touch you are with the public.</p>
2017-07-04 09:40:37	<p>I believe your prime task is to give greater consideration to government policies which subsidise fossil fuel extraction and use of such fuels, the disgraceful situation with gas exports being more important than ensuring domestic supply and certainty, the sluggardly approach to development of renewables and environmentally sound technologies. Finally, I believe you must embrace, by the public, the input of solar generated electricity not penalise it.</p>

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2017-07-04 09:37:57	<p>I work installing solar and other renewables and believe everyone should be encouraged and not penalised for contributing to the national grid! I would never have installed solar panels if I had known that this is how we would be treated after the rebate expired. That time period only covered the cost of installation.... now was going to be the time to actually reap the rewards and make an impact on our energy costs, while doing our bit for the environment. Australia is living in the past.... it is no longer the lucky country. We should not be penalised for producing clean energy. As usual it is all about profit for the big companies!</p>
2017-07-04 09:32:01	<p>This is unbelievable , We are being ripped off , this gives you more incentive to buy battery storage and then disconnect from the grid full stop. We like many other residents and businesses, with the encouragement of the Government, put solar on our premises to safeguard against a possible energy crisis and an increase in electricity prices and to ensure as pensioners that our electricity account could be controlled while being environmentally friendly and to ensure the environment for our children and grandchildren and future generations.</p>
2017-07-04 09:27:45	<p>The electricity companies have been allowed to erode our feed in tariff by increasing the cost of electricity, not only to us but every electricity user. I perceive that this money is going overseas and not being reinvested in this country.</p> <p>We can learn a lot from New Zealand who are far ahead of us in their plight for renewable energy and their government controls of such.</p>
2017-07-04 09:27:13	<p>There is a very interesting article to read in The Sydney Morning Herald dated 23/3/2015 on power distributors in Victoria. Solar power allows electricity to be generated and distributed locally and thus saves on distribution costs and loss from being transmitted over long distances. We are pensioners with a very modest 1kw solar system which nevertheless does contribute to the grid. We already pay a "solar meter" charge and do not wish to be further penalised for contributing to Australia's carbon reduction target.</p>
2017-07-04 09:24:26	<p>Thank you for this opportunity to make comment. As a householder with solar panels to reduce my household bills and to reduce my carbon footprint, I think the impost of a payment to allow my clean energy to go back to the grid is grossly unfair , immature and unAustralian.</p>
2017-07-04 09:20:21	<p>I am sick of propping up dirty energy providers who refuse to capitalise on renewable energy so they can continue to find ways to hit the consumer with new costs. People with solar energy need to be rewarded to send clean energy back to the grid. To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am the owner of solar panels and I believe it to be unfair to add a charge to solar owners for feeding back into the grid. The energy we feed in is clean and renewable. Big dirty power companies don't pay anything.</p> <p>We demand 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>Households are under extreme pressure to keep up with living expenses. This is the time to support solar panels users for all the positive things they do for this country, not slap an yet another charge.</p> <p>Please consider what is truly important for the future of this country and the planet. Many of us will have grandchildren and generations to follow them and we must fight to provide them with a healthy planet. You have the power to make a difference. Please think from the heart about what is really important to you.</p>
2017-07-04 09:13:48	<p>For the love of the planet and the people who live on it. We have installed solar which reduces our power bill slightly, but is in part our contribution to sustainability. We are on a small pension and any increases on top of the WA governments new charges will impact heavily on our household budget. It is not the solution to the problem, but just another bandaid to show that something is being done; rather than look for a long term solution.</p>
2017-07-04 09:10:09	<p>It is not fair for solar owners to be charged to export clean power to the grid when power utility companies don't have to pay, which denotes an unfair bias There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar.</p>
2017-07-04 09:07:49	<p>To the AEMC,</p> <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. 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 two years ago, when batteries become more economic I will stop feeding to the grid, in the interim, the community benefits from what I don't use at a very good price. If you charge to feed you should pay the going rate for usage. We have one life and one planet, we should use them both wisely, this is why I use solar. I am a father of six and any extra costs to my household have a big impact on our standard of living.</p>

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2017-07-04 09:07:32	<p>With increasing disruption of Australian lifestyle likely from climate change it is essential we all make whatever efforts we can to limit and reduce the effects of burning fossil fuels. For this reason we have installed solar panels to provide for our own use while exporting any excess power to the grid to help others in need of clean power. Additionally, the feedin tariff I receive helps me pay for the solar system while lowering my over-all electricity bills.</p> <p>The idea of charging me for supplying clean sustainable electricity to the grid is absolutely outrageous. It is very wrong to charge owners of solar PV to export clean renewable power to the grid. Especially when the big producers of polluting fossil fuel power do not have to pay. This makes no sense when we need to encourage the production of renewable energy in order to reduce emissions and meet our commitments to the Paris Agreement. We need a fair feed-in tariff which recognises the benefits to both health and environment and the network savings which solar provides to the grid. We chose to install rooftop solar because, like many householders we were looking for savings in electricity bills but also because we wanted to take responsibility for reducing our own emissions.</p>
2017-07-04 09:03:38	<p>Charging householders to export to the grid would quite wrongly increase our electricity bills and deter investment in this beneficial and responsible form of power generation.</p>
2017-07-04 09:02:21	<p>Dear Sir/Madam.</p> <p>I installed solar to reduce my power bills but also to contribute to reducing the need to build more polluting power stations by feeding power back into the grid. If enough of us did this, the benefits would be many, including reduced greenhouse gases, reduced respiratory illness as a result of air pollution from burning coal and reduced need for massive investments in infrastructure.</p> <p>Any charge imposed on me for generating power would mean that it would be better for me to disconnect my solar system with the current tiny input tariff. The input tariff needs to be lifted to at least the IPART recommendation and preferably to at least 25 cents to encourage more people to invest in solar with all its environmental benefits.</p> <p>Apart from that it is simply unfair to charge owners of solar installations who have already invested substantial amounts, provided employment and reduced environmental pollution to the benefit of all.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this submission.</p>
2017-07-04 08:58:12	<p>I strongly object to having to pay input fees for power to go into the grid. As a 91 year old individual, part pensioner, I feel extremely disadvantaged by this proposal. Why should I have to pay input fees when others with far more resources are exempt.</p>
2017-07-04 08:57:32	<p>Why should people who try to do the right thing for the environment be punished by charging for their solar exports to the grid? That's just wrong, it sends the wrong message to the world. Here in South Australia, where we pay the highest electricity charges in the world, struggle enough. The impact on my household will just make my life even harder. I have a small array of roof top solar - as a concerned citizen trying to do my bit towards driving a demand for clean energy. I have seen big business - and Murdock Press totally disrupt attempts by government policy to support clean energy production.</p>
2017-07-04 08:56:12	<p>Please don't punish concerned households with another tax because governments have not been strong enough to provide the community with a system of affordable and sustainable energy in a country with the best environment for renewables in the world..</p>
2017-07-04 08:55:17	<p>This does not make sense. When everyone is trying to use renewable energy you are trying to penalising them</p>
2017-07-04 08:47:25	<p>The electricity companies are using the electricity I produce from the panels I installed on my home. They then sell me back this electricity at a much higher price, so they are already making money from my system. It is totally unfair and unaustralian to further attempt to gouge more money out of me with this attempt to put in place a new charge for using my electricity. The electricity companies should be concentrating on improving their bottom line by rationalization of the exorbitant pay packets of the CEO's and improve their management structures.</p>
2017-07-04 08:44:16	<p>Clean energy is of major importance to me and the unfairness for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when old fashioned out-of-date dirty, power companies don't have to pay a cent is not only unwise but dangerous to our health on this planet. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that encourages and recognises the environmental health benefits of solar, together with network savings that solar provides to the grid. Please, look seriously at the considerations your decision make to our Australia, and the world.</p>
2017-07-04 08:37:19	<p>Why do I get charged full rate for using the grid power, and I pay a service charge on top of that, I am told to pay for delivery but when I send my solar back I get a fraction of the incoming charge and the power goes straight to my neighborhood to again be charged at full rate including a service charge. NOT FAIR, double dipping and I think this is driving people off grid to the detriment of the future of the energy industry.!</p>
2017-07-04 08:36:44	<p>I consider it unfair to be charged for exporting clean renewable power to the grid when the big power companies don't have to pay at all. We made the decision to put in solar panels, not only to save the environment but to help us manage on a limited income as we get older. I am 71 now and having manageable small electricity bills has been a godsend to our budget.</p>
2017-07-04 08:34:19	<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. 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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2017-07-04 08:30:04	<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. We have invested in Solar Power and have been producing enough power to supply at least 3 homes for 5 years with zero emissions. I am disgusted that this proposal has even been brought forward. Why do we have to suffer for the environmental crimes of large industrial polluters.</p> <p>Dudes in suits, how about you grow up and get some ethics !!!!!!! To the Australian Energy Market Commission</p> <p>As a solar owner and retiree, I consider it a disgrace, inequitable and biased decision that I be charged for feeding electricity back into the solar grid when the big, non renewable suppliers of energy such as coal and gas stations are not charged a cent to put energy into the solar grid.</p> <p>It also greatly concerns me that other countries, such as Germany, Norway and Sweden, and even ACT here in Australia, who have considerably less sunshine than most of Australia, are able to generate the majority of their energy needs from renewable resources and provide a reliable energy supply to their citizens.</p> <p>What does it say about Australia, when Saudi Arabia is investing in solar and also installing it in their country? when India and China are also investing heavily in solar and looking at decreasing their use of coal?</p> <p>Sadly, it seems as though we are at least a decade behind in our thinking when it comes to generating energy, when we should be ahead, as our research scientists have made consistent and significant breakthroughs in many areas of science. We need to be preparing for the future now.</p>
2017-07-04 08:25:58	<p>On a personal note, I installed solar panels at considerable cost to myself just before retiring in order to help contain my cost of living on a severely limited income as well as help provide clean, renewable power and contribute to helping the environment.</p>
2017-07-04 08:20:37	<p>The feed in tariff for clean, renewable energy is unfair. For what purpose is it proposed?</p>
2017-07-04 08:10:52	<p>To dissuade the public from becoming energy self sufficient. The system to create clean energy has a significant cost to the installer and their business model includes savings on costs to import from the grid as well as income from feed-in energy. Politicians are elected to represent the people, not to be enablers of we are doing the world a favor by keeping the air clean so dont charge us for making power then give your pay packet a boost on our good deed Clean sustainable rooftop solar helps us decarbonise the grid, provides grid support at peak summer periods and provides homeowners with an opportunity to invest in their own supply. It's highly immoral to charge solar owners a fees in Tariff - and will only serve to drive solar owners off the grid permanently. I will vote with my feet and change my support political parties that will legislate to ban such a move if the AEMC does not rule this charge out once and for all. At a time of stagnant wage growth and increasing household bills this is a completely unjustified and unfair proposition.</p>
2017-07-04 08:09:05	<p>Thank you for your consideration</p>
2017-07-04 08:04:25	<p>I think this is very unfair to charge solar owners again considering how high the cost was to put them on our homes in the first place. We did the to make it cheaper, but it is starting to become ridiculous with someone trying to find a new charge to hit us with every year.</p>
2017-07-04 08:03:16	<p>It is unfair and doesn't make sense that the government is considering charging people who generate clean energy, to feed the energy into the grid. Other informed governments around the world are encouraging the use of clean solar energy and provide incentives for citizens and business to harness solar power. Solar producers should be paid a fair feed-in tariff and no further charges. Please read the facts that are out there and stop supporting those who produce dirty power. Thanks in anticipation I think this idea to charge solar owners to be charged for exporting the power generated from their solar panels to the grid is grossly unfair! We have spent money putting the panels on our roof to save on our power bills and also because of the environmental benefits. Instead of solar owners being charged, they should actually be getting a higher feed in tariff too. If there is a charge implemented, it would have been a waste of money even putting the panels on with that low feed-in tariff. Nobody will bother putting panels on their house if this happens.</p>
2017-07-04 08:02:38	<p>Householders actually need more encouragement to have them instead of charges!</p>
2017-07-04 08:02:33	<p>I call on the AEMC to demonstrate to me why their proposal is not a corrupt proposal. I want to know which right wing think tanks or coal industry groups are corrupting this organisation? Why should we have to pay, 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>
2017-07-04 08:01:12	<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. People are taking their own initiative for a number of reasons, be able to survive the price hikes of electricity, less impacts on our environment, less emissions.</p>

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2017-07-04 08:00:47	<p>The power companies should be paying us to export our power to them not vice versa. I get 7 cents a kw/hr which Ergon on-sells to my neighbours for 25 cents a kw/hr. On top of that they have introduced a raft of regular flat rate charges that never existed years ago plus raised the connection fees for solar astronomically.</p> <p>It seems to me the power companies are already ripping solar owners off badly. When batteries get a bit cheaper I will install them and disconnect from the grid due to their rip-off charges. We should be doing all we can to reduce our CO2 output so that global climate change can be minimised. At personal expense many Australians have put solar panels on their household roofs to produce emission free power. This should be encouraged and supported. It saves power companies upgrading their generation capacity and network, thus reducing their costs. This saving should be reflected in an increased PAYMENT for clean power exported to the grid, rather than an increased COST to households. I protest strongly at this unfair additional cost being proposed, and ask that AEMC should look to ways of reducing the huge price spikes fossil fuel generators charge when renewable power is insufficient. Encouraging and supporting energy storage facilities, combined with more renewable generation would lower our electricity costs as well as reduce emissions, and make our grid more secure and reliable.</p>
2017-07-04 07:58:48	<p>This is what must happen, and the sooner the better. Get on and do your job, for the good of all!</p>
2017-07-04 07:53:06	<p>I'm frankly sick to death of seeing about charging Solar owners to feed back into the Grid . Whether it be the Federal or State Government or Power Companies , enough already ! I live in WA where I receive the feed in of under 8c , yet power is charged at over 24 c . Don't you think a 300 % mark up is enough ?</p>
2017-07-04 07:52:13	<p>The proposal that solar owners should be charged a fee to feed in electricity to the grid is bad policy and very unfair. Contributing clean renewable energy from rooftop solar is a significant positive contribution that should be incentivised not discouraged with further charges. The price for feed in tariff should also be increased. Householders who invest in solar are making a positive contribution to reducing emissions and slowing the need for more large power stations and provide many other positive benefits to the whole community.</p> <p>I believe that we need to urgently move from fossil fuel power to renewables.</p> <p>I believe I need to put my money behind my beliefs.</p> <p>I have installed a solar array in my current home, and the previous one.</p> <p>I am a self funding retiree and I need to budget carefully.</p>
2017-07-04 07:43:52	<p>I believe it would be discriminatory to charge me, and other solar power installers, to export clean, renewable power to the grid when wealthy fossil fuel providers export climate changing, unsustainable power without such a charge.</p>
2017-07-04 07:37:59	<p>I believe we need to act NOW for a liveable planet for humans and other animals.</p> <p>Dear Madam, dear Sir,</p> <p>it is entirely unfair to charge solar power users for exporting to the grid. They often supply much needed energy to the grid and are being punished for doing so. Why is Australia choosing to be so backward when many countries go solar quite successfully? Please do not chare solar owners.</p>
2017-07-04 06:43:55	<p>What a cheek.I would think that that taxing polluters like smokers would be an incentive to use clean energy,the same way that if you are a smoker you tax cigarettes you give people incentives to get off the smokes by providing patches in hospitals ,and as an insurer you value those and further recognise those who do not smoke as a better bet than those who do smoke</p>
2017-07-04 06:36:18	<p>But I digress we put in money in solar power because it is clean.We are still paying it off and we may look at battery storage further investing in clean energy ,we do not want to support coal,but I am sure that ther will be another zlug to make uz support dirty polluters,because we cannot all come on board to all contribute to clean energy production.Its a no brainer</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>TO AEMC</p>
	<p>I am pleased that AEMC is proposing to pay people who have paid probably large amounts of money to add solar panels to their households. These are forward-thinking individuals who, and realised that governments were dithering in their approach to energy policy and who needed to reduce their power bills as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>The proposal by AEMC to make energy companies rebate an amount equal to the retail figure charged to consumers for their electricity will make the citizen suppliers energy-neutral.</p>
	<p>I congratulate AEMC for such a ground-breaking policy in this complex environment.</p>
	<p>Of course, charging citizen consumers to add kilowatts to the suppliers' grid will only discourage people from installing solar power to their homes - this is obvious to all educated people.</p>
2017-07-04 06:17:17	<p>Thank you for your time</p>

Date	Your submission
2017-07-04 05:51:08	I paid 12 thousand dollar cash for my solar system in hard earns cas to contribute to the environment and to save on usage. The proposed changes are truly a big company approach to gaining yet more income based on increasing fees and punishing the Australian families who took the financial risk of installing a solar system that help small families meet their increase bills associated to infrastructure services not yet another knife in there back. I say no to fees and especially the introduction of grid feed fees
2017-07-04 05:48:51	Please give solar power producers a fair go. Please copy nature and encourage the use of solar power. I am appalled that the AMEC should consider charging solar owners to pay to export the energy that their (usually) rooftop solar panels collect. We export clean energy from renewable sources to the grid. In contrast power stations export energy for free to the grid having sourced that power from dirty unsustainable sources such as coal or gas. I have heard the head of the AMEC say that their group remains neutral as to the source of energy used: this proposed action is not based on neutrality, rather it is established as punishment for collecting clean solar energy and must be called out for its biased basis.
2017-07-04 05:43:40	I, like most other solar rooftop owners, am proud to be contributing to our small clean energy footprint. The investment came at a considerable personal cost as I am a pensioner but I still consider it a great investment in my country's future. The idea of imposing a charge on my contribution is not only retrograde, biased towards carbon emitting sources of energy, fails to consider my, and others', contribution to our power grid. And our considerable and growing contribution is something to be proud of, not taxed, not taxed! Only a group in the pay of the polluters could be supporting this idea of a tax on clean energy.
2017-07-04 04:58:21	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. Considering the rising cost of power the impact of charging me for my solar exports to the grid would have a devastating impact financially on my household.
2017-07-04 04:56:56	I put solar to help the environment and to save money .big biss greed you people make mesick. It is unfair for electricity companies to charge solar customers to export clean power to the grid, especially when this is on sold to others as green power. Fair is fair. We already get charged ridiculous rates for time of use charges and grid connection fees. All your ridiculous policies are doing is forcing more of us to get battery systems, upgrade our solar panels and go completely off grid.
2017-07-04 04:45:16	Rooftop solar suppliers have invested their capital to generate electricity and should be paid for the power they supply to the grid, just like large power stations. Furthermore, their should be a premium paid for clean, renewable power supplied close to the point of consumption. Charging for export of solar power would have a significant impact on the cost of living for those with rooftop solar.
2017-07-04 04:33:26	This is wrong. We installed solar because it's the right thing to do for the environment. Don't penalise solar citizens!
2017-07-04 04:26:14	As I'm not aware of any convincing reason for the feed in charge, I conclude that this is a coal lobby disincentive or a tax on solar. Just proves to me how dirty coal will fight to keep their dying technology alive to the bitter end. Please - do not allow this cynical tax to be levied on the people who have invested their money in a sustainable future.
2017-07-04 04:19:33	Hi, 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.
2017-07-04 04:14:35	Clean energy benefits all....lets stop raping the planet.
2017-07-04 04:11:36	No charges for solar owners ro send power to the grid. Solar owners should be piad for supplying clean energy to the country Hi,
	We have a 3.14KW solar system on our house in Port Melbourne, Vic. It generates most of the electricity our household uses. It's been installed for approx 4 years and cost us \$12,000 to install. This was a substantial cost to us and now the government is looking to charge us to put our clean electricity back into the grid. On top of the fact we aren't being paid a fair feedin price for that electricity anyway.
	We have paid already for the right to generate our own clean electricity so it seems ridiculous that we would be charged to put our clean electricity into the grid. We are reducing our carbon footprint and that of our neighbours, so why should we be penalized. We are the future of electricity generation in Australia and the government should be finding ways to help households like our not make us pay further costs. The addition of extra costs to solar systems on houses such as that being proposed will make it less likely for new households to add solar panels and generate clean electricity. Anyone would think the Australia government has a mandate to keep us in the dark ages of dirty coal generated electricity forever. This has to stop, we need incentives now to transition to clean electricity.
2017-07-04 03:23:29	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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2017-07-04 02:54:00	<p data-bbox="401 293 485 310">Sir/Madam</p> <p data-bbox="401 315 1772 355">As a retired person, a few years ago, I made the expensive decision to install rooftop solar to contribute towards a cleaner environment. I consider it most unfair that you would even contemplate charging solar owners to export our renewable power to the grid particularly when big dirty power companies don't pay at all..</p> <p data-bbox="401 360 1667 376">When studying the tariff issue the environmental and health benefits of solar, as well as the network savings that solar provides to the grid should be given due regard.</p> <p data-bbox="401 381 1226 397">As a retiree any increase to my expenses would be a worry considering ever diminishing community support.</p> <p data-bbox="401 402 1625 418">It is incredibly unfair to have encouraged people to use their hard earned savings to invest in solar panels and then penalize them for having followed that advice.</p> <p data-bbox="401 443 1121 459">It is unfair to slap people in the face with a feed in tariff after the agreements have been made.</p> <p data-bbox="401 464 1131 526">It is unfair to support industry that has been lazy, that has chosen not to forward plan that expects government to pick up the tab for their incompetence.</p> <p data-bbox="401 552 1814 592">Forty four years ago we installed a solar hot water system at considerable cost and no Government inducements. It is still functioning and because it has been a good investment with NO GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE we chose to install roof top solar panels, also at great expense.</p> <p data-bbox="401 597 1598 613">Whilst we have received the benefit of some income and no bill we are STILL OUT OF POCKET over the cost of installation even on the most generous plan.</p> <p data-bbox="401 638 1730 654">Should you bring in an export fee we will strongly consider installing batteries and LEAVING THE GRID. If we cannot export power to the grid for free we will not export it at all.</p> <p data-bbox="401 678 1503 695">Requiring solar power producers to pay a feed-in tariff is a very short sighted plan and there will be a detrimental backlash because it is so unfair.</p> <p data-bbox="401 719 957 735">There will be LOSS of a clean, renewable, free power source for the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="401 740 957 756">There will be a detrimental effect on the alternate power source industry.</p> <p data-bbox="401 761 915 777">There will be a loss of trust between providers and the government.</p>
2017-07-04 02:36:27	<p data-bbox="401 833 575 849">No feed-in tariff please</p> <p data-bbox="401 854 1814 915">Solar owners were offered feed in tariffs as an incentive to reduce the cost of installing and using their solar to assist in reducing base load requirements from power stations. Taking the tariffs away will reduce the incentives to use solar. That's a huge loss of power supply and another breach of trust by a government seen to be keen to gouge the last cent from the people of this country.</p>
2017-07-04 02:06:50	<p data-bbox="401 943 1814 984">I just find it bemusing that such a proposal to tax solar power would be put forth. The first thing that strikes me is that, surely, given the benefits to the environment, there should be a drive to increase the amount of clean energy inputted to the grid, rather than a disincentive?</p> <p data-bbox="401 1008 722 1024">I would also like to point out the following:</p> <ul data-bbox="401 1049 1814 1219" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="401 1049 1814 1110">- Electricity costs in Melbourne and indeed Australia are very high as a percentage of average disposable income. The government privatised power companies with the promise of cheaper prices as a result of better 'efficiencies' etc. Clearly, this has not happened. And now this? Why? I would like to know how, out of all the possible other ways to raise revenue, this idea materialised. <li data-bbox="401 1136 1814 1177">- It would be manifestly unfair that commercial power companies producing 'unclean' power would not be taxed for their electricity output yet consumers inputting clean power would be taxed. <li data-bbox="401 1201 1293 1218">- The Commission should bear in mind that the electricity produced from solar results in network 'savings' for the grid.
2017-07-04 01:41:54	<p data-bbox="401 1243 1793 1284">- Solar panels, despite government concessions, are very expensive to purchase and install. we are paying for ours via a loan. There was absolutely zero indication that personal solar electricity production would be subjected to such a tax (such is the ridiculousness of the idea) and had we know of such a proposal, quite frankly, we would not have proceeded.</p>

Date**Your submission**

To The AEMC,

My partner and I chose to have solar panels installed on the roof of the unit (1 of 2) that we own early in 2013. Our major electricity supplier was offering them at the time so we decided to accept the offer and they were installed. We had trouble with the mistakes made in billing us by the supplier over the next 12 months after they were installed that we ended up leaving them going to another supplier. We've had no trouble since with the new electricity supplier.

However, our next door neighbour decided to build a double-storied house behind his existing house. His architect told him to say nothing to his neighbours so the first we heard was when our local Council send us details. We appealed because we were sure the shadow from the upper storey would affect our panels. We lost because the architect provided information and illustrations to Council showing that the shadow fell below our panels and Council accepted the architect's information. For some eighteen months now we have been checking and photographing the shadow which crept up and up our panels and reduced the amount of solar power recorded. We are currently negotiating to have the panels moved higher on the roof or alternatively placed on stands because Council is not prepared to accept responsibility for their mistake and we are not prepared to take it to VCAT mainly because if it was accepted the cost would be too great and the waiting period for it to be heard we would lose too much solar time waiting for a decision. We are age pensioners and would lose out whatever happens.

Now, we learn that the power companies want to charge us for exporting renewable power to the grid. How unfair is that! Do the power companies pay anything for their dirty coal power to the grid?

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.

It cost us alot of money initially for our panels for which so far we have had little return whereas the shareholders in the power companies, especially those who play the 'shares game,' have reaped their usual dividends and are happy to go on getting them without a care in the world for climate change. We don't think we should be required to pay out more money to power companies. Let them suffer the consequences. Please don't grant them such an unfair benefit.

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It is ludicrous and beyond belief that solar homeowners may be charged for supplying their excess clean, renewable energy to the grid, when dirty power companies pay nothing. It is unfair to place this added financial burden on citizens who are doing the right thing. Not only will we be forced to give away our excess power, but will be charged for the privilege, so it can be sold at a huge profit. Solar homeowners have in the past been victimised with bogus additional charges so power companies can claw back perceived profit losses.

My husband and I are senior citizens who have worked very hard to afford to install solar - thinking it was the environmentally responsible way to reduce power bills in our retirement years and a way to leave a better planet for our children and grandchildren.

Just as the thousands of solar arrays across the country are making a difference to the environment by producing clean, healthy power, solar households are to be slapped down again by yet more unfair additional charges.

We are tired of being victimised and strongly object to this unjust impost upon solar households.

Australians should be enabled to embrace clean renewable energy, rather than being punished and deterred by companies who are trying to make unfair profit from it.

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It is completely unfair and outrageous to charge solar powered people for contributing to the grid. You are obviously trying to undermine solar power. We will not forget this blatant corrupt act.

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It is a thoroughly fascist proposal to charge people to produce power, after telling them that the production of this clean power at their own expense would be for the good of all. Who is behind this attempt to penalise people who have acted in good faith? I will certainly require a detailed answer to this question if this bizarre and anti-social proposal gains any support whatsoever. What is the public interest in such action? Is this the result of your loss of authority and control over power production and supply in this country?

I would like to also know why the chinese owner of the south australian power grid, CKI holdings, has not payed the \$700 million owing to the australian people. Somebody clearly has lost the plot. Is it you? Are you responsible for this debacle and now you are attempting to rip off honest people by taking us to the cleaners to make good your \$700 million bungle?

It is not as if we are getting a fair price for the money we invested. Our miserable state administration pays the miserable feed in tariff of 7.13 cents per kilowatt hour. What a joke.

It is not as if you have any brilliant alternatives to rooftop solar. You stupid australians have completely failed to keep up with solar technology that has been going gangbusters elsewhere in the world. Even the States-hardly a "green" country, has a huge, valuable and booming solar power industry that years ago overcome the issues of storage. But you wouldn't know about that would you?

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I look forward to your reply and full explanation.

Date**Your submission**

Dear Sirs, I would like to submit the value to all Australians of the solar rooftop contribution to a cleaner environment, thus making a healthier outcome for all. the local distribution of solar reduces losses, and this is a great benefit to our environmental concerns. please do not penalise those who have made this contribution and help reduce network costs.

One primary reason i made the move into solar was to prepare for being a pensioner, as i had read how approx 20,000 Britons freeze to death each year in their homes because they cannot pay for their utilities. We have the here extreme to cope with in the increasingly hotter summers. to many people the recent push by those in the power industry to increase costs at such an alarming rate is behaviour befitting a monopoly, and needs to be reigned in.

2017-07-04 00:28:15 what is obvious, is that each time there is a price hike, especially for businesses, there is an increased interest in solar, and it hastens its further uptake. Solar by the housetop systems is a small part of the equation. it is the larger commercial wind farm producers that have been able to create uncertainty for the commercial power producers. It is inequitable to charge solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid when companies generating power from fossil fuels and generating air and greenhouse emissions are not charged.

2017-07-04 00:27:53 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 installed solar at considerable capital costs to reduce our environmental impact and our electricity costs. It is a complete contradiction of government's stated intention to reduce the burden of electricity costs on the community if they increase costs to households who have made a major investment in minimising their long-term energy costs. Governments are demonstrating a complete lack of coherence in renewables policy by investing in innovative renewable projects on the one hand, while crippling households that have taken up already proven renewable technology.

You have got to be kidding? Making people PAY for CONTRIBUTING to the power grid?

Absurd and immoral. It's bad enough that privatization and a lack of leadership on energy conservation and management from either party has led to outrageous power bills, but to the penalise people for generating their own? What message does that send?

Let's just go back to coal fires inside our homes.

2017-07-04 00:26:24 Seriously???

I am writing to let the Australian Energy Market Commission know that I am categorically against any changes which will allow solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. It would be ridiculous to penalise individual householders for generating electricity and feeding it into the grid whilst ordinary generators are not charged in this fashion. To pretend that consumers are somehow responsible for the shortcomings of the electricity companies is nothing short of offensive. Supply charges already exist, and should these need to be altered on a general basis that would be fine, but to differentiate between one class of customer and another in order to penalise those feeding electricity in is ludicrous and obscene.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies generating via dirty methods 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.

2017-07-04 00:23:03 Australians want solar generation, and the reason so many have taken it upon themselves to generate solar electricity is because their power companies refused to get off their collective backsides and do it themselves. I payed a 'renewable energy' charge for many years in order that my power company would have the capital needed to build renewable generation facilities, instead they bought 'credits' where others would do the actual generation in other states, so in the end I decided if I wanted it done I needed to do it myself. Many more are trying to manage delicate finances by doing what they can to take charge of their electricity bills. Don't penalise householders for doing what the industry should have done years ago.

Date	Your submission
	<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. Whats more solar owners receive measly 7c per KwHr of energy they export compared to the already huge fixed fee charges of power companies and the whacking tarriff of at least 28c per Kw/hr that they charge. Solar owners are already contributing to power companies cost to maintain their ageing and neglected network to make their massive profits through that significant differential between imported and exported electricity.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that is cognisant of the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid that is more than the current miserly 7c per Kw/hour and fixed fee charges should not be permitted.</p> <p>There is a significant cost for households to invest in Solar PV systems but this collective investment has meant that the need for more coal and gas fired power stations has been significantly reduced, and our emissions have been reduced. This positive beneficaill effect on the environment will be negated if fixed fee and higher charges for feeding into the network are imposed as households will no longer find it as cost effective to invest in rooftop solar. So more polluting power stations will again be required. it is very sad if this is the effect that is being sought. Australia has bucket loads of sun and we should be making use of it. How crazy is it that Eurpean countries can recognise the benefits of solar and wind power and of utilising all those mini rooftop power stations but a few beaurctatic sympathisers with large coal and power companies seek to destroy our planet by discouraging rooftop solar with proposals as dumb as this.</p>
2017-07-04 00:13:55	<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>
2017-07-04 00:07:36	<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>
2017-07-04 00:06:25	<p>Renewable energy is the way forward, for jobs and for our environment, and solar is a huge part of it. It is deeply unfair how big fossil fuel companies receive subsidies when renewables get so little, and charging us to produce clean electricity that all can use (when we should be charging you!!) is just ridiculous and ludicrously unjust. I strongly oppose this charge.</p>
2017-07-04 00:06:05	<p>The cost of energy in this country is already way too high, it would be unfair and wrong to add to already struggling household expenditure.</p>
	<p>We put solar on our roof 8 years ago for two reasons: to moderate the ever-increasing electricity costs which were crippling for us as retirees, and because we totally support clean energy.</p>
	<p>We want to be part of the solution to climate change.</p>
	<p>Charging us to put our clean energy back into the grid is a cynical, money-grabbing ploy that will only damage Australia's solar future and once again punish average citizens who are trying to do the right thing. It would force more people, including us, to look at going off-grid.</p>
2017-07-04 00:03:57	<p>Please do the right thing and encourage solar take-up rather than putting up another obstacle.</p>
2017-07-03 23:44:25	<p>Planning to go solar and this would be an unfair extra cost when all I want to do is help the environment.</p>
	<p>I am an electricity user that has a grid connect system. It is proposed by the AEMC in the future that people who generate power using grid connect solar will have to unfairly pay to export power to the grid.</p>
	<p>People that have invested in and maintain solar technology deserve to to be paid a fair tariff that recognizes their contribution to clean energy and the environment. There is nothing fair about the current input tariff where different people contribute similar amounts of energy to the grid but are paid vastly different amounts of money for that input of energy.</p>
	<p>We have tried to make a small difference for the environment by installing roof top solar. Also by generating power for ourselves and exporting power for the use of others in our area, we help by taking some of the load off power company generators. We are pensioners and there will be an impact on our household budget if we are unfairly forced to pay for the power that we generate and return to the grid. It is unfair to charge us little people when the large companies don't have to pay anything.</p>
2017-07-03 23:36:46	<p>Do energy companies get charged to use the grid? Do they get charged a daily access charge to provide electricity!!</p>
	<p>We are already charged for electricity at a different rate then the electricity we generate!! Fairs fair don't be adding an unfair anti competitive tariff to solar owners!! Solar owners believe in clean energy not the bull dust that you hear about coal!! Coal is carbon which is directly effecting the creation of greenhouse gases! Solar is only effecting that in a minimal form during the creation of the solar panel / inverters themselves!! Much cleaner then coal will ever be!!</p>
2017-07-03 23:28:16	
2017-07-03 23:16:18	<p>Charging households for exporting clean renewable energy after we were informed by our state govt this was an environmentally good thing to do is not fair and we would not be able to afford it. Get big companies to pay their energy share!!</p>
	<p>I have recently added solar panels to my roof. I did so for obvious reasons being the impact on the environment. Renewable energy is the way of the future and residents who choose to go down this path should be encouraged not penalised for spending their hard earned money installing solar panels. It is outrageous that we should have to pay for something that is free. The energy companies pay as little as they can so why on earth should we pay for putting energy back into the grid that comes from the sun. It is a disgrace that this governing body should even consider this proposal when they should be thanking all those households who choose to use the sun instead of filthy dirty coal. The sooner we get batteries to store this energy and no longer have to rely on coal the better our planet will be. Solar energy should be encouraged at all costs for the benefit of our planet, our health and our bank balance. Please do not go ahead with this proposal. Think about the future of the planet and the importance of renewable energy.</p>
2017-07-03 23:12:16	

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2017-07-03 23:09:34	<p>I am the owner of a 5K rooftop solar system. It generates excess electricity for at least half of the year. I invested a large amount of funds into this system for two reasons a) belief in the need for clean energy production and putting my money where my mouth was b) frustration and quite frankly disgust at the gouging being carried out by the power companies. 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 am already paying a great deal more for my power with the cessation of the 28c feed in tariff as of Jan 1st this year. I am getting paid LESS for the power that I feed back into the system than the electricity I use from the grid - how does that work????? The idea that I might be CHARGED for the power I put back into the grid is absurd, bordering obscene. It is very important for power companies to understand that citizens and consumers like myself who believe in renewable energy generation are so disillusioned with providers that we will be prepared to go into debt to go off grid. That will be my response if I am charged for feeding back into the grid and I know that the many people I know who also have solar panels will do the same.</p>
2017-07-03 23:05:55	<p>This is all about power and not the voltage type. Privatisation has allowed companies to extort from the Australian public and they will continue to do so even more if this charge comes into effect. This charge will mean that those that can afford it will just buy battery storage. Those that cant afford solar will have massive bills every year without fail. As the cost of solar panels becomes cheaper and those that can afford it use them it will put more pressure on the ones left behind in the system. The electric companies want to deter as many people as possible from taking charge of their electricity consumption and bills and you would be facilitating this if you proceed with this regulation. Ultimately it will be cheaper and better for the environment for every household to have solar. Please do the right thing and support the Australian people rather than the greedy electricity companies.</p>
2017-07-03 23:05:04	<p>I resent having to pay for my power, generated by my privately purchased solar panels, to be fed back to the grid, so the big power companies can then sell this energy at a large profit. Their renewable energy is not charged for when it is fed into the grid. Rather, I should be paid a fair price for my cleanly generated electricity, that has no deleterious environmental impact, and improves grid economics and performance. We put solar energy, both hot water heater and solar panels at home, and solar panels at work, because, with rapacious energy costs, and global warming, it is the best choice available. My income is declining, in real terms, and putting the boot in, by making me pay for what I am providing for free is un-Australian.</p>
2017-07-03 23:04:54	<p>This is all about power and not the voltage type. Privatisation has allowed companies to extort from the Australian public and they will continue to do so even more if this charge comes into effect. This charge will mean that those that can afford it will just buy battery storage. Those that cant afford solar will have massive bills every year without fail. As the cost of solar panels becomes cheaper and those that can afford it use them it will put more pressure on the ones left behind in the system. The electric companies want to deter as many people as possible from taking charge of their electricity consumption and bills and you would be facilitating this if you proceed with this regulation. Ultimately it will be cheaper and better for the environment for every household to have solar. Please do the right thing and support the Australian people rather than the greedy electricity companies.</p>
2017-07-03 23:01:02	<p>It is disgusting to charge me to put electricity on the grid so greedy oiwer companies can sell it at a profit. It cost me over \$10,000 to put in my infarsturcture and I already have a pay back period of 6.5 years. I am charged a higher suppy and usage charge than those without solar, and now greedy companies, backed by an uncaring government want me to pay more. If this goes ahead I'll remove my solar panels and to hell with the environment.</p>
2017-07-03 22:52:47	<p>Owners of solar panels have fitted them at their own expense mostly motivated by environmental rather than financial considerations. It defies logic that the commission can charge us for supplying power to it. No business could ever consider such a stupid arrangement which contravenes the primary basis of trade.. Please abandon this outrageous proposal.</p>
2017-07-03 22:51:33	<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. All households are already paying a daily charge to be connected to the grid, whether they use power or not. Charging us for solar exports to the grid is unconscionable, and clearly motivated by those interested in perpetuating the use of fossil fuels such as coal.</p>
2017-07-03 22:47:54	<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, especially during periods of peak load on summer days.</p>
2017-07-03 22:45:41	<p>Disgraceful</p>
2017-07-03 22:45:20	<p>We paid thousands of dollars expecting that our investment in our environment would eventually pay for itself, and then reward us with lower power bills; AND help reduce the need for us to build more coal fired power stations. Don't punish us. Reward us for using solar panels with a fair and equitable feed-in tariff! - PLEASE*</p>

Date	Your submission
	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I was very surprised to hear that you are considering charging the producers of solar energy for feeding in to the grid. I strongly object to such a proposal. Is Australia really signed up to the Paris CO2 agreement? Or is it just in name with no intention of making progress? This idea will be a step against the Paris agreement, it will discourage future solar panel installers.</p> <p>Will Malcolm Turnbull be proudly telling Angela Merkel about this at the upcoming G20 meeting? Or is it something he'd rather share with Donald Bush, and hide from the more progressive leaders?</p> <p>Will you also be charging coal powered electricity producers? If not, why not? No charge is made to them for the environmental damage they cause, no charge for the ill effects their discharges cause to the health of those living near their plants.</p> <p>My solar panels have none of those unpleasant by-products, they are not contributing to global warming.</p> <p>I appreciate that it can be difficult juggling the inconsistencies of inputs from renewable energy sources. Other countries have much larger renewable percentages than Australia. Learn how they manage their grids.</p> <p>Putting up these barriers is swimming against the tide. It is inevitable that renewables, and true clean energy (not the mythical 'clean coal') will in a few decades produce 100% of the world's electricity.</p> <p>Coal has had its day, it is a 19th and 20th Century fuel; only the self-interest and short sighted nature of its supporters keep it going in to the 21st Century. It is dirty and polluting and unnecessary. Around the globe large financial organisations are divesting themselves of their investments in fossil fuels.</p> <p>Josh Frydenburg said recently: "we must be careful that renewables don't impact the coal industry". Perhaps you are also in the pocket of the coal industry.</p>
2017-07-03 22:44:21	<p>I spent nearly \$12,000 dollars to get solar power and it is not justified paying a dollar more! Instead of charging those who have invested in solar, please get the power generating companies to address the inefficiencies.</p>
2017-07-03 22:43:31	<p>As pointed out by Ross Garnaut, increasing the proportion of renewable energy (such as pv solar) in the electrical generation marketplace is very likely to lower the average price for electricity. This stands to reason as once solar panels (or wind turbines) are in place, the potential energy inherent in wind or sunlight is freely available to convert to electricity. To disincentivise solar rooftop investment by charging individual households for feeding energy into the grid will not help achieve the objectives of lowering electricity prices and reducing our emissions which are the highest per capita in the world. The Finkel blueprint provides mechanisms for enhancing the reliability /security of an electricity system accommodating increasing intermittent generation components. As long as the recommendations are followed we should all see over time an increase in rooftop solar leading to more affordable electricity prices. This would be good for all consumers and enhance the productivity of our economy. I would therefore urge a reconsideration of any plans to apply a feed-in charge to rooftop solar generators. Thank you.</p>
2017-07-03 22:41:47	2017-07-03 22:39:14
2017-07-03 22:39:14	<p>That is not wright and not keeping to there promise</p> <p>I totally disagree with solar owners being charged for feeding the electricity they produce back into the grid. We currently being totally ripped off in the feed in tariff we receive and now you want to charge us for providing electricity on which the electricity companies can make massive profits.</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>
2017-07-03 22:35:18	<p>It would have a massive impact on my household if after paying to provide clean energy for my use I am then charged to provide it for other people's use.</p>
2017-07-03 22:34:07	<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>
2017-07-03 22:30:06	<p>Scandalous is the best word to describe the intention of the AEMC to impose charges on renewables (only by the public) exported to the grid when it should be the case where a fair feed in tariff is recognised for it's clean contribution to the grid!</p>
2017-07-03 22:28:11	<p>I consider the proposed solar charge a totally unfair action which should not happen.</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 •Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it
2017-07-03 22:27:48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household

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	<p>We read again that the AEMC is considering charging small scale solar producers to feed back into the grid, this is a clear bias against solar and also a double dip regarding the cost of poles & wires. All households connected to the grid pay through their bills the cost of the poles & wires infrastructure.</p> <p>The AEMC is not looking to charge large power producers to feed into the grid, WHY?</p> <p>When we read week after week about how other countries (India & China to name a couple) are supportive of solar & renewables why is this government so against it.</p> <p>The whole power feed in tariff pricing needs to be fair and equitable and solar producers should be paid a fair price for the clean energy produced. Again, the poor feed in tariff shows a bias against solar by our leaders.</p> <p>The benefit of having solar on our roof is twofold. one it produces clean energy and two it provides shading to the roof and house, thus requiring less air conditioning to be used (up to 25% saving just with shading alone)</p> <p>The impact of charging us for exporting our solar to the grid would be that we would seriously consider disconnecting from the grid and installing a storage system.</p> <p>I wish that our leaders would embrace renewables as the public have, but unfortunately, they are so engrossed in the old polluting technology, and as a result we are being left behind other countries that are advancing with renewables. This lack of support by our leaders is not making for a clever country.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 22:24:23 2017-07-03 22:23:08</p>	<p>There should not be a charge to feed back power to the network! It's a bad joke, how unfair does the whole system get ?</p> <p>Charging Solar panel owners doesn't make sense.</p> <p>We are investors on the power grid infrastructural. Otherwise we wouldn't bother.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 22:16:09 2017-07-03 22:14:44</p>	<p>The world need clean energy.</p> <p>If I am charged for my solar power to go back to the grid - guess what? I'm leaving the grid!</p> <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I have just installed total of 20 kw (back to grid)in three systems on my commercial properties ,BnB and an education and training centre Tombarra ,and my farm.</p> <p>I did this as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 the generating system seems to be running out of power .the biggest shortages are on hot sunny days when I can feed back into the grid. 2 solar is far better of the environment than a coal fired plant .my farming area is suffering from the effects of climate change. My neighbors have documented a 50 percent reduction in production in 40 years and say it is a result of climate change. 3the economics of having my solar system were sold out me that I would pay off the system in 3 to 5 years. This will not be true if those same companies are allowed to CHARGE for my electricity. <p>It seems abvious the government the supply companies and the environment benefit from the public investing in solar systems. If their is equity,I don't mind getting payed a discounted feed in tariff 30 to 50 percent depending when we supply . The we can help the grid if given incentives eg I can turn my pumps on any time ,if there was an alert to my smart meter the grid was short I could turn off pumps and compressors etc. and receive a premium feed in tariff.</p> <p>Keep looking after the companies and we will go off grid the problem will get worse fo them . The majority will vote ,with their minds ,wallets and in the ballet box!</p>
<p>2017-07-03 22:13:35</p>	<p>Willing at present to work with you please contact for more community wisdom.</p> <p>I do not think that it would be fair or reasonable to remove clause 6.1.4 of the NER. Network users have typically borne significant supply and meter charges, regardless of how much energy the do or do not consume. At they same time the market has generally offered them considerably less then the wholesale energy rate for any surplus energy they provide to the grid.</p> <p>It is my understanding that the large energy suppliers are not subject to system charges for the export of electricity.</p> <p>If we are to encourage the uptake of distributed energy generation systems such disparity between small distributed generators and the larger generators need to be resolved.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 22:12:37</p>	<p>I would also note that I am disappointed that environmental and social objectives are not considered as part of this report. As the governing agency for the electricity market, I would have thought that environmental and social objectives would have a significant influence on any market regulation. After all there is not much point if the market is not serving the consumers/citizens.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 22:11:22</p>	<p>To the AEMC, The proposal to charge solar owners to feed back to the grid is grossly unfair and will add to the already massively underpaid solar buy back rates being paid by the power companies for our power which we generate and these companies onsell at 4 times the amount.A practice which would be considered robbery if a private business operated in this way.People who have bothered to invest in solar panels for their homes are trying to do the right thing by themselves,the enviornment and take pressure off the power supply market.To charge owners to feed back to the grid will only serve to disuade future growth in this important area of clean power generation and i hope that the corporate heavyweights don't sway your decision in favour of pure greed.</p>

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2017-07-03 22:10:39	<p>Dear AMEC</p> <p>The growth of a distributed energy system is inevitable, and something that AMEC should seek to assist through fair feed in tariffs, rather than punitive measures that do not recognise the benefits of solar to society and the grid.</p> <p>The savings my family has been able to achieve through rooftop solar has been critical to managing our monthly budget.</p> <p>I trust that AMEC will demonstrate that it is considering the broader benefits of solar for households, rather than just impacts on company profits. To do otherwise would make it clear who AMEC is really acting for.</p>
2017-07-03 22:10:28	<p>I'm appalled that you are considering charging rooftop solar owners for feeding their electricity back into the grid. We are providing the grid with clean, renewable power. The big power companies provide dirty power and don't pay to offset this. Have you heard about Climate Change? We are living in it right now. What utter stupidity and foolishness this idea is. There should be, across Australia, a fair feed in tariff that takes into account the health and environmental benefit of solar power produced by rooftop solar owners. And what about the network savings to the grid that rooftop solar owners provide? Where is the benefit going?</p> <p>I put rooftop solar on in 2005, long before it was the go, because I wanted to see this thrive. And I'm so excited and relieved that rooftop solar has taken off. However I'm really annoyed that small or large businesses that export energy into the grid get no credit at all for this energy. Where is the fairness in this? And how many people are aware of this nasty trick?</p> <p>If you charge for solar exports to the grid, I will buy batteries and disconnect from the grid, something I had not intended to do</p> <p>Please reconsider community generally.</p> <p>Currently around 9 percent of households in Moreland have installed solar panels. The reasons people have chosen to install solar systems are a complex mix of economic reasons to reduce electricity expenses and social reasons to address climate change and contribute on a personal level to emissions reduction.</p> <p>The City of Moreland encourages the uptake of residential solar systems as part of the Zero Carbon Evolution program to reduce community CO2 emissions by 22 percent by 2020.</p> <p>Climate Action Moreland is extremely concerned regarding the possibility of an AEMO rule change allowing for the introduction of a solar export to the grid fee from residential and business solar power users.</p> <p>Such a fee targets one set of power producers: residential and business solar PV owners, while large power generators (mainly fossil fuel based) will remain exempt. This is an unfair and inequitable impost on small generators and a distortion to the electricity market.</p> <p>Solar power avoids substantial health, environment and climate costs associated with fossil fuel power generation. The social impact of how power is generated needs to be taken into consideration with regards to any new fees. Export to the grid fees for solar owners would penalise them for reducing socialised costs to health, environment and climate impacts.</p> <p>Solar owners are being paid less than the wholesale rate for the power they produce. Solar tariffs need to take into account the social contribution that solar systems make in avoiding emissions, in efficiency savings to the grid, in producing power at point of use. We welcomed the Victorian solar feed-in tariff introduced from 1 July 2017 that incorporated a component for social and climate positive impact by small scale solar generators.</p> <p>We should also recognise that during extreme heat events when power usage peaks, solar PV reduces demand peaks, and wholesale prices, and moves the absolute peak from the late afternoon to early evening. This is a network benefit not recognised in any solar tariff. Placing a fee on solar export contradicts this benefit and penalises solar users.</p> <p>The impost of a fee on exporting solar power to the grid may reduce the demand for stand alone solar PV installation in the short term, although it may increase the demand for existing solar owners adding batteries, or installing new solar systems with batteries and the number of people opting to leave the grid all together. This will only increase the death spiral of traditional utilities and make vulnerable grid users even worse off.</p> <p>Many homeowners on fixed income, such as pensioners and superannuants, have installed small solar PV systems specifically to reduce and minimise their electricity bills, through generating offset income from their solar feed-in. Imposing a fee on solar feed-in will proportionately affect these people to a greater extent than regular solar households where people are employed and have regular incomes.</p>
2017-07-03 22:10:09	<p>On equity and social impact the impost of a fee on small scale solar generators feeding in to the electricity grid should be rejected.</p>

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	<p>Solar power provides power during maximum network demand. Solar power reduces network load. Solar power therefore supports the network. Solar power means that the network did not need to be gold plated with tax payers dollars.</p>
2017-07-03 22:04:37	<p>Why should we be charged for this? I put clean energy onto the grid at 2 properties and if I am charged for doing this I believe it will be time to invest in batteries and go off the grid there by taking clean energy from other users.</p>
2017-07-03 22:04:13	<p>I find it wholly unacceptable that AEMC is considering charging solar owners for providing clean energy to the grid and instead we should be paid a fair feed-in tariff for the power we generate. This feed-in tariff should be in line with (i.e. the same as) the amount we pay for power coming from the grid.</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 - Charging for our solar exports to the grid would impact my family by severely reducing our family income. - We installed solar panels on our rooftop to make a difference with respect to carbon emissions and our family income and your consideration is severely retrograde and flies in the face of worldwide movements toward low carbon economies.
2017-07-03 22:04:03	<p>My Submission to the AEMC I respectfully submit to you the following points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There can be no justification for solar owners being charged to export clean, renewable energy into the electrical power grid. The large corporate power companies don't pay for that and their energy is "dirty" and "destructive." 2. Rather than charging solar users, they should be paid a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental benefits of solar power. 3. To place any limitations on solar power is to go backwards. It is the way of the future along with all other forms of renewable energy. Supporting the coal and gas fired electricity providers is to favour nineteenth century technology over modern twenty-first technologies. 4. We live in the twenty-first century and the environmental and social climate is different. We need up-to-date solutions and we look to organisations like the AEMC to have the vision to see this and make decisions commensurate with these changes. 5. The technology exists now to store electricity, and solar power generation fits with it perfectly. Generate electricity all day and store it overnight for use by all. 6. Please do not listen to the rhetoric of the politicians and the fossil fuel lobbyists. They are the real luddites of this day and age, who want to stay with outmoded ideas regardless of the costs to the country and the planet. They are prepared to crush the new ways to maintain their profits and influence. They need to join the twenty-first century. 7. By your strong support of solar power generation, given in real terms not just words, you can help Australia honour its global commitments to reduce greenhouse emissions and once again take its place as one of the leading proponents of solar power. <p>Thank you for considering my submission</p>
2017-07-03 22:01:45	<p>If I am charge to feed my power into the grid I intend to completely go offline and get batteries. Power companies are not charged to feed in power neither should I. The government decided to sell power generation saying we would be better off . Result is power bills have only went up.</p>
2017-07-03 21:59:43	<p>My decision to go solar was driven by my desire to lessen my footprint and not be a part to the burning of dirty coal. Also the writing was on the wall with the greedy power companies and where they were going with power pricing. 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</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>Several years ago I made the decision to spend a considerable amount of my own money to install solar panels. At the time i was able to receive approx 30c /kwh, way lower than others who had done it earlier. I was aware that the payback would fall in later years but did it anyway partly as a way to help cut some emissions etc. It was galling that energy companies sold that "green" energy for way more than they paid me but I accepted that. It is even more so now that I get a miserable 6c/kwh while their prices are rising regularly. I am now on a modest fixed pension from my self funded superannuation fund which is not a bottomless pit to fund continued excessive price rises which all utility companies are able to charge without recourse. The greed is beyond belief.</p> <p>To add insult to injury we are now being told that the AEMC now wants to charge us to provide Clean Energy to the grid. This is absolutely Unbelievable particularly given the ever increasing focus on increasing Clean, Green energy and cutting back on burning coal.</p> <p>My immediate reaction is that If that was to happen I would simply disconnect my system from the network until I could get to a position of going Off Grid altogether.</p> <p>It is simply beyond belief that any sane, rational organisation could even consider such a proposition, that is until Greed is considered as that is the only thing that I can see that could be behind such stupidity.</p>
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Australia is blessed with abundant solar power and it makes sense to Australians to invest in it and also contribute to reducing our dependence on our existing largely centralised power production sources.

Our community has invested in our power distribution systems and all power sources should be actively encouraged to contribute back into the grid without financial or control impediments that will discourage their free participation. Current major energy contributors are not required to pay to input/export their energy into the grid, so why should other contributors be required to do so. On both equity and source diversity grounds there should be no financial charges for exporting into the grid.

Current PV solar domestic hosts are financially dissuaded by the paltry rates they get for their renewable energy input to the grid. If they are charged for exporting into the grid it is fairly certain they will rapidly invest in battery technology over the coming years and remove their peak renewable energy contribution from the grid system. This is exactly the opposite of what our energy system needs to achieve over the next 10-20 years.

We need a clear energy goal of what needs to be achieved and technology neutral policies that encourage contributions on an equal footing.

I hope we can avoid short term policy reactions that set back our achievement of Australia's fantastic potential for improving our energy system and smoothly transitioning into a truly mixed energy grid with improved energy security and reduced blackout likelihood.

Thanks for your consideration.

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It is about time for the big energy suppliers to stop ripping us off as they have done with their gold plating of the energy delivery system. The primary cost increase over the past 5 years has come about because of the spending on the network and a pricing system which virtually gave the system owners \$ 1.30 for every \$1 spent on gold plating the system So no more exploitation of the ordinary solar owners.

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We put in Solar Panels not so much for the \$ savings but to in a small way contribute too reducing green house emissions from Coal powered power Stations.. Keep the playing field level / even and fair..

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I think this is totally unfair to charge a fee for power going into the grid from solar, as it cost me a lot of money to set up, to cut the ever increasing electricity charges. Solar owners are saving the need to build more dirty power stations. The rest of the world are changing to solar power. I don't see why people that spend their own hard earned money to put in solar systems to generate electricity to benefit othe people should be charged to do so.

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If anything we should be getting more for our investment and contribution to the grid solar.

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What this proposal is more likely to do is have people go off-grid, the idiots!

We're long-term supporters of solar energy. When we built our house in 1989 we had a solar hot water system installed and it serviced our family of 5 extremely well for 25 years before we needed to replace it. We added solar panels several years ago, and although we were disappointed that the inverter needed replacing after just a few years we did so, again because of our faith in and support for growing Australia's solar market. If the rules, tariffs and benefits to home owners were to change it would be grossly unfair because, in addition to the valuable service provided by homeowners' roof top panels, it would alter the economic benefits that had induced so many to be part of the transition to renewable energy.

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To the AEMC

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export solar power to the grid when big 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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We installed roof top solar in 2013 as we wanted to take action on climate change in our small way. It has been effective and we are proud to be doing our share, even though the feed in tariff is inadequate. People should be encouraged to install roof top solar, and a charge for feeding electricity into the grid is unjustified.

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.

- What happened to the Go to Solar Energy to avoid polluting our own environment with Carbon gas emissions that are produced by the current Coal Power Houses throughout Australia and many other countries in the World?

After having to spend many thousands of \$ dollars to purchase the Solar panels to enable us to Go to Solar - the Green Energy - we will be hit yet again by increased Costs in our Power Bills, this will create financial hardship as I am currently retired. Then you have the audacity to expect that it is OK to Charge us for our solar power exports to the grid and charge us to use that power Too! You are planning on taking our Power and making us Pay for the Privilege as well.

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- The Solar Installation Inspectors came to our house to check that our panels had been installed correctly only to break several of our roof tiles in doing so. This then has resulted in water damage to our kitchen and lounge room with large amounts of water accumulating in the ceiling.

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2017-07-03 21:45:14	<p>I understand that the AEMC intend charging producers of solar electricity when they supply to the grid. I submit that this is inequitable as other suppliers such as coal fired power stations do not have to pay a fee to feed into the grid. Solar power is clean and should be encouraged. It is the way of the future. We have chosen to have solar collectors on our roof as an environmentally conscious act. They were expensive to install and have a life of only 25 years when once again we will have to pay out. They are an investment for our future. The future of human habitation of this planet. Governments are very reluctant to heed the warning of the scientific community in regard to the time bomb of global warming. My solar panels are one of my small contributions to combating climate change. I should not be penalised, but encouraged.</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. Solar owners collectively have saved the government many millions of dollars by providing power to the grid. If those solar owners simply switch off their contribution where would the money come from to provide new power stations. How would the Government provide the power short fall in the immediate future.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar power along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Solar power is the way of the future despite what the coal lobby will tell you.</p>
2017-07-03 21:45:02	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I live in Perth and was one of the first to adopt solar power back when the WA State Government was encouraging people by offering 40 cents per unit. I moved house a couple of years ago and bought more solar panels for my new house and I now receive 7.135 cents per unit. I don't recall anyone ever explaining why I have to pay 24 cents up to a certain level then 44 cents thereafter, none of this pricing makes much sense to me (gouging??). You appear to be advocating charging solar power owners alone a charge for using the poles and wires. This is clearly discriminatory pricing. 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 energy companies should be working out what components of their costs are fixed and charge a fixed amount to all users across the board. Just make it fair. I feel like I'm doing my bit to promote healthier outcomes and this proposed measure appears to be a slap in the face.</p>
2017-07-03 21:42:15	<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. 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 installed solar panels to reduce the amount of polluting energy I needed to purchase; this together with the many others with solar systems means that we don't need as many polluting power stations as previous, leading to a cleaner, greener future.</p>
2017-07-03 21:39:57	<p>There should definitely NOT be a charge to input solar power back into the grid; this would be very unfair and counter-productive. I believe that it is totally unfair to expect solar owners to pay for electricity that we feed back into the grid. When we installed our system over six years ago it was a major item of expenditure for us costing in excess of \$10,000.00. Why should we be charged for putting power into the grid when major power companies don't. I agree that there should be a fair feed in tariff for the saving that we supply to the power grid. We installed Solar power to help save the environment and to contribute excess needs back into the grid for the benefit of others.</p>
2017-07-03 21:38:16	<p>If you are going to charge us for our solar exports to the grid I was disconnect the system. I am about to become an aged pensioner having stopped work at 68 years old and my wife at 60 has just been made redundant from her job. Any additional imposts on our budget would cripple us.</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> <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 •Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it • the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household would be very unfair and would be a burden to my wife and I as we are on the old age pension.
2017-07-03 21:35:40	<p>i thought solar was a good option, I have been nothing but disappointed with my decision to go solar ~ with energy company charging high prices p/kw and only paying low prices p/kw feed</p>
2017-07-03 21:32:49	<p>in ... not worth the up front layout for system when no return. Nothing but greed from the big companies whom have no oppposition.</p>
2017-07-03 21:32:02	<p>Energy companies need to recognise that all the extra charges and low feed in tariffs completely remove any incentive to conserve energy during daylight hours thereby negating any benefit to the environment and the use of raw materials</p>
2017-07-03 21:30:21	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I am a home owner with a 3kW solar installation which supplies ample electricity for our 'energy poor' household. When I feed electricity into my Tasmanian grid, I am helping first the community as a whole and the energy provider as a company. The provider does not have to generate this electricity by other means, nor do they have outlay any cost for the infrastructure to generate. The big question then is: why should I be charged to export to the grid? This would only hasten my decision to go off the grid, provide my own storage and recharge my batteries. While at the moment the feed-in tariff is reasonable, it won't be long before the provider will reset the tariff to a measly 8 c/kWh. How is this fair, when the provider then can resell my feed-in energy to my neighbour for about 25 c/kWh? Another reason to disconnect and go off grid!</p>

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2017-07-03 21:22:28	<p>it is not fair that toi use the grid less you pay more. this is a REDICULOUSS riffer. mo no no no and it is a vote changer Charging for input to the grid of rooftop solar power is certainly not supportive of any energy security planning for Australia. This proposal is not only unfair for solar owners but is against the interests of the wider community.</p>
2017-07-03 21:22:02	<p>Please note I do not have solar power, only solar hot water.</p>
2017-07-03 21:19:23	<p>Solar owners should not be charged for supporting the environment; this only encourages coal burning and other harmful energy production The energy companies are receiving electricity from private households for a small price. They have not paid for this infrastructure. The householder has invested in this infrastructure, and if anything should be charging more for the energy which the grid is receiving, however, the homeowner has no control over this. All power to the big power companies, in every way. Homeowners should NOT be paying to put the clean energy they create into the grid. It is legislated that power companies must supply a certain amount of clean energy. Most of this comes from these small solar installations, and now they want to make them pay for it to go into the grid. No way.</p>
2017-07-03 21:18:49	<p>We already pay a supply charge on top of the kwh rate. If they even try i will go off grid and they will lose a customer.</p>
2017-07-03 21:14:13	<p>I believe it is unfair to charge solar owners to put power into the grid. we have already paid for our solar systems under the impression that we were helping to supply clean, renewable energy for the benefit of the network and the environment. We do not need this extra cost added to our household expenses especially because we have already paid out. Dear AEMC,</p>
2017-07-03 21:06:26	<p>Being charged to export my solar to the grid is not only unfair but wrong.</p>
2017-07-03 21:04:18	<p>thats ridiculous teol them to go and get stuffed the robbing bastards</p>
2017-07-03 21:04:06	<p>Dear Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), I find it extremely abhorrent that you are considering charging honest, everyday Australians for feeding their solar power back into the grid. This is essentially punishing people who would like to help the environment and reduce their carbon footprint by owning solar panels. It is especially disgraceful considering that energy companies can export their own power without having to pay anything at all. There should be a feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental benefit and the savings that solar provides to the grid. Please stop punishing Australians for doing the right thing.</p>
2017-07-03 21:03:21	<p>Dear AEMC PLEASE do not consider introducing a fee to feed solar into the grid. There should be a fair feed in tariff for all solar owners providing this clean environmentally friendly energy source. We need to work together to minimise the devastating impacts climate change is going to have on our children and grandchildren, rather than putting profits and politics ahead of the good of the people.</p>
2017-07-03 21:02:55	<p>Thank you. It is wrong and unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the health and environmental benefits of solar. Myself and my family have invested in solar we have already out laid an amount for purchasing the solar system and I believe we should get the benefit when we feed back into the grid as other power companies get when they sell power to power the grid - people with solar that feed back to the grid should be paid to do so and not charged . You have to be joking. We have signed a contract to supply power to the grid. There was no charge to supply that power in that contract. I believe you are breaking the spirit of the contract if not the letter of the contract. Why would you charge a supplier of clean energy when you don't charge a dirty power supplier. Why are you not charging the dirty power companies a tax for not meeting the clean energy target for Australia which they are contributing to in the negative. We are attempting to reduce our power bill by investing in the future which is renewable energy. If you move ahead with this charge, we will consider a further investment in battery storage in order to remove ourselves from the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 21:01:01	<p>Please do not introduce this charge if you value your voters support</p>
2017-07-03 20:59:44	<p>Please be sensible about your thoughts on charging householders like mine for trying to be helpful and save our planet by catching our own sunlight and generating electricity which you can use on the grid and onsell already at a profit.. We are pensioners and cannot afford to add to our costs for power and heating. It is an extremely unfair policy which will serve to disadvantage those of us who have acted in thoughtfulness to the rest of our community and their health.</p>

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2017-07-03 20:59:35	<p>Unfair to pay this charge when the big unclean companies do not! Our primary reason to install solar was to go green and not mean like you!! I am surprised at the possibility of being charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. We invested several years ago in solar panels to prevent polluting the environment. It is a disincentive to being responsible leaders in climate change when decisions such as this are even canvassed. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that values the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>Charging for our solar exports to the grid makes a mockery of any slim hope I had that this government has any concern for supporting Australians who invest in making a difference to the planet.</p>
2017-07-03 20:59:18	<p>Such a decision is ludicrous. Charge those who pollute - not the humble homeowner! Providing solar generated power to the grid is a benefit not only to the generators (clean energy being fed in) but also to the environment. Feeding this power into the grid is not a cost to generators but a benefit as it relieves the necessity for added generation. It should not be costed.</p>
2017-07-03 20:58:11	<p>Hi,... It is hard to believe that you consider charging us , solar owners ,to export to the grid . I am paying off a substantial loan to be able to contribute towards a clean future for my children and grandchildren , and don't think it is fair to be penalized for that...please don't let that go ahead.</p>
2017-07-03 20:57:40	<p>As a new owner of solar panels and a person who cares about the environment, I am appalled that the AMEC would consider charging people to export power to the grid. It is just so wrong. You need to support and encourage renewable power in all forms, as climate change is a huge pressing problem for our planet. Ordinary people like me, my family and friends know this and are doing what we can within our control and financial ability to make change possible. Please don't penalise us -rather support and encourage us to do the right thing.</p>
2017-07-03 20:56:29	<p>Please do not charge us for producing power from the sun that we can share with others. Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I would like to register my strong objection to the proposed charge for solar to be fed back into the grid. My partner and I installed solar on our house in order to try and reduce the burden of ever increasing electricity bills, and also to do our bit for the environment by generating clean electricity. Having spent a considerable amount of our resources on this, I find it outrageous to hear that the AEMC is proposing to charge us to feed our electricity back into the grid. And this is when the large generators pay nothing to use the grid. It seems like there is one rule for the powerful dirty generators and another for the everyday people who are using their own resources to generate clean energy.</p> <p>And this on top of the fact that our feed in tariff does not reflect the value of our electricity being clean energy which does not pollute the environment and is not harmful to people's health and wellbeing.</p>
2017-07-03 20:55:54	<p>I wish to put forward my strong objection to this proposal.</p> <p>We were early adopters of solar and paid a premium price many years ago to install it. We did so because we were and remain alarmed about climate change and the threat it poses to human existence. Does the Commission understand the severe risks we are faced with and how urgent the task has become for everyone at all levels of our society to act and reduce our carbon emissions? I feel very disappointed that AMEC continues to have such a narrow focus when what need now are new ways of structuring the market so that solar and renewable energy is taken up by as many people as possible.</p> <p>Considering the huge amount of money that consumers have already paid to the power industry for excessive and unnecessary over investment in infrastructure it beggars belief that the Commission is now seeking to charge solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. Coal fired powerstations are a dying energy the Commission should not be in the business of bailing them out.</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>
2017-07-03 20:51:00	<p>I think the community is becoming absolutely sick of being ripped off for the profits of polluting multinational companies. If you make us pay to export solar to the grid we will be going off grid for sure.</p>

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2017-07-03 20:49:27	<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</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 undeniable advantage of feeding the power into the system closer to the end user and thus avoiding high infrastructure costs.</p> <p>The question must be asked, why are the AEMC trying yet again to rip off the Australian householders who endeavour to do the right thing for the environment, whilst ensuring their electrical power needs are met, via a clean energy source. Could it be they are trying to ensure profit for the private sector, by using the Australian householders to subsidise fossil fuels and old outdated methods of producing electrical power? Will their next bad idea be that we must accept nuclear power or we will suffer some dire consequence?</p> <p>The impact of charging Australian households for their solar exports to the grid would have catastrophic financial effects and take them from a very slightly positive cash flow to a very heavy negative cash flow, which AEMC can understand while representing the Private sector but fail miserably to understand when considering the average Australian home owner, who has invested heavily in Solar Power in an effort to do the right thing.</p>
2017-07-03 20:46:44	<p>I oppose the plan to place a tax on feed in export from my solar system. I supplement this grid with the power I export . I believe that a tax is inappropriate and is unfair on those of us who have invested capital in equipment to ease their ever increasing power charges and who are happy to suppliment the grid.</p> <p>I am a solar power owner. It astounds me to think that you could actually tax me for providing renewable energy into the system when we are trying to reduce greenhouse emissions, can you please explain how that is fair?? I have invested considerable funds into my solar system and if you charge me then this will have serious financial implications to my family.</p> <p>I suggest rather than consider some draconian penalty you actually think about how incentives can be provided so that I can add battery storage and help provide baseload power into the grid. It is a logical suggestion as it supports an integrated stronger system and is likely to reduce network costs over the long term.</p> <p>This country deserves smart thinkers and decisions to go forward rather than be held in the past.</p>
2017-07-03 20:45:23	<p>How in an energy depleted world - with shortages in gas and overpriced electricity do you punish the good guys? Demonstrate your commitment to Australian citizens and show some support for us? Integrity and a willingness to embrace alternative sustainable energy initiatives should not be punished.</p> <p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission,</p>
2017-07-03 20:45:12	<p>I am opposed to the proposal to charge residences that generate electricity from photovoltaics to feed their electricity into the grid.</p> <p>I purchased and installed a solar PV system with the understanding that I would be able to sell unused electricity to the grid. Imposing a charge now is inappropriate. Poor estimations of future electricity requirements by the large electricity generators and distributors should not be paid for by individuals willing to make a contribution to the development of renewable energy generation in Australia through solar PV.</p>
2017-07-03 20:45:07	<p>AEMC should do what it can to shift Australia away from generating systems that contribute to climate change and support renewable electricity generation. This can be done by supporting, not penalising, distributed solar electricity generation.</p>
2017-07-03 20:44:02	<p>Clean up our energy systems and encourage solar ownership, not penalise those that are doing the right thing.</p> <p>We invested \$28,000 seven years ago to buy our solar panels. Now they would cost less than a third of what we paid. I don't mind paying to be a pioneer, but the feed-in tariff is an important contribution to help us get some return from our big investment.</p> <p>We installed a large number of panels to ensure we could generate more electricity than we consume, so we could reduce our environmental footprint. Our net exports reduce the demand load and help others to access emissions free electricity.</p> <p>We should be rewarded for feeding electricity into the grid, not penalised.</p>
2017-07-03 20:43:20	<p>The grid needs more decentralised power generators, and they should be encouraged by feed-in tariffs which reflect their contribution to our power networks.</p>
2017-07-03 20:39:31	<p>Solar exports to the grid should be encouraged not penalised.</p>
2017-07-03 20:37:00	<p>Aemcstop robbing people</p>
2017-07-03 20:36:23	<p>When we invested in solar panels and solar hot water we did so because we wanted to do something positive for the Australian environment and global warming in general, but we did not expect to have to pay twice; the capital outlay and now the threat of a charge for our excess energy onto the grid. It is grossly unfair that small generators like us wanting to do some positive for the environment but have to pay a charge when the big generators and big polluters are not charged.</p>

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2017-07-03 20:35:41	<p>Dear AEMC Please don't charge solar owners for feeding electricity to the grid. This is unfair to them when big coal power companies don't have to pay anything to feed dirty electricity to the grid. Our situation is already considered unfair when we are charged hefty prices for power and not compensated equally for providing power. Please do not charge solar owners to feed electricity to the grid. Thank you</p>
2017-07-03 20:34:37	<p>Our planet and certainly Australia is now at a critical time in our history where it is essential that we take every step we can to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. It's definitely not the time to make it harder for the general public to actively participate in emissions reduction by generating non-polluting renewable energy. Please ensure that people generating clean renewable energy are not disadvantaged for exporting that energy to the national grid. They should be rewarded with a fair feed-in tariff and not punished with charges that are not levied on high emission companies generating from coal and gas. Here in the Far South Coast Region of NSW, there are many people who have made a great effort by taking on the expense of installing solar systems on their houses and business premises. There are also many community installations organised over quite a number of years through Clean Energy For Eternity. These efforts are critical as grassroots responses to a critical climate crisis and should be supported by being justly and fairly rewarded with a realistic feed-in tariff without unnecessary bureaucratic charges. They will continue unless hurdles like charges on exporting electricity to the grid are introduced, making it too difficult or expensive to make a worthwhile community contribution. It's time to support community efforts to assist in the reduction of our greenhouse gas emissions. It's unfair to be charging solar owners for exporting power, given in QLD I only get 6.5c per kwh now.</p>
2017-07-03 20:28:18	<p>I've been very happy with purchasing the solar power system as it enables me to save on me electricity bill, however as we currently don't have a battery and if this charge comes in, I could see that my electricity bills could sky rocket as I would still be charged to export the power to the grid even though I don't make any money from it.</p>
2017-07-03 20:28:12	<p>I have been a Solar Energy customer for around 6 years now and I am deeply concerned that we may have to pay an exporting fee for producing clean renewable energy when the dirty big Power Companies don't pay a cent. That would be totally unfair as I have Invested a large sum of money to set myself up for retirement using clean renewable energy and an unjust cost imposed for exporting Clean Energy back into the grid would cause financial hardship to our household. Surely the Solar Energy benefits should be recognized with Clean Renewable energy and the associated Health aspects and the Solar Owners should not be penalized in anyway.</p>
2017-07-03 20:24:55	<p>AEMC, To charge solar owners for feeding into the grid is totally unacceptable.They are providing a clean and environmentally safe means of electrical power that is used by others. The power companies on sell this at a large profit. They are already being ripped off in terms of the feed-in tariff which is a very unfair trade for the service they are providing.They should be encouraged to continue not kicked in the guts. None of the big power producers are paying to feed in to the grid and they are stuffing up the environment. So what's the go here? Everyone that installs solar power on their roof is a concerned citizen trying to do their bit to help the earth and their fellow human beings. So to inflict a ridiculous idea (charge) like this on them is nonsense and should never be raised. Get real and scrap this insanity once and for all.</p>
2017-07-03 20:23:32 2017-07-03 20:22:34	<p>This is a very unfair cash grab on the little guy who is just trying to survive without going broke we should be paid the same amount that we have to pay for power from the grid . we installed solar to benefit our selves as well as provide for others but it would seem we have wasted our time and money it's always easy to hit the little guy . very selfish and greedy This is total madness, who in their right mind could or would agree to this idea ? 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 solar lower in to make a difference to the environment and to become more independent of the gouging of the big energy producers</p>
2017-07-03 20:20:43	<p>I live as independently as I can, I am retired with minimal income yet support myself as much as possible. I receive no support from governments in the form of pension, health care or living assistance. Yet now big energy wants to charge me for generating my own power and supporting my green community. We once owned our power generators and distribution systems. They were sold off with the promise power would be cheaper. What a lie! Now they want to gouge us more. Enough is enough!</p>

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	<p data-bbox="401 313 751 354">Dear Sirs, I'm incensed by this proposed additional tariff.</p> <p data-bbox="401 378 1829 548">If the large power generators don't have to pay to put power into the grid then why should home owners with Roof Top Solar? I have had a chat to two of my neighbors about this silly and petty proposal and we discussed the possibility of installing a few battery banks with a view pooling resources and perhaps disconnecting from the grid permanently. How would the power companies like it if only ten % of RTS owners paid the disconnect fee and departed the grid completely? Between solar and heat pump hot water heating, the average home power requirements are considerably reduced so with the addition of batteries it is now quite possible to do without the grid connection. As it is power costs in Tasmania are ridiculously high and any additional price hikes would convince me to add a few more kW's of RTS, this would totally cover my storage heating power needs even without batteries. With quality panels costing less than a \$1.00 Watt and less than \$2.50 per Watt INSTALLED The savings made over grid power purchase would be covered in a few years. I would be mad to continue buying power from Aurora's /TasNetworks grid.</p> <p data-bbox="401 573 1829 613">The power companies currently buy Roof Top Solar power and resell it at considerable percentage profit, on that basis alone it would be an exceedingly perverse business practice to then charge a supplier a fee for offering that power for sale. I know of no other normal business that would enter into such a bizarre scheme. It beggars belief!</p> <p data-bbox="401 638 1829 699">I trust that this silliness will be stopped at this point and that the power co's start looking at other schemes to cover their lack of planning in the past. I note that many US Power utilities have solar lease/buy plans to offset their transmission costs and change over to alternate power generation systems. It seems to me that the current generation crisis in Australia is caused by a lack of planning and creativity in the industry, because of their failings there is simply no excuse to penalize homeowners with RTS.</p>
2017-07-03 20:20:13	<p data-bbox="401 727 1608 764">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>
2017-07-03 20:18:32	<p data-bbox="401 789 1829 829">We installed rooftop solar 8 years ago to contribute to a cleaner , more sustainable future & take more responsibility for our energy usage. Having rooftop solar has been a positive experience & we are currently exploring options to increase our generating capacity.</p>
2017-07-03 20:18:14	<p data-bbox="401 854 1829 894">We have recently been slugged with a large decrease in our buy back tariff to 6c per kWh . A further charge to export power to the grid is rubbing salt into the wounds & will impact on our available household income Dear 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.</p>
2017-07-03 20:17:28	<p data-bbox="401 919 1829 1024">If the government is serious about supporting renewable energy then give solar owners a fair feed in tariff that takes into account the benefit to our economy and environment. Economists say if we don't act on climate change then the cost will be more than not acting. Solar citizens are doing the right thing and helping to save our long time economic and environmental future where governments are failing us. Why should power companies earn more per Kw than solar owners?</p> <p data-bbox="401 1049 1829 1089">Because of the governments lack of a fair deal for solar owners, I went off the grid. It's been reported it's a ruse to make solar less attractive to put pressure on households to use dirty coal and CSG energy that the majority of Australians do not want.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1114 726 1138">Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
2017-07-03 20:17:27	<p data-bbox="401 1141 1829 1284">To the AEMC, There is no way that solar owners should be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. As a solar owner i would expect to receive the same price i am charged to receive power, with maybe a 10% discount to allow for use of the poles and wire to deliver my energy to other users. The big power companies don't have to pay a cent, why should we? The environmental and health benefit of solar should be recognised in the feed-in tariff. Having my own solar panels means i am making my own personal contribution to reducing carbon in the atmosphere and thus trying to reduce climate change.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1308 789 1333">Please show some sense and fairness in this issue</p>

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2017-07-03 20:11:52	<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. The presence of rooftop solar installations and now home batteries provides a valuable alternative generation and storage buffer to the network grid.</p>
2017-07-03 20:10:28	<p>Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household</p> <p>I want to put 5/6 kw system on my roof because 1. I want to contribute to sustainable power 2. Reduce my footprint 3. Reduce my power consumption from grid. I don't want to contribute to the energy markets coffers. This proposal would cause me to spend more of my money and go off grid totally.</p> <p>I some years ago we installed solar panels on our roof not only to reduce our power bill but because we care about climate change and we were willing to wait for some years before breaking even on our initial</p>
2017-07-03 20:10:09	<p>outlay. I t is grossly unfair and entirely unreasonable and I might add immoral for us to be charged for our input to the grid.</p> <p>I put 12 solar panels on my house in 2004. I was extremely happy to be adding clean energy to the grid, and was grateful that the Government paid me for that input. It helped me pay off some of the considerable amount I had outlaid in order to play my part in looking after the environment.</p>
2017-07-03 20:08:52	<p>It is unbelievable that the present Government through the AEMC could be contemplating placing a charge on solar power that is exported to the grid. In fact it is downright discriminatory, given that coal-fired energy Companies don't have to pay anything.</p> <p>If a charge is put on solar energy - which comes freely from the sun - everyone will use batteries and there will be no feed-in.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to reject the idea of charging solar owners.</p>
2017-07-03 20:05:55	<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>Solar is providing about 30% of our requirements and consequently reducing emissions, which we are obliged to do in view of rising CO2 levels. If anything I would expect encouragement to do this rather than being penalized.</p>
2017-07-03 20:05:19	<p>Owners of solar panels feeding back to the grid should in no way be penalised, not now, not ever. We supplement the grids, often when there is significant demand, especially here in the Territory, when everyone clicks the air cons on to combat the oppressive heat and humidity, but by penalising these people by imposing a feed-in tariff, you are effectively stifling that supply. No wonder people are going off the grid, and becoming self power sufficient. I know I will be. Power prices are already ridiculous because of the onerous and expensive dependence of fossil fuels....they are exactly that...fossils. leave them in the past and embrace the future of renewable supply, such as solar, hydro, rubbish incineration and geo-thermal.</p> <p>We are trying to save the planet here using solar energy. We paid a lot for our solar panels. We are happy to sell the energy back to our clean energy provider. Charging us for feeding it back to the grid would be unfair, unjust and simply an act of robbery: if the big polluters don't have that burden, why should we the little people endure it??</p> <p>We put our solar panels because we are worried about the future for our grandchildren with climate change. We are counting on recovering the cost of the panels so we can balance our modest budget. Changing current arrangements would mean probably less food on the table at the end of the month. We are on our seventies, we don't deserve to be punished for doing</p>
2017-07-03 20:01:34	<p>the right thing and getting away from dirty energy! Please consider.</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I was under the impression that by going solar I would be helping both myself and the country. Now it seems that only the power companies are going to be the winners. They did not pay to put the solar into home but do reap the benefit. They pay little for what goes into the grid and charge lots for what homes out. It is power that they have not had to spend money to make yet reap the reward and now you intend to allow them to make even more at the home owners expense.</p>
2017-07-03 20:01:25	<p>Isn't it bad enough that we have the highest cost in the world for power? This is nothing more than a greedy giant getting more and consumers paying the cost.</p> <p>Please have some common sense and put a stop to this outrage. Are we not straining enough as it is with the soaring price of power, wasn't the idea of solar to reduce the cost not increase it. Just look at all the power outages due to the lack of power in the grid, now you will make solar less appealing. You should be making the power companies pay a fairer price for the power they on sell not pay less. Are you really that inconsiderate?</p>
2017-07-03 20:00:42	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I am writing to voice my objection to the proposal or suggestion to charge solar owners for feeding power back into the grid. Power prices are already killing the family budget. To then charge those who have outlaid large sums to install solar in the hope of eventually reducing their ongoing costs, would just be considered as greed. It would turn people away from installing solar systems, reducing the amount of clean energy being consumed, and add pressure back on the the energy companies to provide more energy to an ever expanding population.</p>
2017-07-03 20:00:42	<p>I strongly reject the proposal.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="401 289 632 305">Please stop the solar swindle!</p> <p data-bbox="401 334 1493 350">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>
2017-07-03 19:57:42	<p data-bbox="401 378 1608 418">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. Please stop the solar swindle!</p> <p data-bbox="401 443 1493 459">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>
2017-07-03 19:56:53	<p data-bbox="401 483 1608 524">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 the AEMC,</p> <p data-bbox="401 529 1839 589">Solar power is a clean energy and also the energy of the future. Placing a solar charge on customers is a terrible idea and should not be supported. Millions of homes in Australia have solar power and a solar charge is an unfair fee on the community who are trying to reduce costs with solar power. Australia needs to commit to a clean energy future, and solar charges are totally against this philosophy. A solar charge is a step back in time.</p>
2017-07-03 19:56:47	<p data-bbox="401 613 1839 654">Please reconsider the idea of implementing a solar charge and instead consider charging high energy use residential customers a high consumption fee. This will ultimately reduce energy consumption and also raise more for you. This is how the water industry reduces demand and makes additional income.</p>
2017-07-03 19:54:18	<p data-bbox="401 678 1839 760">To whom it may concern. I frankly find it quite offensive that solar owners could be charged to export back to the grid. We are making a positive difference to the world by generating our own electricity, and already we are being ripped off by the electricity companies who still pay us a pittance for our electricity, and charge obscene prices when selling it back to us. It is as if the goalposts keep being moved. I will switch off my inverter before I allow this to happen to me or my family. Please DO NOT allow this potential charge to become a reality. Thanking you.</p>
2017-07-03 19:52:56	<p data-bbox="401 768 1440 784">Are you kidding WE pay to put solar on our roof to help the environment we then get slugged with a solar power meter TAX and now this!</p> <p data-bbox="401 789 1314 805">Then if we move house instead of getting 44c a kilowatt feed in Tariff it will drop to 6c yet it costs around 26c to purchase!</p> <p data-bbox="401 810 915 826">Can I get a refund on the 50k+ I have paid for solar power for you?</p>
2017-07-03 19:52:25	<p data-bbox="401 833 1839 889">My opinion is that this proposal to charge domestic solar producers for producing clean power is nothing less than a gross abuse of authority. Generating power from sunshine brings multiple and substantial benefits to our society, our energy independence, our health, our economy and our lives in general. Any attempt to block its essential progress is protested in the strongest possible terms. Please do not allow this backwards step to occur.</p>
	<p data-bbox="401 914 1335 930">It is unfair that solar owners pay a fee for exporting their clean renewable energy when big power companies don't have to.</p>
	<p data-bbox="401 963 1608 979">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>
2017-07-03 19:51:22	<p data-bbox="401 1003 1839 1027">As a citizen who has chosen to put solar panels on my home as our contribution towards reducing our families emissions it is disappointing to hear that we may be further charged for this.</p>
2017-07-03 19:49:33	<p data-bbox="401 1027 1839 1068">1. Why change the rules when we have already fitted solar panels to our roof .2. We did it as our bit to assist the environment 3.Australia needs to stop continually changing the rules and having reviews on all issues .4 Think of the future and treat everybody the same as regards of feeding into the grid of householders spare electricity . 5.The little guys should be treated equally and not penalised by supplying their excess power into the grid .</p> <p data-bbox="401 1092 1556 1109">This is simply a question of economics, it's in the interest of big power to leverage solar localised shared in neighbourhoods for the very low feed in rate.</p>
2017-07-03 19:48:49	<p data-bbox="401 1133 1839 1174">You want to charge us, then we move off grid, you can supply to less customers, at higher individual delivery cost, for rates that will be untenable. batteries like solar are rapidly reducing in price, as power prices rise the justification becomes easier.</p>
2017-07-03 19:48:11	<p data-bbox="401 1179 1094 1195">Please do not charge for consumers to export excess solar power into the grid.It is not fair.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1200 1839 1260">Roof top photovoltaic arrays generate power that is free of Greenhouse Gas emissions and that with the advent of large scale battery storage of electricity can provide base load power. If a feed in tariff encourages PV arrays to provide electricity and battery cars to be able to export power when needed to the grid and store power when excess power is produced. The potential is there to have electricity that is 100% free of Green House Gas emissions unlike Gas Turbine systems.</p>
2017-07-03 19:47:56	<p data-bbox="401 1268 894 1284">Feed in tariffs should encourage PV arrays not discourage them.</p>

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2017-07-03 19:45:04	<p>Please advise how a country with the greatest resources is now the highest charging country in the world for electricity prices. Could it be that successive governments and bodies such as AEMC and others are incompetent or have vested interests elsewhere.</p> <p>AEMC do what the government doesn't want to do - make this country great again. Move forward with the people. Clean industry will replace the old - give it the chance.</p> <p>Reward, not penalise clean power. Penalise - not reward dirty power. And stop Australians being ripped off from the resource to the power outlet.</p> <p>To whom it concerns,</p> <p>I am calling for common sense in relation to charging home owners to export clean renewable energy to the grid.</p> <p>Clean energy should be rewarded, not punished.</p> <p>We are putting solar panels in to save money and emissions , and we do not think it is fair to charge to export this energy.</p>
2017-07-03 19:44:53	Thank you
2017-07-03 19:44:40	<p>householders should be encouraged to generate power and paid a fair feed in price for it. It's outrageous to actually charge people for producing something in an environmentally sound manner when this form of electricity generation is set to become the only sound and viable way of power generation.</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>
2017-07-03 19:44:05	<p>Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it</p> <p>Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household.</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I consider It is unfair for solar owners like my family to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay anything. I feel 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 you institute a charge to feed into the grid you will be penalising all solar panel owners who have undertaken a large expenditure at their own expense to equip their rooftops to assist the state by feeding into the grid and providing excess solar generated power .</p>
2017-07-03 19:43:11	<p>If you approve such a move it will increase my electricity bill and all bills even further and put additional financial stress on us all. That is not acceptable.</p> <p>It's ridiculous that private home owners that paid for solar panels to be installed on their houses be penalised for returning excess power to the grid.</p> <p>We have been shafted with the returns for long enough now and now you want to charge us. What sort of a backward country is this? The rich get richer off of the poorer person and it has to stop. feed in tariff should have been a ratio from the start not a monetary amount. Maybe a 2 for 1 sort of set up. for example for every 2 kw I return to the grid I get 1 kw deducted off of my electricity bill. That would have been a much fairer way of implementing charges. I put solar on my roof to lower my energy costs and help the environment. Not because it looks good or was the in thing to do. I have had my solar for over 2 years & have exported 55% of the power that I have farmed from the sun. If I have to pay to give the greedy power company's free power it would be a tragedy and is immoral. Here in South Australia we already pay through the nose for power that we cant produce at night and charging us to give the power companies free power is a double blow.</p>
2017-07-03 19:43:03	<p>Best way to fix this is implement a ratio system and all will be happy.</p> <p>Dear AEMC.</p>
2017-07-03 19:42:55	<p>I'd like to make a submission against the proposal to charge solar owners to export to the grid.</p> <p>It would appear pretty insane charging people who have gone to the effort and expense of putting solar on their roofs. Having done so to reduce their impact on the environment and make the world a cleaner, healthier place. This is especially so when the dirty coal fired power produces who are causing so much damage to our planet and health don't pay to export!</p> <p>In fact there should be a higher and fairer feed-in-tariff to encourage more people to go with solar.</p> <p>My family went to considerable expense to install our system over ten years ago so we could try and help make a difference. The thought of potentially being charged for it is abhorrent and extremely unfair. We would have to seriously then look at going off-grid.</p>
2017-07-03 19:39:13	I paid for the panels to be installed which helps reduce our use of power. It's only right that the power we put into the grid should be paid for by the companies that then sell it on to others.

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2017-07-03 19:39:04	<p>I believe that it is grossly unfair to charge solar households to export their excess solar power into the grid.</p> <p>My home has 5 Kw of solar panels on the roof. We are frugal power users and so export more than twice as much power to the grid as we buy from the grid. The power we export is at the time of day when many homes, businesses, retailers and factories are requiring power for their airconditioners in our long hot summers. If we were not exporting to the grid, the power retailers would have to buy dirty power at a far higher dollar rate than they pay me.</p> <p>When the world is trying to meet lower emission targets we should be being encouraged to produce clean power from the sunlight to replace that which would have to be produced in our dirty polluting coal fired power stations.</p> <p>So I say NO to being charged to export to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 19:28:22	<p>I spent over \$10,000 installing solar panels on my roof for the obvious reason that I could realise a return, however a more significant motivation was THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. Now I discover AEMC and the big power companies are working harder at screwing the individual solar person than sorting out their own inefficiencies. The next election in Queensland would be a good opportunity to "send a message" to AEMC's political masters that SOLAR has muscle when it comes to elections.</p>
2017-07-03 19:27:56	<p>I cannot understand why you wish to charge me for exporting solar back into the grid. I only have a 1.5 KW system and most times I still pay the supply charge which I thought covered the maintenance of the poles and wires. My small contribution would mainly go to houses in my neighbourhood so would have little if any detrimental effect on the grid.</p> <p>I primarily put solar on to ensure that some of my electricity came from a renewable source and when my system was installed in 2002 their was no feed in tariff and I was paid the same for peak and off peak as I was charged.</p> <p>I would appreciate it if you could explain to me your reasoning for this charge.</p>
2017-07-03 19:26:46	<p>As a proud owner of solar panels, I am already paid far less for the electricity I contribute to the grid than the amount for which you on sell it to other customers. Actually charging me for it would only exacerbate this already unfair situation, especially as power companies do not have to pay for this privilege. Why on earth should anyone be charged for PROVIDING any product or service? This is not how a market economy normally works!</p>
2017-07-03 19:24:33	<p>Making the choice to go solar was about doing my part for the environment and at the same time save money for my household. 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. Having already made a decent outlay to install panels I am still to see the benefits of going Solar financially. Charging me and others for solar exports to the grid would put more of a burden on our already stretched household finances.</p> <p>Dear Sir or Madam</p> <p>I consider that it is very unfair that solar owners be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when the big power companies do not pay a cent.</p> <p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff which recognises the benefits of solar energy.</p> <p>I put on solar power in order to reduce my carbon footprint.</p> <p>It would be an imposition to be charged for exporting solar power to the grid for my household.</p>
2017-07-03 19:19:51	<p>Please make it fair</p> <p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>As a solar panel owner i think that it is disgraceful that you are considering charging a tax on people who have out laid large amounts of money to try and help the environment. It just seems that you are ONLY concerned with big business and not the average person in the street.</p> <p>Enough is Enough.</p>
2017-07-03 19:16:55	<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>
2017-07-03 19:15:49	<p>I have installed solar panels to try to reduce the usage of fossil fuels not to encourage the use. Why are the power companies not being charged to export power?</p> <p>My offpeak supply charge rose from 11.7c to 15.1c on july 1st. My peak usage rose from 24.2c to 28.47c. This is outrageous.I can now achieve a 15c feed intarriff from July 1. A long way short of 28.47c</p>

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	<p>My husband and I took advantage of the rebates available on the installation of solar power some years ago. While we would have liked to have a higher feed in tariff, our main reason for installing solar panels was our concern for the environment. Solar infrastructure is a good investment as after the initial cost, generating power is very cheap. Investment in solar infrastructure needs to be encouraged at all levels of our community for the environment and access to cheap electricity for all the community.</p> <p>Electricity users have already been slugged for the gold plating of the poles and wires. It is completely unfair to expect us to cough up again to have access to them. People who use their own money to invest in solar panels that will assist all the community, should not be penalised. Unlike the big power companies, small generators cannot simply pass on the cost to their customers.</p> <p>We are looking at ways we can reduce our carbon footprint. If we are to be charged for connecting to the grid, then we will simply disconnect from it. In a few short years it will extremely economical to install a battery system so that we will not have to rely on the grid.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 19:14:53 2017-07-03 19:14:33</p>	<p>Like all investors, big and small, we are looking for certainty. Give us a reason to invest in small scale solar, don't charge us to use the grid we already built and paid for.</p> <p>It is unfair to charge solar users to the grid and If this does happen I will not have solar in my house in the future.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 19:14:24</p>	<p>I am writing to express my disappointment about the proposal to charge solar owners for putting clean carbon free energy into the grid. It is one of the most ridiculous suggestions that I have heard in a long time. It is unfair , discourages the use of clean energy, profits only the old dirty polluting technologies and sets back the ability to meet our renewable energy target by discouraging the use of roof top solar. I want to put solar on my house in Tasmania but am not encouraged by the very low feed in tariff and other costs. I am keenly waiting for the coming fall in battery storage that will allow me to make solar affordable. Future generations will look back at decisions like this and pull their hair out at the corrupt short sightedness of these types of policy, while they pay for the massive effects of climate change. Please consider the future in making your decision. Thank you</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p>
<p>2017-07-03 19:13:33</p>	<p>the idea that there should be any sort of cost to solar owners for exporting clean energy to the grid is abhorrent. To penalise families who are already receiving a bare minimum for any power fed back to the grid is absurd and ill-conceived. Considering the alleged shortage of electricity around this country along with continuing hikes in the cost of power, it would seem foolish to discourage other home owners from the move to solar.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 19:12:53</p>	<p>I work, pay tax, and chose solar as an long term investment for our household, and as a way that our household can be part of the transition to a clean energy future. Charging us to feed solar back into the grid if coal companies don't pay to do the same doesn't make sense. Any financial incentives/ disincentives should be aligned with the environmental impact. Solar is healthy and clean. Clean energy needs to be valued and rewarded as a contribution to the health of the wider community, not just one household.</p>
	<p>I urge you to look at the rooftops in your suburb, and you will see some of the hundreds of thousands of home solar systems that everyday Australians have put on their roofs.</p> <p>Aussies are very keen to support solar because we know it's the way of the future, and we know that our government is not adopting renewable energy at the rate that is required.</p> <p>It's grossly unfair - and un-Australian - that everyday Aussies should be charged to export their solar power to the grid.</p> <p>It's essential too that solar owners must be adequately reimbursed for supplying a significant portion of the electricity used by society.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 19:02:53</p>	
<p>2017-07-03 19:02:46</p>	<p>I call on on the AEMC to scrap any proposals to charge citizens to sell power from their solar panel systems to the grid. This is outrageous, considering the fact that we have invested a large amount of our own money to install systems to make our emissions lower and be less dependent on polluting coal-fired power stations. We are already being "ripped-off" by the energy companies, who give us a measly 6c for power we sell them, whilst charging up to 31c to on-sell it. DO NOT impose further charges on already struggling families, who have invested their hard-earned money to help the environment and the Australian economy.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 19:00:47</p>	<p>People feeding clean electricity into the grid from their home rooftop solar system, are making a valuable contribution to the grid, mostly for very little return, and these same people mostly also participate in electricity market as normal retail consumers buying power at full retail prices.</p> <p>Making them pay for feeding into the grid is wrong.</p> <p>Far more important would be to encourage the dirty energy companies to advance into the current century by closing down their old fashioned generating plants and becoming clean energy companies themselves. If they had to pay to dump their dirty energy into the grid but could avoid those costs by moving to clean energy, it would provide an incentive to accelerate the essential and inevitable transition.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 18:59:45</p>	<p>I already pay in the form of the tiny rebate offered. My service fee is larger than my consumption. It is totally rigged.</p>

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	<p>We live in a coal mining area and over the last 15 years we have watched our town be destroyed econically - good money for a while for those that worked in the industry - industry closed down, high unemployment, high crime, we personally have lost \$100,000 on one house property. All for the dirty coal industry. We want to use renewable energy so that in 100 years time Australians can enjoy living in a country like we do now.</p> <p>Clean energy is the only way to go!!!!</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 is the second house we have put solar on.</p>
2017-07-03 18:59:33	<p>We put solar on our house to not only use clean energy, but also to assist us with the costs of educating our children. The less we pay in energy the more we can use to send our children to a good school, allow them to have extra curricular activities and help them achieve their educational and life time goals.</p>
2017-07-03 18:56:03	<p>This is like the banks asking for payment when you deposit some funds in your account.</p>
2017-07-03 18:54:54	<p>What else are they going to charge us for? It is like charging people because of the number of breaths they're taking during anyone day!</p>
2017-07-03 18:50:52	<p>Please do not tax the folks who are helping to address global warming and making private investments in solar. We need parity in the price of a kw we generate not a penalty. Please support us. It will have a negative impact on my household and will discourage others from investing in solar power. We need to move forward. It is our obligation.</p>
	<p>Do you really consider it fair to charge solar owners for feeding their excess power onto the grid? You already sell it on to your other customers for a handsome profit.</p>
	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p>
	<p>Please do not charge solar panel owners for supplying their electricity back to the grid. It is highly unethical to disadvantage providers of clean energy in relation to providers of dirty polluting energy like coal. With everything that is currently known and widely excepted about the realities of climate change, continuously trying to discourage Australians to take up clean energy, to try and keep protecting the coal industry is getting continuously more absurd. Australia will be left behind economically if it is not going with the times and letting go of their sickening dependence on fossil fuels and trying to protect this industry by introducing legislation trying to disadvantage renewable energy. Please keep it real and try to embrace the current century instead of trying to stay in the previous one.</p>
2017-07-03 18:49:04	<p>People purchase solar panels to save money and/or to protect the environment. Feeding power back into the grid is a benefit to us all and especially to our earth. This proposal is not only unfair, it is a seriously retrograde step. Unconscionable.</p>
2017-07-03 18:48:53	
2017-07-03 18:48:39	<p>I hope that this government realises that they will all be out of a job come the next election .This is akin to the moron MP who wanted to charge people for the rainwater they collect .</p>
	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p>
	<p>Please reconsider your position about charging solar owners for feeding electricity into the grid. This is an environmentally irresponsible position being taken up.</p>
	<p>We need to as a society reward those that use and produce renewable energy rather than the opposite.</p>
	<p>Any further charges would cause economic hardship having already invested thousands.</p>
	<p>The politician that has a sound environmental position will also have my vote at the next election/s.</p>
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2017-07-03 18:44:43	<p>At a time when we are encouraged to be environmentally active how can you expect us to be negatively impacted by doing the right thing for the future of the planet.</p>
	<p>I am against any proposal to charge solar owner a feed-in tariff. The reasons we went solar was because it is better for a cleaner planet, and people were tired of summer blackouts due to demand surges. You can't have it both ways, the power-outs are no more - so leave solar investors alone.</p>
2017-07-03 18:44:41	<p>At a time when people are struggling to pay their power bills and old technologies are driving up the cost of energy, we need to encourage and support those who are making the switch to solar.</p>
2017-07-03 18:43:31	<p>Why should the individual public be hit in the hip pocket once again, when the government wanted the public to go solar. Now we are being penalised for trying to do the right thing and help the environment.</p>
2017-07-03 18:39:43	<p>I put solar on because I was trying to help the household finances and also have cleaner energy for future generations.</p>
	<p>t 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>
2017-07-03 18:38:26	<p>Home Solar contributors pay GST on their consumption but get none for their export which automatically makes home solar worth less than power from the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 18:37:24	<p>We are self funded retirees and are struggling already as we lost almost all of our part pension when the new asset test was applied at the beginning of the year.</p>

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2017-07-03 18:36:50	I feel that it is unfair to charge solar owners for the privilege of exporting power to the grid when this power is then being sold to other customers. Are power companies charged to provide power? Already the feed-in tariffs have been reduced to a minimal amount and the daily cost of connection to the grid increased considerably. As a solar owner, I shall be installing a battery and going off-grid if the costs of being on the grid rise any more.
2017-07-03 18:35:57	Should a levy be imposed to provide profits to large corporate generators, then I believe it should be up to all solar home users to coordinate isolation switch testing on an appropriate day and time to ensure that the networks can cope with the sudden unavailability of power leveraged at unconscionable prices from small solar home systems.
2017-07-03 18:35:37	I find it unfair and unreasonable to impose an export charge on small scale household solar generators as there are no negative consequences for helping the grid in a decentralised scenario.
2017-07-03 18:35:15	It is my belief large generators do not pay a feed in tax and possibly because they lobby with dollars, but don't forget, we lobby in numbers. I have solar on my roof for two reasons, economic and environmental. 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 believe there should be one rule for all. If the power company's don't have to pay why should we? That's why its called a vote I intend to use mine.
2017-07-03 18:33:50	thieves liars
	I recently came across one angry solar panel owner who posted on Facebook about being charged \$60 a month on her electricity bills, even though her household is producing on average double the energy that it consumes. She questioned whether there was any use in having invested in solar in the first place – and it's a very good question.
	Victorians with rooftop solar are being ripped off. The state Labor government recently ended the Transitional Feed-in Tariff (TFIT) scheme and the Standard Feed-in Tariff scheme (SFIT). Over the past five years, these schemes had ensured solar owners were paid at least 25¢ per kilowatt hour for energy they fed back into the grid.
2017-07-03 18:33:36	But since January 1, these households are now paid between 5 and 7¢ – even though electricity companies can on-sell that very same electricity for up to 29¢ per kilowatt hour. This means your power company can now pay you 5¢ for solar energy you produce, and then charge your neighbour 29¢ per kilowatt hour for using it, even though the electrons have only travelled next door. 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 (ref: solar citizens) 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 a "kick in the guts" to charge to export when feed in is already a paltry 7c. We installed solar to offset our use with a growing family and conscious of our energy needs and effect on the environment especially in Aus summer. We also did it to try and control / budget our family's electricity costs due to significant increases in the cost of power (and proposed increases) largely in WA due to inefficient power generation but now we are actually going to be charged more?
2017-07-03 18:31:49	Thank you
2017-07-03 18:30:45	Imposing a charge on feeding into the grid from a domestic solar array will reduce the take up of such installations by the public and thus reduce much needed new energy production. The benefit received from the input is minimal so additional costs are unwarranted and counter-productive. Please do not proceed with this idea.
2017-07-03 18:28:35	I would like to make it quite clear that we solar owners already know we are being ripped off by the companies with 6c a kwt hour for putting our power back into the grid and then being charged over 27c at night for us to buy it back..When are these companies going to get fair with small owners that have struggled to get solar on for fear we will not be able to keep up with our electricity bills. Just to try to think up ways to make us pay more at every turn. We are Pensioners and are having a hard time already, we don't need you to make it even harder. I put solar panels to make a difference to the environment that I will be part of leaving to my grand-children.
2017-07-03 18:25:35	There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean power to the grid when dirty coal derived power does not. Solar is the future. As batteries continue to be developed and become more affordable energy prices will lower substantially. The health and environmental benefits of solar are undoubted. Why on earth should solar owners be charged to export their power to the grid? It's not as though the energy companies don't make big profits from our solar. The big dirty coal companies don't pay a fee for this. Solar doesn't require all the poles and wires. The feed-in tariff must rise and the ridiculous claim for a charge for exporting solar must be seen for what it is--
2017-07-03 18:24:44	corporate greed and environmental vandalism!

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	<p>Dear Sir/ Madam,</p> <p>I strongly believe that it would be grossly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large power companies utilizing polluting coal and gas fired plants don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>Moreover, 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>
2017-07-03 18:24:39	<p>My family installed solar panels some years ago because there environmental benefits, not just to us but to all Australians. I believe it would be unfair to make us pay to provide that benefit to the community by charging us to utilize the grid!</p>
2017-07-03 18:24:02	<p>Please, accept the future. Stop standing in the way of progress. Please let my grandchildren have a life.</p> <p>When are you going to do something for the people who try and do the right thing by installing solar panels. To drop the rebate from 60 cents to 6 cents per kw/h is ridiculous. Now for some nimrod to put forward a submission to charge people to export power to the grid is just the icing on the cake. How about just paying us a reasonable amount and stop shafting the every day citizen and kowtowing to the mega rich companies who probably pay bugger all tax.</p>
2017-07-03 18:24:02	<p>We as solar owners shouldn't have to pay to feed our energy back to the grid, especially when the big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate and the terrible impact it has on the environment and the future of our children and future generations to come. Allowing an unfair charge would punish us and the other Australian families who have decided to do the right thing and are trying to producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally. The costs that these companies are now charging us is astronomical and we are struggling to pay our power bills as it is, so by going solar we were not only making our budget easier to manage but also helping our community and environment at the same time.</p>
2017-07-03 18:20:27	<p>I am a solar owner and people should be given every encouragement to go this way and fit to a system that helps the country move to renewables. Solar users should be treated fairly. I generate clean energy which I contribute to the State grid. I should receive a fair input tariff, certainly not charged for this contribution. Being charged to provide energy to the grid that the energy companies then charge for is outrageous.</p> <p>I installed solar power to make a contribution to the environment and certainly don't expect to be charged for this.</p> <p>The Federal Government and the AEMC should take a lead from other countries, such as the Netherlands, and actually promote and encourage the use of renewable energy. We live in a sun-rich country so let's make the most of it.</p>
2017-07-03 18:16:36	<p>I believe the only reason renewable energy is not promoted in Australia is due to the influence the big power companies have on our politicians and statutory bodies. Let's have some honesty for a change and encourage solar power.</p>
2017-07-03 18:14:17	<p>You were quite happy to see me spend \$10,000 on solar panels 7 years ago to top up your inadequate supply system. Now you want to charge me. Not good enough. !!!</p>
2017-07-03 18:12:28	<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>
2017-07-03 18:11:16	<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>You pay us a pittance for the power we produce. If you start charging us we will withdraw and feed our power into our own grid to feed our power needs. We are pensioners who have invested in solar to help ourselves and you don't kill the golden goose.</p>
	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I understand you are considering a fee for residential solar power users who feed excess electricity into the grid. This appears to be an extremely poor idea for a number of reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Solar owners like myself on the voluntary FIT rate of 12c do not make a profit from being a solar owner. The network charges far outweigh the FIT return. The electricity companies receiving the network charges make extremely large profits. What possible justification is there for asking residential solar owners to further subsidise those profits? 2) High solar FIT rates and no solar network fees is the cheapest way to use taxpayer funds to encourage private investment in renewable energy because residential customers like myself are 'irrational' economic actors and are willing to invest in solar generation even when the costs outweigh the returns for over a decade. 3) Introducing a solar network fee could, depending on its scale, dramatically increase the likelihood that I will purchase a battery system that allows me to disconnect from the grid entirely. Even with no solar network fees, it is likely to be profitable for me to disconnect from the grid within a few years unless the solar FIT is increased.
2017-07-03 18:09:35	<p>I urge you to firmly reject plans to introduce solar network fees.</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. I for one will not pay such and unfair tariff and will go off grid and store my own power with batteries.</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. We think the billionaire power companies and the coal barrons have too much say in this debate and you should rethink your position.</p>
2017-07-03 18:07:49	
2017-07-03 18:06:40	Dear sir instead of charging solar owners for the electricity they produce and export to the grid how about paying market rates for the CLEAN power they are producing
2017-07-03 18:04:18	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.
2017-07-03 18:03:00	<p>Unfair</p> <p>We are now at a critical time in our history where it is essential that we take every step we can to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. It's definitely not the time to make it harder for the general public to actively participate in emissions reduction by generating non-polluting renewable energy.</p> <p>Please ensure that people generating clean renewable energy are not disadvantaged for exporting that energy to the national grid. They should be rewarded with a fair feed-in tariff and not punished with charges that are not levied on high emission companies generating from coal and gas.</p> <p>There are many people who have made a great effort by taking on the expense of installing solar systems on their houses and business premises. There are also many community installations organised over quite a number of years through many local clean energy groups. These efforts are grassroots responses to a critical climate crisis and should be supported by being justly and fairly rewarded with a realistic feed-in tariff without unnecessary bureaucratic charges. They will continue unless hurdles like charges on exporting electricity to the grid are introduced, making it too difficult or expensive to make a worthwhile community contribution.</p>
2017-07-03 18:01:23	<p>It's time to support community efforts to assist in the reduction of our greenhouse gas emissions."</p> <p>I am very concerned that solar owners might be penalised for feeding their CLEAN energy into the grid. Small solar producers are taking pressure off the grid and selling energy to power companies for pennies, which the companies are then selling on for a huge profit. We are therefore subsidising their business. The power infrastructure is owned by the people of NSW, not power companies, so it is not right that they get an unfair advantage over solar owners. Solar owners should be paid a fair feed in tariff for this power we produce. Every kilowatt we produce reduces pollution.</p> <p>I invested in solar to be able to better manage my expenses. If I will be charged for feeding my power into the grid, I will invest again - this time in batteries- so I can keep control.</p> <p>I don't agree with the government intentions to tax us for helping the nation by putting out for energy help.</p> <p>We should not have to pay to have our electricity added to the grid. This is just another grab for more money to add to the outrageous price hikes already charged.</p> <p>how is this giving the market certainty?? Sounds like a class action coming if this happens</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>As a solar owner and user I think its disgusting that you even contemplate charging people like myself to export excess electricity back to the grid.</p> <p>You don't charge Synergy to send it to the grid, so why should I be charged for the pittance i send back?</p> <p>To make matters worse, I was forced to have a new meter installed at my cost so that I could send excess back to the grid when I had the solar system installed. So in essence, I have already paid for the "privilege" to send my excess to the grid....</p> <p>If I had had the option at the time, I would have had batteries installed and sent nothing back to the grid and instead become totally self sufficient....but that wasn't the case and I am not in a position to make it so as yet.</p> <p>If you insist on instituting this "solar tax" (which it is by any other name!) then all you will succeed in doing is forcing people like myself to hasten our departure from the grid entirely, thus losing any income the suppliers/retailers could have otherwise had.</p>
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Date

Your submission

I'm not sure what is happening to our great country. Charging us money to put the energy our systems have made back into the grid, is just stupid. They don't seem to realize, that's why we went to the expense of putting the systems in.

Perhaps the companies would prefer we didn't make our electricity and not put it in their (our) grid. Very soon, even now we can pay an amount of money for a system that will work completely independent and so we won't need their power and when that comes a little more affordable, a lot of people will very strongly consider using that system. Taking into account the unrealistic continuous price increases to feed these greedy bastards, it can't happen soon enough. These companies have to realize that there are a lot of people who just can't keep on paying these high prices. Privatization was supposed to make power, gas, water, amalgamated councils fees cheaper, when in fact, we now pay ridiculous money to a CEO in all the companies instead of just one. Words can not be strong enough to condemn this continuous grab for cash by power, water, gas and other companies that supply things we have to use. I think I have made my point as to how I feel about unrealistic price increases by unrealistic companies who really don't seem to care. Have you ever seen a CEO going cold in the middle of winter or summer, who can't afford to put food on the table, who go to work, (when they go) bare footed, No I don't believe so. They should try it sometime, just to experience what they cause to the people who are doing it hard, and there's plenty of them. Years ago they could work with it by becoming a little bit organized with there money, but not now, they just can't afford to live here anymore, and there's plenty of them.

They really are Greedy, inconsiderate, selfish people and our good state and federal governments do nothing about it except telling us they can't do anything about it. Rubbish, utter rubbish, because partly, the higher the bill, the more GST, money collected for doing absolutely nothing. Enough of me,

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This will be another nail in the coffin for the power industry. Don't do it.

I believe the intent to allow solar power users to be charged for feeding power in to the network is unfair and will not ultimately benefit the power producers. The reason I believe this, is that those of us who have solar (and I am a 73 year old retiree) will just remove ourselves from the network totally, particularly now that storage capacity is not only improving but also reducing in cost. State Governments, who have run the power services for many years have gained massive returns and driven the networks into the ground by failing to renew, or update not only the power production facilities but also the line networks. These have been sold off for short term financial advantage and under contracts (secretive ones at that) which protect the new purchasers from losses due to increased solar or other cheap and eco friendly power production capacity in individuals hands rather than in businesses hands. I imagine that if these protections do not provide the support to the new purchasers of power production or networks Government (and therefore the taxpayers) will be required to fill the losses. Such actions have already been seen in NSW where the Government has entered in to public/private agreements and been required to make major payouts or accept losses. It is about time that the people are supported in their acceptance of solar and other eco friendly power, and the need to reduce greenhouse gasses, by encouragement rather than additional unwarranted and unreasonable charges to increase the available power in the network. We should encourage all Australians, with cheap financial assistance where required, to become part of the solar network. I accept that this would increase power costs elsewhere as companies attempt to get a return on the funds expended in purchasing the networks and power production, but should Australians be responsible for supporting a failing power system. I think NOT.

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It is another unfair tax on people providing clean alternative power for personal use and also this measure will deter people from investing in cheap clean power.

To the powers that be,
the AEMC are apparently again considering allowing solar owners to be charged for putting energy into the grid. Why? Who is losing out when they do so? Only the coal fired power stations. They are already subsidised by not having to pay the pollution costs of their emissions, since the carbon tax was withdrawn. Why penalise clean energy producers, who are reducing emissions by replacing dirty energy, thus saving external costs, i.e. saving the health and lives of people and of all nature, e.g. coral reefs for starters.
We have just installed a new solar system with battery storage, so will be exporting our excess to the grid and recouping the cost of the system over an estimated 8 years or so. This depends on the FIT we get from our retailer. I am glad to say that the retailer has just increased our FIT by 50%. This is the opposite to what you are recommending. Are you, like the IPA in the pocket of the fossil fuel industry and resisting our attempts to reduce emissions?
You should also know that we need to double our emissions reduction targets to meet the Paris goal of 1.5 degrees of warming, so all efforts to reduce emissions should be encouraged, not penalised.

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it is unfair on solar owners not to get a fair feed in to the grid tariff.

After the money I have recently spent installing solar panels I find it incredible that you will now charge me for feeding back into the grid!

Tell em their dreaming!

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To the AEMC, I would like to report that I feel that it is very wrong that these who chose to have solar panels, should ever need to pay for the priveledge by having to pay to the grid for the electricity they have stored.

Date	Your submission
2017-07-03 17:43:06	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I wish to submit the following considerations for the proposal of charging solar owners for providing clean energy to the grid.</p> <p>1. Why charge individual small-scale solar producers when large scale coal based power companies do not pay, indeed THEY are subsidised? Surely energy prices should be the market prices that a level playing field should produce, using the true cost of energy to determine pricing, and if this were the case, solar producers should be paid more for their feed-in rate to reflect the cleaner, lower cost of the energy they produce. Polluters should be charged a rate that better reflects the true cost of coal and gas.</p> <p>Our family now contributes clean energy to the grid - at three times the rate that we use energy. We should not be penalised for contributing to the energy grid system, with panels that we installed at our own expense.</p> <p>I also submit that the feed-in tariff for solar energy should reflect the benefits to the environment and the consequent reduced carbon emissions. The feed-in tariff should be increased.</p> <p>Many thanks for considering my submission</p>
2017-07-03 17:41:11	<p>It is totally wrong not to say immoral to penalise those who recognized the future of power supply and who were prepared to put their own money up to invest in that future at a time when the current government people were denying the need for or sense of solar energy, Since those same people came to power they have never stopped trying (through their Coal Power Cronies) to reduce or eliminate the feed in tariff and having failed at that they are looking to 'recover' the feed in tariff with these disgraceful plans of charges to 'accept' the energy our foresight create on our behalf - their behalf and on behalf of our corner of the world in general. Shame on the power brokers for stealing our efforts in order to create a decline in the solar take up just so the Coal Mine owners AND their conservative shareholders can keep burning coal and filling their pockets at the expense of their own children's future.</p>
2017-07-03 17:40:38	<p>How could it even be considered to tax us for exporting our solar power to the grid just look at what other countries are doing and for once take notice</p>
2017-07-03 17:40:03	<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</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>When I retired 11 years ago I purchased a Toyota Prius because I believed that I should do my bit to lessen the impact on our environment of petrol driven cars. We made the decision to invest most of our savings into a small solar system for similar reasons. But we object to a change in the rules that impact on people trying to do the right thing for the environment. The Commonwealth and some State Governments are not listening to the people who elect them, but to an industry that has a huge investment interest in the status quo. Australia is a lucky country, blessed with an abundance of natural resources: solar power and other forms of renewable energies, together with local storage, are the obvious solutions for a future balanced power system.</p>
2017-07-03 17:38:55	<p>Why should I have to pay a levy so that I can get ripped off by high prices from suppliers who make bigger and bigger profits to send overseas. YOU must think we are stupid, who don't know how to vote you out of office.</p>
2017-07-03 17:38:45	<p>While I tolerate paying 4 times for electricity I extract from the grid over what I get back for generating electricity back into the grid, the thought of having to pay to add electricity is just astonishing. If a decent battery system was in place the future of an all solar world in Australia with everyone contributing may even occur and we could all look forward to a carbon free system.</p>
2017-07-03 17:38:20	<p>Don't be daft! WE are the producers of the power and we sell it to you at a very low price. If you make us BUY the power we produce, we'll go off-grid and become completely self-sufficient. Then you've got nothing - no cheap power and no income. It's a no-brainer.</p>
2017-07-03 17:35:51	<p>Should solar energy producers be charged for the use of the grid it would encourage me and probably a lot of Australian solar energy owners to much more strongly consider energy independence from the grid. I hope that the AEMC will consider these knock on effects before introducing a charge on grid usage which does not seem to apply to fossil fuel sources of energy which pollute our atmosphere causing global warming and earlier deaths for older citizens. Be reasonable!</p>
2017-07-03 17:33:21	<p>I paid thousands for solar equipment in 2015, entered a contract that has elapsed and have had low export value return since. Do not require me to pay export fees if you wish to promote environmental friendly answers to electricity supply.</p>
2017-07-03 17:32:00	<p>I put in solar panels to mainly help the environment. The energy company in WA at the time was having blackouts because of overloads in the summer so thought this would help also. Plus to lessen the payout on bills.</p>
2017-07-03 17:29:00	<p>Now they want to make money off us, we did the right thing and now they want to punish us and gouge us for their incompetence of not seeing the future coming. They have already short changed us on the feed in tariff prices and then upped the supply charges for everyone. You'll be sorry, I'm going to get battery storage to go off the grid and if we all do thiswhere will you get the money from then....Your just a bunch of Robbers!!!!</p>
2017-07-03 17:28:31	<p>There can be no justification for this blatant attempt to penalise well-intentioned electricity consumers who have installed (at their own expense) systems to supplement their power supply. Pricing of electricity in Australia is already unfairly manipulated to guarantee the profits of the major generators, and the bulk of these profits go out of Australia.</p>
2017-07-03 17:28:28	<p>Recognise that generation using fossil fuels, which are NEVER clean, has a very limited lifetime, so please use your authority to speed the transition to renewables, for the sake of future generations!</p> <p>Australian citizens who have invested in solar PV electricity generation should be treated equally with other power generators. With a whopping 25c per kWh profit that retailers make when solar systems pump energy into the grid there is no need to charge them extra.</p>

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2017-07-03 17:24:48	<p>why are you letting this happen. Those of us who have put solar on our houses are being responsible and we are being charged more for doing the right thing. Don't let this happen it is wrong.</p>
2017-07-03 17:21:07	<p>It adds insult to injury that solar owners would be charged to export clean, renewable energy to the grid when large companies which create power from polluting and non-renewable energy don't have to. This is a reflection of the negative and deceptive lobbying surrounding the energy conversation , which is overwhelming sensible and fair energy decisions.</p>
2017-07-03 17:21:00	<p>A feed-in tariff should recognise the environmental advantages which solar energy has over non-renewable energy, as well as acknowledge solar energy providers as producers in their own right and therefore ought to be paid for their contribution.</p>
2017-07-03 17:19:26	<p>I bought solar as it was a long term gain in reduced electricity costs as well as my way not to be part of the problem of global warming. My family is a low-income household and we will resent this extra charge as it is unfair and unreasonable. It is very close to fraud.</p>
2017-07-03 17:19:01	<p>I have paid for my solar panels to help the planet. You can't charge me to use something that is free to all mankind!!! As a pensioner who used scarce resources to install solar power so I could manage my electricity bills I am appalled at this latest money grab by the AEMC. To be charged to feed any electricity excess that I generate in the grid defeats the whole purpose of installing solar panels. It is also grossly unfair as the power stations do not pay for the power they feed into the grid. It is obvious that the AEMC needs to work with Government to develop a whole new model to manage the increases in self generation and the ordinary user should not be ripped off because of lack of planning foresight. I will contacting my local MP's about this theft.</p>
2017-07-03 17:17:37	<p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged for supplying energy to the grid when other power generators are not charged. There should be a fair feed in tariff since solar owners cover the up front cost of installing panels themselves or no cost to power generators who may be using less clean energy sources. It would be unfair to further disadvantage people with further costs 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 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 solar on our rooftop for environmental benefit's and to save money on my bill as everything is getting so expensive these days. Also the impact that charging me for my solar exports to the grid would have on your household budget. The small pay rise I get each year does not keep up with inflation We installed solar panels with 5.4kWh(peak) capacity and a battery, because we believed the nation's electricity generators and governments were not doing enough, and not doing it quickly enough, to address climate change. The major impact we have observed is that the systems work well and monitoring is very good. However, electricity supply companies actively work against small-scale generators, manually altering electricity bills to annul credits for electricity produced. This is consistent with their desire to eliminate all of their input costs, but it is fraudulent. Only the threat of legal action is able to overcome their fraud.</p>
2017-07-03 17:16:16	<p>Small-scale electricity generators should not pay more than others to connect to the electricity grid. Small-scale generators are typically householders who already pay about \$70 per quarter for a standard connection, the same as their neighbours. Secondly, electricity companies typically price the energy they sell at twice that of the energy they receive from small-scale generators. This margin should cover all their costs very easily, and provide handsome profits. The ratio of prices for consumers and generators should be between one (1) and two (2). i.e. if the consumer price is 16c/kWh, then the producer price should be between 16c/kWh and 8c/kWh. Not Zero, and Not Negative.</p> <p>Charging me to export my energy to the grid is worse than the theft caused by the power companies altering their bills, which they do as a matter of course, until challenged by legal process.</p> <p>Charging me to export energy to the grid will encourage me to either shut down my generation once my battery is full or buy more batteries until I can disconnect from the grid.</p> <p>Charging me to export energy to the grid is equivalent to a negative Carbon Tax, in which high-emission generators are paid by low-emission generators. For the sake of all your grand-children, this is wrong and must be reversed.</p> <p>Your grand-children need a carbon tax, too. If it is not re-instituted soon, it will have to be very much higher when it is introduced.</p>

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	<p>we put in an expensive solar system to make a long term decision of controlling our power usage.</p> <p>we work with in the power frame our solar allows.</p> <p>We make a climate positive difference also.</p> <p>We created work for people to sell and install the system and also ongoing in cleaning and maintaining.</p>
2017-07-03 17:15:07	<p>Its a total scam for now to be penalised for being involved in a positive way of creating power simply because its about shareholders holding us to ransom.....this is nothing short of a scam by power retailers/networks.</p> <p>I believe it is essential to have a "mix" of clean energy sources in Australia as pollution from older dirty power stations is bad for the environment and consequently causes more health problems. His adds expense to the medical services provided.</p> <p>We live on Central Coast and installed solar panels some years ago in accordance with our principles. We have been satisfied with the results.</p> <p>However we believe a fair price should be paid for the excess power we generate and feed into the grid.</p> <p>We are appalled to read that we may be charged for feeding power into the grid, when the power stations do not incur this cost. If this was the case we would be loathe to use our system as we cannot afford extra on our bills.</p> <p>We hope that you re-examine the logistics of power supply and provide some incentive for more people to install solar panels and be paid for their contribution to the energy necessary to run our economy.</p>
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2017-07-03 17:13:34	<p>The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), who make the rules that govern the electricity market. Useless second class citizens(public officers). unable to manage a simple utility. 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. Charging people to input into the grid will only drive more people off the grid and to stand alone. This is counter productive to what a future decentralized system should look like and would be a real shot through your own foot.</p>
2017-07-03 17:13:03	<p>It is totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid when big power companies do not pay anything. there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environment and health benefit solar, along with the network savings that solar provides the grid. Around the time that I received my back-pay was informed of the benefits of having solar to the environment and to me financially. I am in a situation now having had injuries to my leg - having surgery, my marriage breakdown three years ago and now a pensioner - I am barely coping with my pension and you can imagine the impact that these extra unfair charges would have on my budget.</p>
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2017-07-03 17:12:12	<p>Solar owners need to be rewarded, not penalised, for taking the environmentally responsible choice with electricity generation.</p>
2017-07-03 17:11:28	<p>If charged to input to network i`am happy to turn my systems off.Lets see if the network can handle all solar providers switching off net metering this should test availability to supply.</p>

Date

Your submission

I'm appalled to hear that there is a proposal intended to 'mandate' an additional fixed charge to solar owners for simply contributing surplus 'clean' power into the grid.

As a solar owner who has invested \$15k, I currently won't even break even with my outlay for another 6 years as I installed my service long after all the govt subsidy FIT's etc had passed. I currently receive no govt rebates/incentives for the surplus power I contribute. Another 'unfair' fee is outrageous !'

My Retail energy company purchases my surplus energy at a significantly reduced price, and then resells each unit of power onto their other retail customers (incl myself at Night for example). The retailer saves 50% compared to buying from the coal fired generation companies (ie via the NEMA aggregate spot price) ... so as a green producer, I am already giving a benefit to the environment, making my retailer more 'competitive', reducing the demand of the coal generation providers, and liable for the long term maintenance/up time of my own generation system. Now why should I pay a cent more toward the infrastructure which is more capable of handling back-fed power at the lower distribution end that is fed in at such low rates that the net effect on the local suburbia power distribution system is NIL..... So there is no need for any 'charge' to 'maintain' the infrastructure.

Any fee hikes (that are genuinely justified) should be shared in the fixed price model already in existence. All power users should pay the same... And those who don't elect to go solar (yet) should be paying proportionately more - inline with Kyoto and the energy policy's implemented in Australia to help reach our targets.

If you want to seriously fix the energy crisis in Australia in a non-polluting manner, then get real, and get back on board with setting adequate policy's in place to looking at cultivating solar, wind and tidal solutions. While I'm not opposed to fossil fuels (or Nuclear for that matter), I do agree we should NOT waste a technological opportunity to use cleaner methods where they are fit for purpose. If base power is an issue (the other debate circling the country at present), then maybe start to incentivise/attract large scale infrastructure investment in the two modern methods of deal with that issue - Gas Turbines (Australia has PLENTY of CHEAP Gas) or take the leap, and go Nuclear.... but I guess that level of abundance of energy would mean there is not enough profit in it for the private sector.

As an Engineer, I am already in the midst' of trialling/exploring Battery energy storage systems. My current long term plan has always fell short of fully disconnecting from the grid as security of supply is important. None-the-less, security of supply will (eventually) be the only feature that differentiates the old fashioned utility system from the a household off-grid system. As the price of electricity is increasing 7x the inflation rate it's getting easier to justify 'going it alone'... I can't see that ever being good for a generation company long term prospects.

In my case, if these unfair measures are introduced, I will certainly change my future planning and move towards investing in a home solution that removes any dependence from the grid (incl combo solar/battery/diesel generation system).... If the govt is going to endorse a system to punish Solar users, then I vote to 'get off the grid' completely, ... and show others this is a real option that is not just for small farms (who have been doing the same for years). The technology is here right now !... And burning diesel fuel to charge batteries/supply power to supplement my Solar is certainly a feasible option.

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Regards

This is beyond regressive - it is immoral. Since we got solar put on in 2012, our bills have gone from being in credit to paying bills that seem almost as high as before we got solar. But while our bills are a struggle, the impact that removing solar incentives would have on our environment is of far greater concern. What kind of planet do you want your children to inherit?

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This move is at grossly odds with the mood of the wider community.

To the AEMC:

Please take into consideration that solar on rooftops actually helps the grid and could do even more with some incentive. There could be the equivalent of an extra power station feeding in - and without the capital cost to the energy companies.

Our family invested in solar to help the planet not to get a hand-out, but we expect that our efforts will be appreciated not penalised.

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Thank you

Date	Your submission
	<p>to the Australian Energy Market Commission Dear Sir / Madam With disbelieve I have heard that you are considering to allow energy companies to charge for solar power to be fed back into the grid. I am totally against that idea and hope you will not allow such change as it will undermine the badly needed expansion of solar power production in this country. It is also totally unfair in a financial sense. Already the energy retailers profit from the feed in solar power as they on-sell the power as green power with a premium price tag. The constant undermining of the renewable energy sector in this country is a disgrace. As a German migrant, having watched a totally different and supportive policy working well in my old country, I cannot believe how shortsighted and backwards looking the Australian Governments are in regard to the support renewable energy. I urge you not to undermine especially the solar energy sector even further by adding another charge for installing or owning solar power in private homes. It would also push people even harder to disconnect from the grid all together and to turn their current grid connect systems in a stand alone power system with battery back up. This is not a good outcome! Australia could be the Saudi Arabia in renewable power production, distribution and storage. Let's embrace this wonderful opportunity.</p>
2017-07-03 17:08:52	<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>
2017-07-03 17:08:28	<p>Charging me to export to the gris seems un fair as the amount I recieve is about 6 cents per KWH whwew as the Electricity marketer charge a premium for "Green Energy"</p>
2017-07-03 17:08:04	<p>If power companies want paying when the provide then they should pay when they take power. Power companies have not provided enough power and could not for decades now they want to steal it to make up for over paid incompetent management that they have become bloated with the ease of changing the rules. Rather than lean from doing the job. I find the possibility of charging solar owners for exporting power to the grid totally ridiculous and dishonest. I invested in a solar system to reduce personal costs in the long term and help reduce greenhouse effects also for the long term. What should be happening is a fair recompense for the power exported to the grid be paid to solar owners, considering the cost that energy suppliers charge users. I re-iterate that I am totally against charging solar owners for putting power back into the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 17:07:48	<p>I am a T4 paraplegic who fortunately installed panels on my Albury Regional property just before my accident. I have no thermal control and rely on my AC systems to control my body temperature. Without these systems I would be unable to live in my home as I can become hyper and hypo thermic very rapidly. To even contemplate this action is grossly unfair. To even consider a proposal for solar owners to be charged to export power to the grid when the big power companies don't have to pay a cent is a disgrace and effectively double dipping. 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>
2017-07-03 17:07:07	<p>I put panels to the max allowable to reduce my bill not increase it Retrospective actions such as this is total bastardry.</p>

Date

Your submission

To: AEMC
Re: Proposal to charge solar owners for feeding electricity back to the grid

I am appalled that anyone thinks that this is a good and acceptable idea Except perhaps the AEMC

Please convince me why I should be charged for my unused solar electricity to be fed back into the grid?

. I get paid 6 cents per kWh for my electricity

. I and others are then charged around 24 - 29 Cents per kWh to buy it back for use when our solar panels are not producing.

Then on top of that you propose charging me for sending my electricity to the grid, which then earns the energy provider approximately 6 times what I get paid for it?

Where is the fairness and logic in that??

Also I understand that the companies producing electricity with coal - a much dirtier to the environment system - do not and will not be issued with a similar charge?

Where is the fairness and logic in that? To coin a well known phrase .."please explain".

We and others went to the expense and trouble of installing rooftop solar not only to, once the ROI was achieved, save on our personal electricity costs but also in an effort to, in a small way, be environmentally aware in producing clean renewable energy - the excess production of which supplements the grid. And now you want to charge us for the "privilege" of feeding our daily unused supply, for which we are paid a pittance, back to the grid?

Where is the fairness and logic in that? Please explain.

Last but not least, I know in our personal case that should such a charge come in and it effectively negates the already pitiful amount we receive, we will be left with only two alternatives- both of which will make our small contribution to the grid totally unavailable -

. Invest in a battery system do we only use our own power and go totally off grid

Or

. Have the solar panels "turned off" and only use grid power.

I can see no other alternative.

In short I see this charge as being purely and simply a money grabbing plan. If it were truly fair the charge would be across the board - private solar and big company producers.

I sincerely hope commonsense and fairness prevail and that this idea is dropped NEVERTHELESS to rear it's ugly head again.

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Yours hopefully

I believe it to be grossly unfair to be charged to send my clean renewable solar generated power back to the grid when the dirty coal generation companies do not, i believe there should be a much fairer feed in tariff to recognize the enviromental and health benefits of solar power. we put solar panels on our roof to save some money for us as well as reducing our carbon footprint a new feed in tariff will jeopardize this and make us rethink our future.

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Cost of living is bad enough for the general public, many of us have done our part to reduce our foot print to help towards a better future. Do not charge us for the power we put in to the grid, we already have solar charges on our bill, double dipping is not on. Why much the public be charged for everything when businesses avoid everything from taxes to bills. Surely some politician out there wants to help the public. How much does a company pay for their power compared to the public, 6c vs 29c, already unballanced enough, don't make it worse for the struggling little guy.

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PLEASE consider those of us who in good faith, have installed solar panels. It has been very upsetting, the changes that have taken place regarding our rebate. Please do not penalise us any more than we already have been.

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	<p>It's of no surprise that this is all about helping the dirty power industries make unreasonable profits at the expense of our environment. We have reduced our once well managed Electricity Commissions down to a mismanaged shambles. There is no way that the Power Industry would be in such a state if they were still Government owned and there is no doubt that the latest technology would be operating at this time. Especially Solar, wind and other renewable energy systems. I was a member of a team doing preliminary design for a geothermal power station in SA back in 1971. This never eventuated. Shame. We need to harness all the renewable energy we can and this means incorporating every generating resource we can. This means that any system that generates renewable energy should be connected to the grid and we should pay a reasonable amount for that power. Dirty energy has no place today and to support it shows a lack of responsibility in managing Global Warming.</p>
2017-07-03 16:58:50	<p>I also believe that the re-introduction of the carbon tax is the only way to encourage clean energy generation and consumer usage. What a negative proposal. Not only does it penalise people who have solar but it will obviously dissuade others from installing it! Our feed in Tarif is minuscule compared to what it was 10 years ago but it does help with our cost of living expenses. We are pensioners and the cost of electricity is skyrocketing. Soon it will be a choice between food and heating/cooling. Of course it won't affect the bureaucrats at the AEMC whose fat cat salaries will cushion them!</p>
2017-07-03 16:57:23	<p>Why is it that you allow dirty planet destroying power to send power into the grid without penalty but you try to penalise clean energy for sending power into the grid. Are you really trying to disadvantage clean power in an era that requires a greater reliance on clean energy. Climate change is real, human induced and action is urgent. Our generation is the first to feel the effects of climate change but the last that can do anything about it. Check what scientists are saying about tipping points. I think that those in power have a responsibility to future generations that are being undermined constantly by vested interests and political influences. What are you going to tell your grandchildren when you realise this is our chance to change the course of climate change...and you not only did nothing to help, but sabotaged others in their efforts. Sorry won't do.</p>
2017-07-03 16:57:21	<p>Maybe you have planet B to go to...if so can my grandchildren come to? There are plan B's but no planet B. It is not fair for the electricity industry to charge for the export of electricity from my solar panels. They have no financial input to my solar panels and already charge me a service availability for the wires into my home. They are essentially getting my exports at a much lower rate than the power they get from the power stations.</p>
2017-07-03 16:56:27	<p>IPART has already determined what the solar feed in tariff should be, but the industry does not adopt these recommendations. My Solar exports are already helping with summer peak load reductions as it is producing most of its output during summer days. Another benefit that I am creating for the electricity industry is to enhance the line capacity by inputting into the existing infrastructure without the need for power line upgrades by the distributors.</p>
	<p>Submission to A.E.M.C. Many Australian citizens have decided to alleviate the effects of climate change by installing solar power systems at their own expense. Some people are not receiving a fair compensation for power generated and fed into the National Grid. Power companies get a large bonus as for each private installation it means less investment they need to make on building new power stations.</p>
2017-07-03 16:55:29	<p>As I am on a pension I can ill afford to pay for a system then pay again for the use of the Sun via charges being escalated further by the power companies. The proliferation of retail power companies and their costly methods of forever trying to get customers to change companies is not cost effective for our National System or the consumer.</p>
	<p>Please do not decide to charge us for putting power back in the grid. We originally put in our solar panels to help the energy companies get rid of coal fired power houses and to help with the climate change. We do not believe that charging us for putting power into the grid is fair and just. We see it as another way to gouge money from us. We have already paid for the poles and wires. This charge to us is already a huge impost and anything more will add to the lowering of our disposable income.</p>
2017-07-03 16:55:25	<p>I think charging solar panel owners for providing clean energy into the grid is a terrible idea. I for one will switch mine off then. It barely makes any electricity some months yet I paid</p>
2017-07-03 16:53:41	<p>thousands of dollars for my system. Greed and persecution will only encourage us to go off grid. Who are you going to sell your dirty coal power to then?</p>

Date

Your submission

I am very concerned at the prospect of AEMC imposing a charge on people like me who provide solar energy to the grid.

Several years ago I took the decision to put eight panels on my roof. My main reason for doing so was out of concern for the climate and the urgent need for action. Clearly, the government's meagre target of 26-28 per cent on 2005 levels by 2030 was pathetically low for a country of our wealth.

I felt an obligation to do whatever I could reasonably do to minimise use of fossil fuel-generated power and maximise my use of solar-generated power. This means I have been receiving a feed-in tariff rate many times smaller than the rate that I am charged by electricity supplier. Now there is a proposal to twist the knife!

I am retired and live with my wife and her aged mother who we care for. The trend of steeply rising electricity costs MUST be stopped and quickly.

The obvious question arises from an equity viewpoint: why don't big fossil fuel-fired power companies pay to export their generated power to the grid? From a safe climate viewpoint, why aren't solar users encouraged rather than penalised for their contributions to a clean and healthy climate. Fossil fuel companies are heavily subsidised for continuing to pollute. This is NOT fair or right.

My and other people's solar panel generated energy contribute to a net savings for the grid so where is the logic in applying a charge?

Out of concern for the obfuscation, lack of clear energy policy and poor management of the energy issue by government and AEMO, I have recently changed my retailer so I can use 'green' energy, albeit at a slightly higher rate. If this charge on solar proposal is pursued, I will have to seriously consider going off-line.

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I suggest AEMC focuses on the clear advantages of renewables, including plummeting costs and breathtaking innovations and then against a background of our obligations to the Paris Accord, sets rules that are constructive instead of penalising everyday householders.

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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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

In a country with masses of sunshine, that should have been a world leader in solar technology years ago, I'm finding it difficult to understand why you would put yet another barrier in the way of progress, not to mention why you would attempt to rip off the average solar provider for their quality product. Environmental and health benefits of solar are massive and it is outrageous that solar owners should be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when the big, planet polluting companies pay nothing. The big companies should be charged, not solar contributors. Solar owners should be paid a fair feed-in tariff which is never less than what they have to pay when using power from the grid. They should also be given some recognition for the amazing contribution they are making to our fast declining planet. If charging for exporting to the grid goes ahead, as well as reductions in feed-in tariffs, then many people won't bother but will seek battery solutions instead. So the battery industry will take off and big power companies will decline even faster (which would be the best outcome in my opinion). I certainly wouldn't connect to the grid if battery power was there and can't wait till we can all be independent and free of these greedy, planet-destroying, short-sighted, numbskulls who you are intent on aiding.

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At present our solar exports to the grid mean that our power bills are low, adding a cost to this will raise our costs and make life more difficult.

I think it is a retrograde step to charge people to export to the grid. By exporting excess power it provides a flow of energy in to the grid at times that normally not be high demand from households for example. This energy can then be used by industry, thus reducing the need to build increased production capacity. It is then possible to cluster appropriate industry in areas of high solar energy production, using this capacity. The nett result may be household then adopting to store their energy in batteries etc, further reducing the viability of the overall network. I believe that solar systems add value to the overall network, in particular reducing the need for coal and gas fired generation. By having an export tariff you send the wrong signals to investors, at the exact time we should be encouraging investment in solar.

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Exporting to the grid adds value, providing capacity to the network at essentially no cost. People should be rewarded for making the investment, not penalised.

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Paying to put power into the grid will not help anyone...if you do this for Solar then the big power companies should too. If anything tariffs should be raised for non producers and feed in to the grid paid at a higher rate .

Date	Your submission
2017-07-03 16:50:24	<p>Households and businesses invested in rooftop solar on the understanding that some of the cost could be offset by feeding power back into the grid. It's unfair to change the rules now.</p> <p>People who do the right thing should be rewarded, not penalised. Why on earth do house holders have to be charged to feed back into the grid when the big power companies don't have to?!</p> <p>On top of selling the power my solar panels generate at a ridiculous price of ~6cents per kilowatt hour you now want to stab the consumers with a silly grid tariff where Big Power doesn't need to.</p>
2017-07-03 16:50:03	<p>Honestly get a grip. AMEC's proposal to allow solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid is outrageous. I've twice invested in solar systems for my homes, at considerable personal cost. When I moved to my current home (leaving the first system on that home) I again purchased a solar system, because I was greatly concerned at the high level of emissions of our electricity grid, the lack then (as now) of any price on carbon and because I was planning for my retirement and seeking to minimise my ongoing costs. At that time I also invested in a 5 star gas heating system for my home, and the promise of gas as a low cost transition fuel, has not materialised and that major investment (\$6,500) feels like it has been a complete waste of money. I now buy 100% renewable energy and only use the gas heater when I have visitors staying overnight in winter. The Australian energy market has been governed by poor policy and reportedly poor management and AEMC will further erode its reputation if it proceeds with this ridiculous and unfair proposal.</p>
2017-07-03 16:49:48	<p>Enough is enough and stop the solar swindle. Allowing a charge on solar owners for feeding into the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 16:49:41	<p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>I would like to speak against the idea of allowing solar PV owners to be charged for putting energy into the grid.</p> <p>It seems to me that we in Australia have a fabulous resource in the many households who have installed solar PV. This is clean, distributed energy which is already contributing to reducing Australia's way-too-high greenhouse emissions. We need MORE of this, not less!</p> <p>The amount solar owners are paid for their input, is already very small (unless you are on one of the original deals). We get around 6 c per kWhr. We then get to buy electricity back from the grid at around five times that cost! And, we already pay a set fee for poles and wires, which have been gold-plated over recent years.</p> <p>Really solar owners should get a fair and reasonable feed-in tariff, probably somewhere between what we get and what those on original contracts get. Things should not be made harder for those who have tried to do the right thing in going solar. Rather, their contribution should be acknowledged and respected.</p>
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Date

Your submission

A number of years ago the federal and state government were providing incentives for households to go solar providing rebates of several \$1000 for home installations. This was riding nationally on the climate change wave although as a scientist (chemist) myself simply reducing pollution was enough of an incentive. As well as being a chemist I have an MBA and graduated as Australian company director in 2010. I have worked in industry for 30 years and understand what happens when companies do not keep up with the competition, they lose out to new entrants, replacements from innovation and inventions...like the Horse was replaced by steam and steam the internal combustion engine likewise whole continents like the USA/Au had the age of steam ships until the train came along and then air travel. The situation with power is NO different. In the above examples the current incumbents quickly sold their stocks in ships and sunk into trains etc. This is the very basic business 101 the energy industry is shying its eyes away from- for better or worse Australia turned its back on Nuclear energy and it is too late for that now; the fossil fuel industry has invested in large capital works (long capitalised and paid off) but now rush to bolster its position by building new capital works adding to their leverage with the government. The same power companies could have done what happened with steam ships and embraced the future and looked to renewable energy and hybrid solutions.

Instead we have a situation that if played out in any normal market would send the average person to prison to wit:

The government advises people to install solar power, the technical arrangements at the time meant that XS power went back into the grid, as more and more people took up this opportunity the power companies noticed that they could turn down the fossil fueled power stations almost to "idle" during mid summer (this has also occurred in Europe Germany etc). The result for that business is just like the train versus the steam ships. "OH people don't need to use our fossil fueled energy as much, meaning we need less gas and coal, meaning those companies will make less profit and our own position is becoming tenuous; we must not give people the free solar electricity back for free and have tariffs". The second part is not unreasonable as solar users are using the "grid", but it is but one step in the evolution and obsolescence pathway for the FF industry.

In Scandinavia they have wind, solar but also 24/7 hydro so the few nations there have agreements to "swap and go" with power- this is were Australia has screwed up- its not Solar or Wind per se but the implementation being uncoordinated nationally.

SO...now we have the notion that soon to be extinct (within 20 years) energy companies will charge us for feeding in the free solar power that we get from the skies AND reduce the tariff, these are surely the death throes of the industry and battery storage (well established in Germany and even the USA) will bring the house crashing down.

So we harvest free energy from the SUN with the capital we invested because governments advised us to; only to have the free energy siphoned off us like some petty thief with a hose stealing from your car, and then the thief charging you for the privilege of them stealing it and then demanding you buy your own petrol back off them? how would a judge see this if any normal citizen tried to carry on business like this for other commodities? The power companies appear to be acting like stock brokers charging a margin for each trade be it buying or selling?

How would it be if everyone on Solar turned them off for 1 hr, 24 hrs? there would be a national emergency- the power companies need us nearly as much as we need them; batteries will see to that. No doubt if solar users organised to have such an earth day style "solar blackout day" it would be now classified as a terror offence.

As far as I am aware the only thing capable of producing something out of nothing is God and not the power companies.

I note that in some US states the state taxes the "wind" as it is the states property as it blows over the state thus taxing wind power..this madness will arrive here as well along with making "going off grid" illegal as well as growing your own "unhygienic back garden veggies...no more tomato sauce days for you Greeks and Italians!".

Grow up energy industry , take your lumps and invest in the future because someone sure will!

2017-07-03 16:46:19

There have been studies showing that a relatively small part of the Sahara could power all of the EU, a global array of such type could power the world 24/7

I put PV panels on my roof because I wanted to make a contribution to a clean energy future for Australia. I use what I can and export the rest to the grid. It is patently unfair to consider charging home owners to export clean energy to the grid when large power companies can export electricity, often produced by burning dirty fossil fuels, for free. Home owners deserve, also, to be paid a fair feed in tariff.

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Dear Energy Suppliers,

If you are going to charge me for supplying you with electricity, then I will disconnect my solar panels.

What an outrageous plan. You ought to be ashamed of your selves.

We all have solar panels and inverters to health to lighten the burden of carbon dioxide that is emitted into the atmosphere.

This a retrograde idea and should be immediately abandoned. We did pay for our equipment and now to have to pay again is ridiculous.

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Stop this plan immediately.

Date	Your submission
	<p>I am against a tax on Solar Owners transporting electricity to the grid, for the following reasons: My primary motivation for installing solar was for the environment and the future of my children and grandchildren. Secondly it was a cost effective proposition for my household. I am horrified you propose to tax me, BUT DO NOT TAX THE POLLUTING ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALS (Coal fired power stations) Rooftop Solar is very critical element of Australia's ability to produce green power. Come on give us a fair go.</p>
2017-07-03 16:45:02	<p>Solar owners should not be charged to export Clean Green renewable power to the grid when power companies, who are not Clean or Green, don't have to pay a cent. Being pensioners we installed solar to help us cope with the ever rising cost of electricity from the grid. Allowing power companies to charge us for exporting clean energy to the grid is Grossly Unfair.</p>
2017-07-03 16:44:36	<p>It is totally unfair, unreasonable and unjust to charge household solar electricity producers to send their power to the grid. We get peanuts for our power now anyway and the power stations don't have to pay to send their power to the grid. The future of reliable power in Australia is in renewables and the power companies know this. It is not good policy to charge households to export their power. We are part of the solution not part of the problem.</p>
2017-07-03 16:44:12	<p>It is unquestionably wrong for solar owners to have to pay to export power to the electricity grid. Regardless of whether the grid is owned by the state or by private ownership, the rules for generation and off-takers should be fair and transparent and not to treat one better than the other.</p> <p>Ultimately any rules that make people pay will simply advance the death spiral of off-gridders.</p>
2017-07-03 16:43:20	<p>Do the right thing by all parties and give solar owners a fair go. It's the Australian way. 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>
2017-07-03 16:41:47	<p>We spent many thousands of dollars to install solar. Charging us for solar exports will impact on our ability to meet our household expenses.</p>
2017-07-03 16:39:25	<p>Citizens are leading this necessary change. That's a shame, perhaps, for political leaders. But please catch up. This is not going to go away. I am a pensioner and solar owner. I think that 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>Also, I think that 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>
2017-07-03 16:38:58	<p>I put solar onto my roof as soon as I bought this house, more than 8 years ago, because I wanted to contribute to a clean world with renewable energy, and I wanted to save money. I am a pensioner and charging me for your solar exports to the grid would have a serious impact on my household budget. How dare you try to charge solar owners to input into the grid, just to line your pockets. We paid thousands to go clean, and to help reduce climate change.</p>
2017-07-03 16:37:08	<p>The dirty coal burning power companies don't get charged to input into the grid. You should be promoting solar clean energy not penalising it.</p>
2017-07-03 16:36:29	<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! There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Let's do the right thing! Let's not go backwards.</p>
2017-07-03 16:35:57	<p>It's a breach of contract, or at least a variation on a contract to supply at negotiated rates.</p>
2017-07-03 16:31:24	<p>This proposal is very short-term thinking. As reduced feed-in tariffs and proposals like this are implemented, more and more people will invest in battery storage and go off-grid. Solar owners should not be charged to feed electricity into the grid, particularly in light of the current emissions target. Instead, polluting energy suppliers should be charged as a way to encourage more investment in renewable energy and away from outdated, polluting energy. Further, feed-in tariffs must be increased immediately to further encourage solar uptake. It seems inconsistent to charge solar energy providers to export to the grid when non-renewable polluting energy exporters are not charged. In fact, it seems to be backwards. Dirty producers should be charged to reduce dirty production while renewable sources should be encouraged. It seems to be a plan to discourage energy export from renewable (roof top solar)... Makes no sense to apply disincentives.</p>
2017-07-03 16:31:03	<p>Surely it would make more sense to have a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of roof top solar. Let's have progressive innovation in this sector rather than regressive protectionism of dirty energy production.</p>

Date	Your submission
	<p>I strongly disagree that the AEMC even consider charging solar owners for feeding energy back in to the grid.</p> <p>It is time that government organisations stopped milking customers for all they can get. Government needs to be responsible and fully supportive of the efforts and substantial financial commitment that thousands of Australians have made in investing in solar panels which substantially assist the power companies in easing high usage loads. In the case of Tasmania and hydro power this allows water reserves to be maintained and stored to be used later or as in the case of Tasmania, on sold at substantially increased rates.</p> <p>The investment in solar is a substantial commitment from thousands of Australian citizens and does need to be supported, encouraged and if need be, subsidised as this is the best green power available.</p> <p>Currently the feed ion tariffs being offered are a disgrace and should be aligned to the actual usage tariff charged by each customer.</p> <p>In other words power would be provided through the grid, reducing power demands at point of generation and then then made available as a credit for later use.</p> <p>I do not support payments being made to solar owners other than fully paid credits at current customer usage rates, which become available at the same rate later to the customer.</p> <p>This would be a great incentive for at least a quadrupling of the current solar owners and environmentally friendly power being supplied back to the grid.</p> <p>This would also eliminate the need for onsite battery storage and again lead to conservation of valuable resources needed in the manufacture of these storage systems.</p> <p>We need a responsible approach to be taken by the AEMC which encourages wide spread solar installation and use and not restrict the same in an irresponsible manner as would seem to be proposed by the AEMC.</p> <p>What is needed is responsible leadership, not lip service or pandering to the power companies.</p> <p>If the power companies don't like this then they need to walk away and let governments own and operate power facilities at cost which is where they rightly belong as this is in the best interests of our great country!</p>
2017-07-03 16:30:30	<p>Are you people serious? The only charges should be TO Companies being supplied solar power and it should be paid at the rate the retailers charge their customers. What other country in the world CHARGES its customers to supply a product</p>
2017-07-03 16:30:18	<p>I have been charged for supply of power for many payments even I produce more power I use.</p>
2017-07-03 16:30:02	<p>Why Do I have to sell my power for 6 cts. and charged at 23.26 or 19.96 cts. per kwh.</p>
2017-07-03 16:30:02	<p>What is a low regarding the solar power?</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:58	<p>This is just silly; people should be encouraged to harness and use renewable sources of energy; not taxed for doing so. If you must charge a tariff then make it fair and charge 'dirty' power providers a similar tariff, and a a rate that is commensurate with and takes into account the cost to the community, especially succeeding generations of the cleaning up the environmental damage they have caused.</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:58	<p>Stop the solar swindle!!!! 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 put solar power on to save money and the environment! Charging us for solar exports means we won't even get our money back before we die!!</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:58	<p>We were so excited some years ago to have six of our own solar panels. Lots of our friends followed siute and we felt very satisfied. But now we are all protesting because we are going to be charged extra. We are pensioners and we really can't afford much more. we are 76 and 79 and feel very strongly about the state of the world. Our Mp is as keen as we are on renewable energy and we belong to Solar Citizens.All over the world countries large and small are building solar farms and this is the way of the future. please do not hold australia back.We want to be part of the moves to save the world ,like Europe_President Macron, Canada -President Trudeau,</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:38	<p>Angela Merkel of Germany and innumerable others. We hate fossil fuels and are joining in every possible protest against the Adani Mine. We in Tasmania are very good at protesting and winning.We were part of the fight against the Gunns Pulp Mill. We never give up!!</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:38	<p>Dear AEM Commissioners,</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:38	<p>Please do not impose any additional cost on householders who export PV power back to the grid. This is a most unfair idea to charge small domestic producers when major commercial generators pay nothing. As environmentally aware pensioners we invested a considerable amount to become "Solar Citizens".</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:38	<p>We do not expect a commercial return on our investment. But neither should we be penalised for our initiative.</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:38	<p>We get precious little for the power we export, it is a token to support renewable energy transitioning. Don't make it harder than it is already.</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:07	<p>Being a pensioner this charge along with other increased charges, would put additional stress on a limited personal budget.</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:07	<p>I installed solar for enviomental reasons and to minimise future excessive charges caused by expansion of the distribution and generation systems.</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:07	<p>We are allready paying for the use of the grid through our network charges so should not pay again. If charged then we should all stop our feedback into the grid untill this unreasonable charge is removed. This would throw the grid into turmal.</p>
2017-07-03 16:29:07	<p>Feed in tarif should be greater than the peak tariff to ofset installation costs and reduce.</p>
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2017-07-03 16:27:30	<p>It is unfair to reduce the benefits of solar power by increasing the costs. I have already paid a substantial amount for my solar panels and the feed in to the grid tariff is very small. I am reducing my household footprint by producing some of my own power and this is important to me, in addition to reducing my power bill.</p> <p>I gather that you are considering charging me to supply my solar power to the grid as a cross subsidation to king coal and the rest of the Fossil fuel industry. I would have thought that a nation who signed the Paris Climate Agreement to cut our emissions and limit climate change to 2%, I know that we won't make anywhere near the ideal 1.5%, would be trying to price coal out not subsidize it further. Leaving the climate change issue aside i fail to see how this action makes any commercial sense when you are supposedly trying to secure the network whilst moving to renewable energy sources which are cheaper than any Fossil Fuel alternatives. I would quite happily assist in that effort if you were to provide a fair feed in tariff and 7 cents does not cut it. Currently if i expand my system I lose my earlier Feed in Tariff of 52 cents which drops to the 7 cents mentioned earlier. I would have to be a fool to go down that path. I am already struggling with an electricity bill rigged with administrative charges, Metering cap2.03, Solar metering 4.75, solar metering non cap 1.50, supply charge 89.57, metering non cap 6.79, metering cap 6.79 and you want to add more! Hey why don't we just hand our pension over to the greedy Energy Corporations who don't want to invest because our stupid Politicians want to play games for King Coal. Enough is Enough.</p>
2017-07-03 16:27:13	<p>Charging solar owners to supply energy to the grid is no way to create incentive and increase the transition speed to a renewable based energy sector!!</p>
2017-07-03 16:26:26	<p>Climate change is a euphemism for global warming which is caused by the greenhouse effect of the emission of gases, mainly carbon dioxide, into the atmosphere. This is the result of the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and gas and should be discouraged. Fortunately renewable sources of energy such as the sun and wind are available and we should be encouraged to use them by helping to meet the costs of people who pay to install photovoltaic cells on their roof. I did this in the year 2000 never expecting to recoup the expense but had the satisfaction of knowing I was combating global warming. I'm an age pensioner and can ill afford to pay any more for electricity.</p>
2017-07-03 16:25:54	<p>I am emailing my submission out of concern for the proposed changes to the feed in Tarif for solar energy.</p> <p>I find this change unfair for solar owners, given they would be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when power companies don't have to pay to feed into the grid for unclean energy.</p> <p>To have sustainable energy, I believe households should be encouraged to invest in solar energy not penalised. There should be a fair Tarif that recognises and rewards clean energy, not to mention network savings to the grid.</p> <p>When our family put solar on our roof - we were not making any financial gain from it - we did it out of concern for our environmental impact and as a small contribution to the society we live in.</p> <p>Increasing our costs for solar is inappropriate and unfair and would increase our families living costs - which we are finding is increasingly challenging.</p> <p>I hope you will consider the impact on the little people when this decision is being made.</p>
2017-07-03 16:24:19	<p>The state government should be encouraging the inevitable change to renewable energy not making it a hurdle race! FFS, get with the rest of the world!</p>
2017-07-03 16:23:46	<p>Its unfair to charge solar owners for export of clean and renewable power to the grid when big companies don't pay a cent. We spend our \$ on installing and maintaining solar and eventually replacing it.</p>
2017-07-03 16:23:42	<p>I submit that a charge on citizens who have solar power and export it to the grid is both unfair and unwise for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most solar citizens have invested in renewable energy because they, unlike our present government, are intent on making a difference to climate change. 2. Other power generators, like coal powered electricity providers, are not charged a fee to provide power to the grid. 3. Solar citizens are already taxed by being paid a feed-in tariff that is far below the retail price of power. 4. I am an aged pensioner who installed solar generation because I care about the future of the earth. I paid for it myself. I resent being asked to pay for the right to export unused power for which I am being paid less than it is worth to those to whom I export it. 5. I value the savings I do make since installation of solar power and being charged a "tax" to continue trying to make a difference to humans' future is not only a hardship, but an insult.
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2017-07-03 16:22:21 2017-07-03 16:21:13	<p>Home owners who provide solar power into the grid are reducing the need for new power stations to be built and reducing the burden of meeting increased demand for power to run electrical items in their homes. They should not be penalised for trying to help not only themselves but the environment have a better future. The only way this would be fair is if the power companies were also charged fees to put power into the grid.</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. Anything that reduces pollution will not only directly affect people's health but also affect the health system through reduced requirements for medical intervention.</p> <p>We want a healthy environment for my children and their children so as well as the economic benefits as energy prices skyrocket, and this has been a motivating factor to not only put solar panels on our roof but to add to them and replace our hot water system with solar as well.</p> <p>If charges were to be introduced for solar exports to the grid this would more than likely result in a very serious investigation of going off grid. The service charges already make up a massive portion of each bill and to be charged even more would make things difficult for an already low income household. Thank goodness we were able to get the solar on some years ago when our income was not so limited.</p> <p>Stop the solar swindle</p> <p>Truely the idea of charging people who have already spent their own funds on putting up solar panels - in our case on 3 houses we have are living in makes no sense morally or for the industry. We believe in giving our planet the best chance of helping halt the increasing CO2 and other green house gasses which are contributing to climate change.</p> <p>As it is currently we do not even receive a fair feed-in tariff for the energy we already daily export to the grid. This is not treating our contribution to the grid in an equitable manner with regard to other electricity producers.</p> <p>In our household we would be seriously consider going off grid and putting in battery storage to do this if this plan to charge us for exporting electricity were to eventuate. This is I'm sure what many would consider doing and that would not be good for the industry either.</p>
2017-07-03 16:20:06	<p>I thought Australia was the land of a fair go, so please give us a fair go too.</p>
2017-07-03 16:20:01	<p>We should NOT be charged for allowing our solar PV feed-in to the grid. We already pay an exorbitant cost for the poles & wires.</p> <p>As the public sector increases their uptake of solar PV we are already saving the country from possibly building another power station.</p> <p>The power stations don't have to pay a levy, so as "miniature power stations" we shouldn't have to either.</p> <p>I was one of the "lucky" ones who received the payment of 60 cents per kilowatt hour (I know this was a ridiculous amount but if someone is prepared to give me money I'm happy to take it). To go from receiving 60c to 6c is in my view questionable to the extent that it smells of corruption. At this stage if a charge does come in for feeding power back to the grid I will ask to have my meter set to not return power to the grid. If I was receiving a fair payment for the electricity I generate and feed back to the grid (20 cents per Kilowatt hour?) and then provided the major generating companies were paying a similar cost to use the grid I would be prepared to pay the cost for the use of the grid. Although as a taxpayer I feel I have already contributed a fair amount to it's development and maintenance.</p>
2017-07-03 16:19:49	<p>With ffd in tariff now at the mean of 11.3c/p/kwh it can be shown that such an amount is far below that which the suppliers are charging for normal day to day usage. This considered new charge on solar owners is further proof of price gouging by the all powerful electricity controllers,</p>
2017-07-03 16:19:33	<p>It is unfair for home owners to be charged to export renewable power to the grid when large dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent! There should be a fair feed-in tariff as there was when I first installed my solar panels. I am trying to be self-sufficient as much as I can and urge you to consider every policy that would help Australia to be energy efficient in the future.</p>
2017-07-03 16:19:31	<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Commissioners</p>
2017-07-03 16:19:00	<p>The time has come for government to recognise that there has been a fundamental shift in the manner in which power is going to be generated. From a consumer perspective, it currently looks like government works for vested interests in the energy market, not for consumers and taxpayers. Clearly there is a need for a coherent policy on renewables and energy security, but this should not be done at the expense of taxpayers in order to benefit large multinational energy companies. I vigorously oppose the proposal that solar energy generation from homes should have to pay for feeding electricity back to the grid when the power companies have gold plated the construction of national grid for years, making unreasonable profits by basically telling lies about power consumption in Australia (the NSW court case is an example). Australia has a power system that is constructed from an older model, large systems that generate power in one location that is then transmitted over very long (and expensive) power wiring systems to consumers. Solar will allow the creation of a far more robust grid of micro generators with shorter distances between the consumers and a more reliable grid. Look what South Australia is doing to encourage consumers to install batteries to individual homes and businesses.</p> <p>I oppose the changes currently being discussed, that is, being charged to export my clean energy to the grid, and am tired of the lack of both vision and political will to recognise that Australia has an opportunity to lead the world in the production of energy (look at the work of Australian universities in the Hydrogen economy).</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. 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 solar on my rooftop at great expense to help protect environment.</p>
2017-07-03 16:15:51	<p>As a pensioner I'm trying to reduce the cost of skyrocketing electricity prices which is becoming too costly. Charging me for exporting my solar exports to the grid is so grossly unfair, when I'm helping the environment by using clean energy.</p>
2017-07-03 16:13:28	<p>it is grossly unfair for energy retailers to charge for the export of clean electricity to the grid as they haven't borne the cost of installing the solar system.They are getting energy that costs nothing for them to produce.Once the electricity passes the smart meter it doesn't belong to me anymore.it is their responsibility</p>
2017-07-03 16:12:42	<p>Solar owners supply clean energy to the grid and should not be asked to pay particularly when dirty power companies pay nothing. We each paid for solar panels ourselves in the hope we would help keep our precious environment healthy.</p>
2017-07-03 16:11:04	<p>Charging for solar exports seems like a punishment for doing the right thing!! To say nothing of the savings solar feed is to the grid. To 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. 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 cost for solar export would nullify any income we are now receiving for our solar. This is outrageous and most unfair.</p>
2017-07-03 16:10:50	<p>We appeal to your sensible thinking. Please do NOT allow the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) the right to charge forward thinking, responsible, solar owners a unjust fee for feeding their electricity back to the grid. Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to export their power to the grid, especially when the the big power stations don't have to.</p>
2017-07-03 16:10:24	<p>It would be grossly unfair to tax solar power generating households and small businesses to export power to the grid. Green energy should be encouraged</p>
2017-07-03 16:09:23	<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. I spent \$27K to install my system so that I could feel happy about not polluting our planet....I have on going maintenance expenses too...so taxing my family on in-feed is totally unfair and stupid.</p>
	<p>This is not the correct solution to the problem that is being faced. Report after report has highlighted that Australia is facing a technological transition when it comes to electricity generation. Multiple reports have forecast that as much as 25% of total generation will come from distributed sources in the not too distant future. And this is because it is a hell of a lot cheaper for people to make their own electricity than it is for them to buy it from the grid. And it keeps getting cheaper. You will not be able to stop people from buying solar. Trying to do things like this fails to adapt to ongoing, irreversible change.</p>
	<p>Victoria recently started to recognise some of the network *benefits* provided by solar. The LNGC rule change application was another demonstration of the economic value provided by solar.</p>
	<p>Consumers of electricity already pay fixed fees, just to remain connected to the grid (over \$300 per year, before even one kWh is used) Large generators (to my knowledge) do not pay to export their energy to the grid. Why should consumers, who already pay to access the grid, pay yet again to put power into the grid that has been shown to reduce net peak demand? Admittedly, this is a great way to drive people onto storage. Which will probably just exacerbate your issues further, with even more load defection.</p>
2017-07-03 16:05:53	<p>Don't try to turn a tide you have no hope of stopping. Work out what you want your future to look like (taking that tide into account!) and plan accordingly.</p>

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I have had reliable information that you are considering charging solar owners .. the mums and Dads of the suburbs, for the electricity they export to the grid from their solar cells. I cannot believe you are considering this. Your failure to hit the BIG companies and go after the little people is cowardly, grossly unfair, unjust and borders on extortion. Your stated aim "to promote efficient, reliable and secure energy markets which serve the long-term interests of CONSUMERS" is utter bullshit. You are after us... the poor bastards that struggle from day to day to keep their homes warm and food on their tables!

I have twelve solar cells. They cost me a lot of money and I am unemployed. I use approx. a third of the electricity I produce and export the rest to the grid. I get a pathetic 6 cents KwHr. My electricity company in Tasmania, Aurora is able to resell my surplus for 26 cents...to my neighbour!! My solar cells are the best investment this BIG company never made. This is the type of thing YOU should be looking at! And you want to tax me!!! WE should all get rid of our solar cells... demand you construct more coal power stations and do a really good job destroying the environment.

Consider the cumulative cost of all the solar cells on private roofs around Australia. What have they cost the people in the suburbs? We can't "gold plate" them like the companies but I would guess Australians have paid out many many millions even billions of dollars for producing clean electricity... apparently the amount of electricity produced by our solar cells is comparable to the old brown coal Hazelwood power station! We don't charge for the cost of our investment or the infrastructure associated with it but we are forced to pay enormous "daily supply charges" to the companies. Understand that mums and dads, in investing in solar, have had to make a hard choice of either going on holidays and feeding their kids OR surviving the cold of winters. Don't you suits get this?

As for gas!!! But for one other country, ours produces the most gas in the world... It is OUR gas...Australians, but you allow multinational companies to rob us of it ... They pay little or nothing for it and make incredible profits. You have allowed a situation where Australians can't afford their own gas! This is happening on YOUR watch! This is an indictment on you and your organisation. Spend the time fixing this problem.

One of the big problems with "independent agencies" like yourself is that they are made up of the same suits with the same 'world views' as their political and corporate masters... Prove me wrong here and try to view your proposal from the point of view of the struggling mums and dads in the suburbs.

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I strongly object to the idea that solar owners should be charged to feed excess power generated back into the grid. I would have thought there were tangible benefits of having a decentralised power generation whereby consumers close to

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the production get to use it - like my next door neighbour. I don't see why you should try to discourage clean energy production when we large green house gas emitters get off without having to pay a similar impost. If you adopt this measure all you will do is encourage solar producers to disconnect from the grid. That's the last thing you need.

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My family have had solar on our roof since 2006, in two family homes. Renewable energy should not have additional charges associated with exporting electricity, especially when the fossil fuel generators are not paying anything. Such charges provide a disincentive to individual households to both generate their own electricity, and is an impediment to people having batteries and contributing to grid resilience. This runs counter to the Liberal party philosophy of respecting individuals economic rights and freedoms. If laws like this continue I will be aiming to go completely off grid. Such a move by my family and others like me will further reduce the viability of the grid.

To the AEMC,

We have had solar panels for about 4 years. We had them installed for environmental and economic reasons. If the public were to be charged to put power back into the grid (it even sounds ridiculous!) we would be financially worse off. The media has reported that SA has the highest electricity prices in the world. Why on earth should we be charged extra for power that we produce?! It seems that this scheme will put people off getting solar and therefore give the electricity providers even more money! It would be entirely unacceptable for the AEMC to allow this to happen.

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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.

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.

Consider that many of the solar owners are in retirement and on a low income and that they would have had significant costs involved in installations as well as ongoing maintenance.

Personally we have had to have had to replace fuses and possible future expenses. We are not in a position to receive any benefits other than the small credit we receive from the state power suppliers.

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I spent \$30,000 on installing solar on my roof and get a miserly 6.8 cents for what I feed in from my energy supplier. This they sell as clean energy at an inflated price, why are we being targeted. Maybe we should all join together and all turn our solar off during the summer at prescribed times to teach the Government a lesson.

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It is bad enough that surplus energy is acquired by others at reduced rate without slugging householders with penalty for doing the right thing. The market gets this energy for a song and sells it at top rate. That is wrong

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2017-07-03 15:54:19	<p>This proposed charge to feed solar power into the grid would be soooooo unfair on solar owner when large power companies do not have to pay at all...We as solar owners are a caring lot who care vehemently for the well being of our environment, and for this there is the possibility that we will be penalised for caring... You, the AEMC need to be taken by the shoulders and given a good shaking.... Wake up to yourselves..... Listen to the people, not the power company....As age pensioners we have woken up to the fact of environmental pollution by man is a major cause of climate change...Another charge on our electricity account on top of the already numerous charges will cause further financial hardship to us.....</p>
2017-07-03 15:54:05	<p>Dear Sir, As a Solar owner I object to any Idea of Solar owners being charged to export their clean renewable power back to grid, when we have installed Solar at our expense to help the renewable energy situation and only receive a token payment in return. The whole point of installing Solar was to improve and reduce energy costs plus create a healthy environment But not to line the pockets of the Energy companies COE,S i find it obscene the huge salaries paid to them at the consumers expensewne when we struggle to pay our power bills and not on providing better renewable energy services.</p> <p>By using an amount of solar power, I am helping reduce the pollution caused by fossil fuel generation. The proposed idea of me paying to supply my power is completely unethical, immoral, rapacious and bordering on extortion. My current supplier claims recent price rises were caused by an increase in price for power they buy for me. However they did not state how this justified an increased solar meter daily rental. The subject proposal reeks of a "Heads - we win...Tails - you lose" outrageous money snatch.</p>
2017-07-03 15:53:41 2017-07-03 15:53:33	<p>I am doing my bit to lessen don't do it.</p>
2017-07-03 15:52:11	<p>Many years ago, at considerable expense, I had solar panels erected on my roof. My main motivation was environmental: I wished to, in a small way, counteract that damage caused to our environment and the globe by coal-fired power stations.</p> <p>As I am not damaging the environment, the health of the community or adding to global warming, my contribution should be acknowledged by being recompensed by a fair feed-in tariff. Why should I be burdened by extra expense when the polluting coal-fired power companies are charged nothing! Grossly unfair!</p> <p>By cutting down on air pollution which has serious negative health impacts from womb to grave, solar panels will reduce further health costs- physical and financial - to society. Air pollution is the scourge of modern life in the developed countries in the West and any action by individual households to reduce the impacts should be rewarded, not punished, by paying an unfair and burdensome feed-in tariff.</p>
2017-07-03 15:51:31	<p>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>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 panel installed years ago when the concept was in its infancy in the now misguided belief that the Government was for the idea of reducing the carbon footprint on the world</p> <p>what a fool I must have been to have had a belief in what the Government espoused</p> <p>As a disabled veteran I am again disappointed in the underhanded way in which this Government treats those of us that have freely given of our efforts to make this world a better place for all of humanity and not just screw us yet again by reversing their views with yet another negative impact that charging for my solar exports to the grid has on the meager resources of my household</p>
2017-07-03 15:49:30	<p>In 2006 I installed rooftop solar panels [at great cost in those days] to support with my input to the grid Australia's movement towards renewable energy, to reduce the environmental degradation caused by excessive use of 'dirty power', to improve health issues affected by pollution, and to ensure that i could continue to afford to use electricity and help pay my electricity bills as i age and my income reduces.</p> <p>It is totally unreasonable that I should be charged for this service and is likely to increase my use of public health expenditure as i will be less able to continue to care for myself at i high level with the increase of charges that i will be subjected to with this change.</p>
2017-07-03 15:49:07	<p>The home owner should be encouraged to put solar on his roof as it creates a more distributed network. They should not be penalized. If the industry is going to proceed in this backward way I will be going off grid totally. I won't be black mailed.</p> <p>Typical isn't it? Government encourages us to install Solar Panels, which we did, and now you want to actually charge, no fine, us for feeding our generated electricity back into the grid. Typical thinking by beaucroatic number crunchers who caren't diferentuate between what is RIGHT and what is WRONG. Just like when someone kicks you when you're down on your knees trying to get up.</p>
2017-07-03 15:48:52	<p>Stop the solar swindle.I shouldn't be penalised for generating solar energy you should be paying me extra. I am a pensioner & it cost me more than I could afford to install rooftop panels.I</p>
2017-07-03 15:48:09	<p>I was hoping that a fair feed in tariff would offset this cost but obviously you don't want this.Like the Tory Gov [L N P] you are determined to screw us!</p>
2017-07-03 15:45:11	<p>I made major investments in solar power and a battery system for my home on rules that had been established by the government for some time.. I am a pensioner on fixed income and was anxious to limit my power costs for the future. At a time when it has been recommended that feed in tariffs should be increased, it is completely unreasonable and unfair to allow power companies to charge households a fee for feed in tariffs.</p>

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2017-07-03 15:44:58	<p>Australia should be encouraging the generation of renewable energy, not discouraging it. As the owner of solar panels generating electricity, I am already disadvantaged by the pricing structure whereby I am paid less for the electricity I generate and put into the grid than are the "dirty" coal-fired generators. The feed-in tariff paid to households should be raised to, at least, equal to that of the big operators, though it would be better to recognise the benefits to the Australian environment by having a feed-in tariff greater than that paid to the "dirty" generators. To add a further impost on households who dare to challenge the monopoly of the big operators is patently unfair. Any attempt to impose a charge to households for daring to export energy to the grid would be shameful, and against the Australian values held so dear by our Prime Minister and Minister for Immigration. Penalising households for taking steps to reduce Australia's dependence on dirty coal is a step towards a lower standard of living for future Australians brought about by the damage to the environment, including global warming. I have vague plans to consider going off-grid through the installation of batteries to store electricity generated by my solar panels. Should the AEMC impose a tax on me for the privilege of exporting electricity to the grid this will both crystalise and bring forward these plans. I would also then be much more interested in creating a neighbourhood power network with those in my neighbourhood who also have solar panels (a growing number), enabling us to access cheaper, off-grid electricity.</p>
2017-07-03 15:44:34	<p>Its is deplorable that the AEMC should even consider to charge solar owners a tax for exporting our power to the grid. I am also of the opinion that solar power owners should have a fair feed-in tariff. After all we are providing clean power that has enormous benefits for all. Hang you head in shame AEMC!!</p>
2017-07-03 15:43:03	<p>We appeal to your sensible thinking. Please do NOT allow the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) the right to charge forward thinking, responsible, solar owners a unjust fee for feeding their electricity back to the grid. Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to export their power to the grid, especially when the big power stations don't have to. It is a disgrace the government want to change those with solar for feeding back into the grid. The Australian government should be embracing solar as a clean energy source NOT charging those you have it. Incentives were given to install solar now they want us to pay. NO GOVERNMENT WILL GET MY VOTE IF THEY TRY TO CHANGE ME FOR SOLAR.</p>
2017-07-03 15:38:51	<p>LIBERALS ARE A DISGRACE TO THE NATION FOR THEIR HYPOCRISY.</p>
2017-07-03 15:36:40	<p>It is about time governments and their cronies stopped ripping off ordinary Australians and start setting the examples which will make this country great again instead of lining their own pockets.They want to remember that there is such a thing as Karma. Enough is enough!!!</p>
2017-07-03 15:36:29	<p>I am not prepared to pay the rich and Liberal protected power companies for solar power which I generate and financed with my little savings I had. My idea was (I am74) to have a little bit less regular payments on my shoulder, Instead I have to finance the sickening shareholder business of Origin. I will not pay for a fee like this and hope that a class action takes you to court and makes you going bust instead of being happy to run your business with a normal not excessive profit. How much is your CEO earning?</p>
2017-07-03 15:36:18	<p>You will hear from us Solar People which are doing a more responsible job than you energy companies and the Liberal Government of Australia.</p>
2017-07-03 15:35:50	<p>It is unfair to think of charging us for the electricity that we are generating back into the grid, when we have had to pay to install our solar system panels etc.. which was initiated by the Government in the first place.. things are hard enough and getting harder by the day.. employment is at its lowest level ever..</p>
2017-07-03 15:36:18	<p>As a solar citizen I object to this new and unfair idea to rob us once again by the powers that be..</p>
2017-07-03 15:35:50	<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>
2017-07-03 15:33:47	<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. I am an old-age pensioner and it was not cheap for me to install solar-power panels. I certainly cannot afford to be penalised for doing what I thought was the right thing. Unfortunately , it is an illogical decision that is being pursued by the AEMC. Fairness & appreciation of business would lead to the conclusion that providers of a service or goods determine the price that they expect for their services. This is a point that is lost on someone that has only been employed in the public service. If global warming is as expected & forecast by the scientific experts then it is the responsibility of everyone on this planet to try & mitigate the effect. It escapes me as to how by charging the provider of a service such as solar that it will mitigate the effect of climate change.</p>
2017-07-03 15:32:04	<p>Big business & Governments have failed to comprehend the ultimate effects if we as a society are unsuccessful in coping with climate change. Dear AEMC</p>
2017-07-03 15:31:47	<p>I am very concerned that you are considering charging solar owners to feed their electricity back to the grid. I am a pensioner and chose to install solar panels because I respect the environment and felt I was protecting myself financially for the future in terms of keeping my energy costs affordable. I export a huge amount to the grid; far, far more than I use. I live on a pension - nothing more. It is below the poverty line for me already even with my solar panels. I live in a cold climate and this would be catastrophic for me. Green energy is the future so please stop the nonsense and grow up. The feed in tariff should be paid at a good rate to solar owners - other electricity generators are paid. This is very unfair. I can't believe you are considering this. Please think of the future or I'll be off the grid in a flash even if I go into debt to do it. That is simple. I will not be paying for feeding electricity back to the grid under any circumstance. Yours sincerely</p>

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2017-07-03 15:31:12	<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>I would have added more solar panels to the system if it didn't result in losing the agreed-upon feed-in tariff that we had for the original installation.</p> <p>To the AEMC,</p> <p>I am absolutely apposed to electricity companies charging solar owners for the good clean energy they've produced on going back to the grid.</p> <p>As a solar owner I am proud of my contribution to providing good clean renewable energy. When are you going to get the message RENEWABLES are the future for both the environment and the economy.</p> <p>To charge us for something we have invested in is like putting a tax on our home grown veggies!</p> <p>As an aged pensioner I invested a considerable sum of money to do "my bit" for the next generation and to help improve our environment.</p> <p>My current fixed income would be stretched to an intolerable level if this charge was introduced.</p> <p>Instead of considering a charge for the electricity I provide to support the network and health benefits this brings to the community, I believe you should be promoting a fair feed in tariff for all clean energy providers, not supporting big dirty coal companies. It would be more appropriate for you to be encouraging further investment and development of renewable energy to increase employment and the economy.</p> <p>Please consider very very carefully of the consequences to the environment, people's health, and the financial burden to be carried by solar providers.</p>
2017-07-03 15:30:56	<p>Thank you,</p> <p>It is grossly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when the electricity networks get it for free.</p> <p>There should be a fair FIT that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 15:28:28	<p>As aged pensioners, this is effectively a Solar Tax, and it would hit us hard.</p> <p>The whole idea should have been dismissed out of hand</p> <p>I strongly oppose the idea of charging the owners of PV systems to export power to the grid.</p> <p>I am a member of a household where a solar system was installed almost 10 years ago - it makes a huge difference to our household budget, and has paid for itself by now. If we had to pay to export energy this would have a very adverse effect on our budget.</p> <p>We installed the system because we strongly believe that the production of clean renewable power at household level is an obvious measure to increase energy security.</p>
2017-07-03 15:28:27	<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</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 the AEMC,</p> <p>I am very concerned to hear the proposition to charge solar feed in people for the electricity they provide (practically for free) to the grid.</p> <p>How is it just, that people who have already invested in good faith in the environmental sustainability of the Australian energy market should be charged for the investment that helps the major, polluting, profiteering energy providers provide a more reliable electricity grid on the hot summer days.</p> <p>It is criminal enough that the tariffs that people are paid for what they feed into the grid is a meagre fraction of what the neighbour is charged for the very same power, that the energy providers have made no investment in. Would you add to the crime by making the solar citizen pay for the privilege too?</p> <p>With the improving technology of power storage coming unstoppable to the market, where the "free enterprise" of the major providers is sending the energy bills soaring, such a tariff is only guaranteed to make the discerning responsible citizen pay to practically eliminate themselves as a customer, and provider by removing themselves from such a perverse and unjust system.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider such poor policy , and put the proponents of it under investigation for theft, bribery and corruption.</p> <p>Most irately Yours,</p>
2017-07-03 15:26:52	

Date	Your submission
2017-07-03 15:24:34	<p>We've been proud to have a roof top PV array on our home & make a small contribution to lightening our family's footprint on the environment & help our local community with the clean energy we are able to feed back into the system.</p> <p>I want to make it very clear how outrageous we find the proposed charge, particularly in view of the reprehensible lack of ethical leadership shown by the Federal government & the vested interests of the fossil fuels lobby!</p> <p>Our taxes have built & maintained the poles & wire distribution system for a century & now I've paid to do the right thing with solar to cover my family's needs plus a little extra for others, I get charged for this while fossil fuel companies who pollute; hold back inevitable progress, research, new industry & jobs; don't have to pay a cost to use the same public asset?!</p> <p>How is that in any way fair, just or in the public interest? Don't billions of our tax dollars already subsidise these commercial interests & yet they are not contributing to the real planetary costs of this anachronistic industry that we the people & our children will have to pay long into the future, long after these companies have taken their (& our) money & run?!</p> <p>I trust you will do the job the AEMC is commissioned to do & reject this proposed charge as the affront to responsibility & decency that it is!</p> <p>I installed rooftop solar some years ago because firstly of my concerns about coal fired power stations and their impact on the environment, and the fact that I provide power into the grid thereby decreasing the need for dirty coal.</p>
2017-07-03 15:23:53	<p>My cost was substantial for me and I have yet to recoup this. As I picked up these costs, I do not consider it appropriate that I am hit for further expense with solar exports to the grid. The grid receives far more than what I am reimbursed for and then bills me at the current rates. Our situation in Australia is the result of extremely bad public policy and short term thinking.</p>
2017-07-03 15:22:47	<p>It is completely unfair for clean energy providers (like me!) to be charged an export fee, when commercial, large, coal-fired providers don't pay a cent in export charges. It is also unfair that I get paid so little for power I export, yet pay nearly 4x the cost to buy power, ON TOP of paying a network access/maintenance charge. I have always believed that Perth has a HUGE solar resource that is underutilised, and punishing solar owners while subsidising huge corporate is just backwards!</p>
2017-07-03 15:22:37	<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. Always remember, without solar households governments would have to construct dirty coal fired power houses costing billions of dollars and emitting large volumes of greenhouse gases.</p> <p>Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household</p> <p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>To me just the thought of charging SOLAR owners to export to the grid is stealing.</p> <p>It should be well and truly the other way around, SOLAR owners should be paid a fair price for their exports to the grid, after all, they are saving energy companies millions of dollars for not building extra poles and wires.</p>
2017-07-03 15:21:47	<p>If I were to be charged for such action I would get extra batteries and get off the grid all together.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
2017-07-03 15:21:10	<p>I wish to say that I think the idea of charging rooftop solar power producers for supplying power to the grid is unjust and greedy. It would be more appropriate if power supply companies fitted ALL their residential customer with a minimum of a 3KW system on their roofs and set up the necessary controlling systems and so enable all residential and industrial roofs to power the grid NOW. We all know the required technology is available! and so do YOU.</p>
2017-07-03 15:20:48	<p>Why would this even be considered is this way to make money or are trying to stop people from investing in clean technology I'm saving up for a battery or will charge me for not using power really enough is enough</p> <p>I strongly disagree with the idea of charging solar owners to export the renewable power they send back to the grid.</p> <p>This sends a bad message to people considering helping themselves and the environment by choosing a clean energy form. The only conclusion one can draw is that it is a cynical attempt by the AEMC to take money from the less powerful individual rather than the more powerful coal and gas producers. Privatisation at its worst..</p> <p>Please put the values of a clean environment above the interests of 'dirty' power sources, and show responsibility in helping to achieve lower greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Feed in tariffs should recognise the value to health, prevention of disease, environmental benefits and pressure taken off the conventional energy producers when more solar power is made.</p>
2017-07-03 15:17:18	<p>People would likely consider going off grid and getting storage batteries if a tariff for exporting solar power is introduced. This does not help the energy market.</p>
2017-07-03 15:15:03	<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</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 owners should be rewarded for using solar power and not penalised.</p>
2017-07-03 15:14:40	<p>We should also receive a far higher feed in tariff for the energy we generate and supply.</p> <p>W should also have received a rebate to off-set some of the cost we incurred to install our solar panels and solar hot water system. Not a cent received!</p>

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2017-07-03 15:14:27	<p>I feel there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental benefit of solar along with the network savings that solar provides. We decided to make a substantial investment in rooftop solar to reduce our carbon footprint and do our part. The decision to proceed was based on the price of our solar export and changing this will have a drastic affect.</p> <p>It is unfair to charge solar owners to export clean power when large power companies don't have to.</p> <p>Hi</p>
2017-07-03 15:12:51	<p>It is necessary to encourage renewable energy, not to impose additional charges. Global warming is real, and, ultimately, all energy needs to be renewable. This move is ideological, not scientific, and the current Government will not always be in place.</p>
2017-07-03 15:12:42	<p>If solar power users have to pay to export their power to the grid it would clearly be economically unfeasible, especially since we need as many people as possible to use clean green energy if we are to save the planet from the dire consequences of climate change.</p> <p>We should all be embracing renewable energy and eschewing the polluting dirty fossil fuels. As a consumer I installed solar panels to do my bit for the planet and the 28.283 c per kwh I receive at present makes it worthwhile. However in January 2019 this will drop to 6c per kwh and if I then had to pay to export this power to the grid there it would defeat the whole object. What's more the dirty polluting fossil fuels companies get away with paying nothing. Where is the justice in that?</p> <p>This idea has to be squashed.</p> <p>To AEMC,</p>
2017-07-03 15:12:40	<p>It is unfair for solar owners to export clean, renewable energy to the grid when big,dirty power companies are not.</p> <p>There should also be a fair feed-in tariff for households producing clean solar energy. I am a solar owner and deserve better treatment.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
2017-07-03 15:12:34	<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>
2017-07-03 15:12:29	<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> <p>I invested and installed a solar system to help reduce global warming and to save money on my power bills, not to provide more profits to greedy energy companies.</p> <p>Solar feed-in reduces afternoon peak demand and, therefore, the exorbitant profits that the power companies had been able to make during times of peak demand. It is wrong that solar owners should be penalised for this, either by a direct export charge or by minimising feed-in tariffs, just to allow these excessive profits to continue.</p>
	<p>If profit is the motivation of power companies in pushing for any further reduction in feed-in tariffs or increase in costs to solar owners, this will only provide encouragement for solar owners to disconnect from the grid, which will defeat the companies' purpose. The fixed daily charge for electricity connections is already, effectively, a penalty for solar owners and for more efficient use of electricity.</p>
	<p>Advantages of solar power to the grid:</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing the need for fossil fueled power generation, reducing CO2 and other emissions and so benefitting the environment. Australia has global commitments to reduce CO2 emissions and solar generation will need to play a large part. 2. It reduces the need for inefficient and costly peaking power generation. 3. Distributed generation, such as solar, reduces line losses and also the need for transmission and distribution line upgrades, which benefits the power companies.
	<p>Solar owners have gone to considerable expense to help the environment and, in the long term, to reduce overall expenditure on their electricity consumption, despite the continual change in government policy and power company pricing policy.</p>
2017-07-03 15:10:48	<p>Solar generation needs to be encouraged, not penalised.</p>
2017-07-03 15:10:08	<p>Its absolutely appalling that we don't get a fair price for our solar feed in but to have us pay for the privilege is outrageous and needs to be stopped Now</p>

Date**Your submission**

I appreciate that roof top solar creates issues for electricity distributors such as Energex. However, the problem is one that distributors have to deal with, not the customers. The failure of distributors to invest in the appropriate control systems, spending their money, instead, on infrastructure appropriate to the 1990s, and inducing regulators such as yourselves to increase distribution cost recovery from us, the hapless consumers, is one of the policy failures of this past decade.

I urge you to desist from imposing yet more of the failures of the electricity industry on the customers rather than on those whose decisions led to the present imbroglio. A market system means the businesses making decisions bear the cost. Invest in the wrong things and lose money, as newspapers are currently doing. You have market power created by government, you aren't a market player, nor are the distributors. You have been acting as an agent of the distributors in their rent-seeking behaviour.

The proposal to add a charge to roof-top solar owners is just another piece of rent-seeking on behalf of your principals, the electricity distributors.

Australia's very poor productivity performance over the past decade can be sheeted home to efforts such as yours, indeed, you are to blame for much of that appallingly poor, by international standards, performance.

Think about how to make a positive contribution to innovation and productivity improvements rather than contributing for yet more rent-seeking by your industry.

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Sincerely,

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It is utterly ridiculous to expect people who have spent THEIR OWN money investing in solar power to have to pay for supplying into the grid. Rather they should be applauded for having the guts to do something that helps give cleaner energy to the State !

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object most strongly to the proposal to charge the owners of solar panels to export clean renewable energy to the grid.

I have been a long time supporter of solar power, installing solar hot water panels on my house in the 1980s, and adding solar PV to my house in 2011.

I note that big polluting power companies do not have to pay to export their power to the grid, yet you expect small owners to pay, when it is our power which provides critical backup at peak times in summer, and reduces the need for additional large scale power plants. Given the crisis facing the world through global warming, it would be immoral to take any action that reduced the shift to clean, renewable energy. We need every house in Australia to be generating electricity from their roof, and this should be fairly compensated.

While I currently have a good contract with the ACT government in relation to my feed-in tariff, I am concerned that the feed-in tariffs now provided are unfair and usurious, ripping off solar owners when large companies are making immoral profits from their control of the market. Feed-in tariffs should be fair, and should recognise the environmental and health benefits of solar power.

The application of a fee to my solar generation would impact adversely on my household budget, which has already been hit by outrageous price increases for gas and electricity. Such price increases reflect a total failure of policy and regulation in this area.

The small solar electricity producer should not be made to pay for this abject policy failure.

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Yours sincerely,

I oppose the move to charge owners of solar voltaic systems to export power to the electricity grid.

It is inequable for solar owners to be charged to export renewable power to the grid when big power companies do not.

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 includes relief from peak power demand.

I have installed a solar voltaic system to help reduce the air pollution associated with coal powered generation.

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The system I have purchased involves a time payment system. The supplier already applies a considerable service charge. Any further impost, such as the proposed special charge on independent electricity contributions, will cause hardship as I am a pensioner.

Small scale solar generators should receive a similar payment to other larger producers of electricity for every kWh they produce with no additional charges for feeding power in. The current arrangements are manifestly unfair and electricity retailers are getting our power on the cheap.

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Like other solar panel households spent a lot of money to utilize clean energy from sun to help with cost of electricity for owe home

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2017-07-03 15:08:00	<p>We have spent quite a lot of our retirement \$ to install a fairly sophisticated Solar array, with battery storage. We have also had a generator installed interconnecting with the solar/battery system. This has been done because we believe this is the future, and because of unreliability of mains power. We now have the capability to go 'off-grid' if circumstances forced us to. These circumstances would likely be unfair treatment by the grid energy retailers.</p> <p>There should not be a penalty for feeding clean electricity into the grid : there are huge benefits to the community, and to the energy retailer by doing this. Taking this logic forward, there should actually be a fair feint tariff which at the moment the energy retailer is getting virtually free.</p> <p>We are one step away from removing ourselves from the grid, and it will not take much to force us into this action, if ordinary folks like us continue to get penalized for simply doing what is right for both the community and the environment.</p> <p>Note: Currently our system is 8kv of PV panels: 12 KWh of battery storage, backed up by a 14KVa Perkins diesel generator . We may expand on both the PV and battery storage. And the swindle continues at number of levels.</p> <p>(i) On a National front where the Commonwealth Government is abandoning its obligation to fight climate change by not supporting renewable energy sources and leaving it all to the individuals.</p> <p>(ii) The abuse of trust of the household Solar Panel Owners who have saved the governments both State and Federal millions, by not having to update power stations, by investing their retirement money in solar panels to create affordable living.</p> <p>(iii) The only industry where "you" pay to present your product for sale is in retail but make a profit so: How is this even fair - Rebate of 6cents and then the on selling for 29cents where the producer has no bartering chances or rights .</p> <p>(iv) The Second biggest swindle is the "so called" rebate increase which is not mandatory , just like the collapse of HIH insurance voluntary regulating IT DOESN'T WORK .</p> <p>Honestly how can you even consider this pathetic money grabbing idea. OR Is this a subliminal scheme to increase battery sales . Thank you</p>
2017-07-03 15:04:40	<p>I produce clean solar energy with no pollution. Most of the energy I produce is stored in my batteries. However, my excess energy can be fed into the grid to supply my neighbours. Why should I have to pay to feed into the grid when the grid is subsidised by public money- my taxes. As demand grows, the grid needs to be upgraded to supply it. However, the more energy that can be fed in to fill local demand, the less money needs to be spent upgrading the grid. This saves considerable public money. As an energy supplier I should at least be treated the same as any other electricity generator- paid the same tariffs and charged the same fees. If coal fired power stations are not charged to use the grid, why should I be? Particularly considering solar energy is low emission and assists Australia meet its Paris Accord requirements, so there should actually be an incentive for solar generators rather than a penalty. I would think the Australian government would be keen to encourage private investment in clean electricity generation, rather than penalising and deterring it.</p>
2017-07-03 15:04:22	I am unimpressed!
2017-07-03 15:03:01	Bad idea. Makes little sense.
2017-07-03 15:00:52	Stop the swindle
2017-07-03 14:53:25	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
2017-07-03 14:49:09	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
2017-07-03 14:48:43	<p>It seems like larceny to charge to export solar to the grid. So unfair</p> <p>It's unfair to impose a charge on solar owners to feed into the grid when power companies don't have to pay any such charges. Solar owners deserve a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental benefits of solar as well as the network savings that solar power provides to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 14:46:49	<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 installed a 4kW PV system at home because both environmental and economical sustainability reasons. I have invested a fair amount of money in this system thinking I would get all my money back via reduced bills, but this won't happen if I start to be charged for feeding electricity back to the grid. This would have an important impact on my household.</p> <p>We installed Solar to help Australia meet its Paris commitments and must not be penalised for doing the right thing. 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>
2017-07-03 14:46:24	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 data-bbox="401 293 453 310">AEMC</p> <p data-bbox="401 334 1129 350">I'm opposed to the proposed charge on solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="401 375 1493 391">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>
2017-07-03 14:46:18	<p data-bbox="401 415 1604 431">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>
2017-07-03 14:46:12	<p data-bbox="401 440 1780 480">Allowing charges for feeding power to the grid will discourage the switch to renewable energy which is essential for our country to play its part in carbon emission reduction to combat climate change. To become a worth contributor to the international effort we must do more to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p data-bbox="401 480 1801 521">Dear AEMC, it is extremely unfair for clean energy to be charged in anyway. Solar, as well as many other renewable energy systems are in the process of expanding, and we must help this process by implementing systematic measures to bring the most beneficial outcomes to clean energy owners, but taxing clean energy is not a method to alleviate the overall climate change, our health and our people.</p>
2017-07-03 14:45:01	<p data-bbox="401 570 1822 699">We are shocked to hear that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering allowing a charge on solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid. This will be most unfair for solar owners 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. Charging the solar owners for feeding their spare electricity into the grid will not only discourage further rooftop solar installations, but for someone like us who have been feeding into the grid for the past 6 years and have been considering updating our PV system will have to seriously reconsider. I am sure there will be many more in a similar situation. Even now we are not getting a fair price for the electricity we are feeding into the grid, only a fraction of what we buy it for, even that is increasing from the 1st of July this year.</p> <p data-bbox="401 724 1822 764">From every angle, to charge the solar owners to feed into the grid, will be a loss; to us the solar owners, to the clean energy solar industry and generally to the Energy Industry. It will be a backward step. What the Commission should really be considering is getting a fair price for the solar owners, for helping the industry, by feeding their spare electricity into the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="401 789 1822 821">I submit also, that for the reasons given below, for the longer term stability of the Energy Industry, AEMC should give consideration for the Power Generation Companies to allow the domestic users to store off peak electricity in all the States:</p> <ol data-bbox="401 829 1822 959" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="401 829 1682 846">1.Incentive to invest in the installation of domestic storage batteries as there will be a need to store off peak power even when there is no sun for solar power generation. <li data-bbox="401 854 1682 870">2.Good for solar power industry. Higher demand on storage batteries will likely drive down the battery prices, encouraging even more domestic solar power installations. <li data-bbox="401 878 1822 894">3.Greater usage of power during off peak (into storage) which would be used during peak demand (from storage). Better regulation of power, less peaks and troughs. <li data-bbox="401 902 1822 935">4.Less need for compulsory load shedding during extraordinary high demand as domestic users would be using their stored power. Less people affected by load shedding, even when there is a need. <li data-bbox="401 943 1108 959">5.More households with power storage and fewer affected by weather related power outages.
2017-07-03 14:44:45	<p data-bbox="401 984 800 1000">I thank you for allowing me to make this submission.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1008 1482 1024">I have never ever heard of being charged for the gift we give in feeding the grid. The ridiculous rebate from AGL is not even worth mentioning.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1032 1822 1065">It was our genuine wish to make our environment a healthier one for generations to come. We are deeply offended by this unfair grab and urge authorities to prohibit punishing the people who only want to do good for all.</p>
2017-07-03 14:43:54	<p data-bbox="401 1065 1251 1081">It is very unfair for solar owners to pay power companies to feed into the grid when big companies don't have to.</p>
2017-07-03 14:40:26	<p data-bbox="401 1089 506 1105">To the AEMC,</p> <p data-bbox="401 1114 1822 1219">We have a small 3Kw solar electricity system on our roof that we installed a couple of years ago. We installed it for a few reasons - to lower our electricity bills , although we knew it would take a few years to cover the original outlay. We also care about the environment and know that solar is much better for the planet in the long run than coal. It is important to look after things for future generations - we have the knowledge and know how now to make a difference. By punishing individuals who care about the planet with yet another charge you will be making it less attractive for any new solar buyers and for existing solar owners who want to upgrade their system to generate more renewable electricity. A feed in tariff should be fair across the board, a cost per Kw/h regardless of if it is generated with solar, wind, coal, gas or however.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1227 905 1243">Please rethink the current plan to make renewables less attractive.</p>
2017-07-03 14:39:13	<p data-bbox="401 1243 506 1260">Kind regards,</p>
2017-07-03 14:38:16	<p data-bbox="401 1268 1822 1300">Power companies don't pay to feed power to the grid. Should be a fair feed in tariff when providing power to the grid. As a self funded retiree extra cost in feeding power to the grid will have a big effect on my finances and may result in me becoming a pensioner and claiming a pension.</p>

Date **Your submission**

Dear AEMC,
I am disappointed and dismayed to think that you are contemplating charging solar owners for exporting their excess power to the grid. I believe that the environmental benefits of solar are enormous. Solar owners are assisting this country on the road to a clean energy future, and your actions will impinge upon this. Solar owners should receive a fair feed-in tariff, thereby encouraging others to connect. I was lucky enough to have my system in place whilst there was a fair feed-in tariff, and it will have paid for itself within the 5 year period of grace until the tariff reduces to a pittance. I will now consider battery storage instead, so the grid will not have the benefit of my extra power. I am saving up for this now. Australia could lead the world in solar renewable energy, but not with policy such as you are contemplating. I am an a low fixed income and rely on my solar to alleviate monetary concerns; if you start charging extra, this will be onerous and have a serious effect on my household. I went without a lot of things to save up for my solar system, because I believed in renewable energy being the only future for our country and our world, but also because power bills had become harder to afford, with the bills becoming a larger percentage of my income. I implore you to not charge solar owners and continue with low feed-in tariffs, but to develop policies which encourage more and more people to convert to solar.

2017-07-03 14:37:12 Our world need this.

2017-07-03 14:37:06 Why should I as a solar owner pay to export clean renewable power back into the grid when coal companies don't pay a cent. Why is Australia so backward when it comes to our environment and people who are trying to do their bit are punished. Please do not recommend that owners of rooftop solar panels be charged for returning power generated from the sun to the grid. We are already charged massively by the power companies when they pay us a pittance for this power and then sell it back to us a up to 8 - 9 times what they pay us for it. We installed roof top solar panels to attempt to negate future power price increases and to play our part in providing a planet our children and grandchildren could inhabit in a similar way we have. Australia is already seen as a country that is moving towards penalising people who are trying to provide a clean future in favour of those whose only consideration is monetary regardless of the environmental damage they are doing.

2017-07-03 14:36:52 If this charge is introduced it will be confirmation the pressure groups representing the old electricity generating systems are in charge of debate in Australia,

2017-07-03 14:35:39 We have had solar since June 2014 and it has greatly helped in reducing our electricity costs. If a charge was added for supplying excess power back to the grid and a charge added to the supply lines for returning the excess to the grid it makes a mockery out of the Governments efforts to assist with the installation of solar systems. Those lines carry the power, what difference does it make which direction the power goes. With the shutting down of coal fired power generators it makes sense for solar power which at least works during daylight hours and the more rooftops have solar, the more power is generated. The next charge they will try is paying for the power we use off our own systems .

2017-07-03 14:34:32 I invested in solar energy as we are now retired and living costs just keep on going up and also to create a cleaner environment. Where is the incentive for people to do this if the AEMC is going to incur these charges. It is totally unfair & unreasonable. They need to have a re-think regarding this issue.

2017-07-03 14:34:07 Why exactly are you even considering such a thing? Solar power people are contributing to the grid and you are considering a charge on that? What about taxing our charity contributions too?

Dear AEMC
We understand from Solar Citizens that 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 the renewable electricity we generate back into the grid. The AEMC tried to introduce a similar charge in 2013 but due to overwhelming community opposition the proposal never eventuated. Again, we would like to re-iterate that we agree with Solar Citizens. Australians love their solar and won't put up with unfair charges.

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 financial savings that arise directly from the environmental and health benefits of investing in solar and battery storage as well as from the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

This proposal can only be seen as a nasty attempt by the fossil fuel industry and its political and business supporters to drive the costs of renewables up as a way of deterring or at least slowing their adoption. This is a cynical exercise that goes against the wishes of the vast majority of Australians who want the country to transition to a renewable energy economy as fast as possible - especially given the context of climate change.

When will the AEMC take on its social and environmental responsibilities?

2017-07-03 14:33:19 Yours sincerely

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2017-07-03 14:33:04	<p>We put solar panels on our home two years ago because it was the right thing to do for the environment, I believe we must transition to solar if we want to avoid dangerous climate change so we put our money where our mouth was. I believe this proposal is very unfair to charge us to feed into the grid as coal power companies do not have too, people should be encouraged to go solar and not be charged, I believe there should be a fair tariff paid for our feed in. We are pensioners and we hoped going solar would ease our future electricity bills but if this proposal goes ahead I do not know how we could manage it on a fixed income</p>
2017-07-03 14:31:47	<p>It would be very unfair to charge solar owners to export our clean power to the grid. There should instead be a fair feed in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefits of solar to the community. We put solar panels on our roof partly because we want to be environmentally responsible and partly because of the savings in power costs. It would be most unfair if the government penalized us for this.</p>
2017-07-03 14:31:33	<p>We invested over \$20,000 for rooftop solar to contribute to fighting climate change and to help with the crisis in electricity generation. Eventually we expect to recover our investment with savings and also to minimise our costs in retirement. The electricity we sell into the grid pays us far far less than the cost that that we get from the grid. However we still think we have done the right thing. If we have to pay to export to the grid we would be outraged. First we would ensure there was nothing to export - we would use it somehow, even waste it rather than pay to export it. It would be so wrong to make us pay to give electricity to the grid. We would look to go off the grid altogether if necessary.</p>
2017-07-03 14:31:16	<p>We are now at a critical time in our history where it is essential that we take every step we can to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. It's definitely not the time to make it harder for the general public to actively participate in emissions reduction by generating non-polluting renewable energy. Please ensure that people generating clean renewable energy are not disadvantaged for exporting that energy to the national grid. They should be rewarded with a fair feed-in tariff and not punished with charges that are not levied on high emission companies generating from coal and gas. Here in the Far South Coast Region of NSW, there are many people who have made a great effort by taking on the expense of installing solar systems on their houses and business premises. There are also many community installations organised over quite a number of years through Clean Energy For Eternity. These efforts are grassroots responses to a critical climate crisis and should be supported by being justly and fairly rewarded with a realistic feed-in tariff without unnecessary bureaucratic charges. They will continue unless hurdles like charges on exporting electricity to the grid are introduced, making it too difficult or expensive to make a worthwhile community contribution.</p>
2017-07-03 14:29:12	<p>It's time to support community efforts to assist in the reduction of our greenhouse gas emissions. 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>Dear AEMC members,</p> <p>I believe that there is a proposal to charge solar owners for feeding their energy into the grid. This does not seem reasonable to me unless all the other electricity suppliers, such as coal and gas are also charged in the same way. In fact, I have been told that coal and gas power stations do not have to pay such a charge.</p> <p>If anything, we have greatly helped the general electricity situation by putting our own money to buy solar panels which helped to develop the industry here at a time when governments were dragging their feet.</p> <p>What we need from you at the AEMC is some well thought out plan for the gradual shutting down of coal power stations, in a considered way, so that electricity can continue to be provided.</p> <p>You could also be looking at ways to use hydro and storage to keep the provision of electricity going. As gross weather events in the sky and on land there will be times where it will be impossible to continue to supply through the grid. That is where being able to have home or local area storage for 3 to 4 days of frugal use, could be lifesaving.</p> <p>Thank you for your efforts - please think through the implementation of any plans you suggest. It is often in the poorly thought-out implementation that many things do wrong.</p>
2017-07-03 14:27:55	<p>Please do not put a charge on my solar panels</p> <p>I am a pensioner who relies entirely on the pension. Any further costs such as this charge will directly effect my lifestyle limiting it even further than it already is.</p>
2017-07-03 14:27:28	<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> <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>
2017-07-03 14:27:21	<p>Why are you discriminating against a group of people who have spent their own money installing and maintaining electricity producing infrastructure. This charge is not logical, nor is it fair.</p> <p>Why are the same charges not applied to the large power companies?</p>
2017-07-03 14:27:12	<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>
2017-07-03 14:26:56	<p>I have installed a 15kw system on Mackellar Motel and am about to instal a 15kw system on Armidale Motel.</p> <p>Charging you for solar exports to the grid would increase operating costs, reduce revenue, and prejudice future expansion and employment.</p> <p>Stop the swindling of Rooftop solar owners. We need a clean planet you dorks.</p>

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2017-07-03 14:25:24	<p>It is Grossly unfair to impose charges on home owners to export clean power onto the grid. I was encouraged by the governments of the day to install PV panels on my roof, when they were expensive to install. I feel it is unjust to change the goal posts after I spent my savings to purchase my solar panel array, by imposing proposed charges. I produce totally clean energy, which helps our planet for our children. These proposed charges are totally preposterous and will only benefit a very few.</p> <p>I love my solar panels and the sustainable non polluting energy they provide to power our home. I believe that as a community, even as a species we need to make positive steps in the choices we make for our 'larger' home - the planet.</p>
2017-07-03 14:24:59	<p>Inequality is another major issue that needs to be kept in check to create a fair and just society. If you penalise us, the community of small investors and not the corporate power companies shows with this export charge, it would demonstrate how unbalanced our system has become...and where your interest lie...disheartening me, and with the only power I have, it will influence who I vote 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>
2017-07-03 14:24:16	<p>Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it</p>
2017-07-03 14:23:44	<p>Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household</p> <p>The more renewable energy is used to create power, the less we need fossil fuels. If private households can create power not only for themselves but for the grid, then they should certainly not be charged for contributing to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 14:23:15	<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> <p>Why should household solar generators be charged to export clean power to the grid when larger dirty producers do not. My original agreement with the government was to remain valid and unchanged until 2028. Are you renegeing on this also? My vote will be under much deliberation at the next election. The energy companies would , in an ideal world be levied with a supply charge from each household.</p>
2017-07-03 14:21:00	<p>Low and fixed income households like mine cannot support such an unconscionable act such as charging us to export our solar generated power to the grid. It IS theft, plain and simple.</p>
2017-07-03 14:19:45	<p>This "proposal" is the sort of thing that leads directly to revolution.</p>
2017-07-03 14:19:27	<p>To charge for solar users to contribute to the grid is tantamount to theft. Most solar contributors did so with a view to saving the environment, saving the electricity companies the need for more infrastructure and generally to feel that they are helping. The companies have taken advantage of them, have neglected to care for their own business models and customer bases and deserve to be abandoned in droves. That is their problem. It should not be ours.</p>
2017-07-03 14:17:10	<p>The charges being proposed by the AEMC are designed to benefit the power companies. Instead, the benefits should instead accrue to those who have reduced their electricity consumption by placing solar panels or hot water solar onto their homes. I installed my solar panels in 2007. As a consequence, my electricity consumption has dropped by half. This is an enormous benefit to both Australia and myself. It has reduced air pollution and reduced the coal energy consumed to provide electricity to my home. Furthermore, I export unused electricity for others to use at a virtually free cost to utilities. I worked for Powercor 7 years, so I understand all too well how my solar energy benefits Powercor and the community.</p>
	<p>Dear AEMC members,</p>
	<p>I would like to comment on the proposal to to charge me as a solar owner for feeding my clean green energy into the grid.</p>
	<p>I believe that power companies feeding their dirty energy into the grid are NOT subject to such a charge and if that is the case this is an unjust proposal.</p>
	<p>As I receive the sum of only 7 cents for each kWt of power exported into the grid and then have to pay some of the highest prices in the world (32 + cents per kWt) to use that energy, I believe that I should be paid 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 solar in the belief that I was making a positive contribution for the future of the planet and that I would help leave a lasting legacy for the future of my children and fellow citizens of this special place we all call home.</p>
	<p>However I do believe that I should NOT be penalised for my efforts.</p>
	<p>Kind Regards,</p>
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2017-07-03 14:16:11	<p>This is a scandalous and ridiculous idea ! Everything should be done to encourage more people to use solar energy for the sake of the future of our children and our home- planet earth!</p>

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	<p>We feel we should be paid/compensated for the CLEAN free electricity we are exporting to the grid. It is outrageous to be penalised for doing our small but important bit in working towards keeping this planet clean for generations to come.</p>
2017-07-03 14:16:04	<p>The short-termism and greed to hang on to their business model and shareholder value will only speed them towards their Kodak moment and they should all know what this will mean for them! It is their last chance to wake up before it is too late.</p>
2017-07-03 14:14:49	<p>Please ensure there are economic incentives in favour of renewables over fossil fuels.</p>
2017-07-03 14:13:42	<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 Its unfair of you to charge us to export clean energy to the grid when you don't pay to do that either you are just being very greedy! You should recognise the benefit of solar along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. It would be difficult for us to afford any charges considering how much it cost us to have it installed in the first place....you are plain greedy</p>
2017-07-03 14:13:28	<p>It is absolutely disgraceful that energy companies want to charge solar owners for sending power back to grid. Ripping off Australians again for doing the right thing!</p>
2017-07-03 14:13:08	<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. This kind of policy discourages individual action on climate change, increases barriers to community or grass roots action, or for businesses to profit from being energetically sustainable. 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>
2017-07-03 14:12:45	<p>Enough is enough! We solar power citizens had the cells put in place when the government was promoting it as the future way to, at a cost I might add, now you have done a back flip and slug us for doing the right thing, which I know, you know is the right way to go. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't pay a cent.</p>
2017-07-03 14:09:41	<p>The power charges in Western Australia have been rising and rising and we do not have the luxury of any competition here to change to. We cannot keep putting our hands in our pockets to prop up your government failings, especially at the expense of clean, renewable power. We as solar owners object to you the government introducing a new charge for feeding our generated electricity back to the grid. Find some other way of balancing your books, and hands off.</p>
2017-07-03 14:09:38	<p>I was encouraged by the government to put in solar panels to relieve the workload for businesses. I am now back to paying for electricity. I generate 2400kw a quarter and actually use 1000kw. Why do I pay 34c and you pay me 6c. Where's the equity in that. The government keeps moving the goal posts after we have paid big dollars for the installation. I certainly have not had time to recoup my investment when I believed the subsidies were going to be for 10 years not 3. Support us so we can support you. I can see no logic in charging solar owners for the power they export to the grid. I put PV panels on my roof to not only reduce my carbon footprint but to keep my energy bills down. With the solar bonus scheme now paying almost nothing for what I produce, having to pay to feed in to the grid will make my panels redundant financially and, although I may be keeping my emissions down someone else is benefitting at my expense. The cost of putting in the panels will now not pay for itself for many years judging by the recent power bills I've paid. The proposal will deter me from expanding my PV's and almost certainly stop people from putting them on their roofs who haven't yet done so. We have to remember that every PV panel is potentially a reduction in our Green House gas emissions.</p>
2017-07-03 14:07:34	<p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>I doubt anyone will bother to read this. Consultation with the public these days is usually just lip service, and then you do whatever you believe will make the most money for your economic masters, regardless of feedback. I hope this consultation process is not so much of a farce as what has become commonplace in our 'democracy'. That said...</p> <p>I could entertain the idea of charging private solar users to input into the grid only if large scale commercial generators also paid the same rate. My question then though is why are domestic prices skyrocketing? We pay to take power out, we pay to give power in. Who is making all the money? The companies that manage the grid perhaps? Seems like a blind grab to protect large scale commercial interests.</p> <p>Please take a longer view and do what is best for everyone, including what is best to promote clean energy through domestic solar installations.</p>
2017-07-03 14:06:40	<p>Thank You.</p>

Date

Your submission

To Whom It May Concern,
AEMC

Thank you for allowing me to make a submission.

I sincerely hope that the Commission will not decide to charge me for exporting some of the power that my solar panels produce. With some difficulty, I went to considerable expense to purchase and install these panels, but my purpose was primarily polemical - I have 6 grandchildren and four of my own children (each with a partner). As you can quickly ascertain, I believe that there is irrefutable evidence that the planet is warming - if there is any possibility that humans contribute to global warming, and I believe we do, it would be foolish not to try to reduce human impact. I have chosen to do this by purchasing the most efficient heating, cooking and washing devices I can find. This has not been an easy process as I am now retired - and much of my planning has been based on getting some return for the electricity my solar panels produce. I have been lucky in Tasmania to have been paid for the power I export, but this rebate is soon to end. To have no rebate might be considered fair, but to have to pay for power which I have been able to produce through financial care and prudence is manifestly wrong. I am already paying hefty costs for 'gold plated' transmission wires - and am prepared to do this. But for the power I produce to be 'gifted' to 'Aurora' (a company the Tasmanian Government 'fleeces' to balance its budget) is morally wrong and akin to robbery. The power I export, along with many other Tasmania citizens who own solar panels, helps to reduce the State's reliance on power imported from dirty brown coal power stations in Victoria, and perhaps other States.

If the AEMC does decide to charge me for exporting to the grid, I will put myself into financial difficulty by coming off the grid and buying batteries for storage.

If the AEMC does decide to charge citizens who have acted for what they consider to be global environmental needs I will want to see a clearly expounded moral argument for its actions. I am willing to bet that such an argument cannot be proffered.

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Yours sincerely,

It is far more environmentally friendly for Australia than to build more coal fired power stations.

This impost on home solar power is an absolute insult. The current and future owners are, and will have a significant impact on carbon dioxide emissions, save the cost of larger production and storage costs for non CO2 establishment, and above all, every dirty power producer is not included, and they are paid to put power into the grid. This is nothING more than a money grab. Every major power producer is paid for the power they put into the grid, why should small producers be any different.

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To The Australian Energy Market Commission,

I strongly object to your attempt to reintroduce a charge for small scale solar system owners feeding their surplus electricity production back into the Eastern seaboard electricity grid.

That you continue to push this agenda reflects both an arrogant audacity and an ideological determination to ignore the current world wide consensus of climate scientists concerning the need to transition rapidly to a non carbon based energy production system.

Your proposed penalty signals clearly your belief and intention that your fossil fuel based corporate clients deserve protection despite their contributing to significant environmental pollution. I would argue, if a penalty is to be applied to energy producers, it ought to be applied to those involved in carbon based pollution given that they currently escape any culpability for the harmful consequence of their production. Moreover by applying such a penalty, you would provide these polluters with an incentive to move more rapidly toward carbon free forms of energy production.

I put it to you that your current proposed charge also signals an inconsistency in your supposed free market ideology. Giving the large polluting energy producers a structural advantage is not only inherently an anti-competitive measure but is patently unfair. Already small scale alternative energy producers are paid pitiful feed-in tariffs by these large energy companies. For your Commission to now add further financial impediments to fair participation in the market by small scale solar producers sends a clear message that it champions such anti-competitive practices. I question whether such a market invention by you is compatible with ACCC guidelines relating to anti-competitive practice.

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In sum, I argue that your proposed charge for small scale alternative energy producers to feed into the Eastern seaboard electricity grid reflects your commitment to protecting the established market players. This is not only patently unfair, but ignores the profound environmental consequences of this protectionism.

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2017-07-03 13:57:49	<p>Afternoon, Totally unfair to apply a feedin tariff to solar energy providers.</p>
2017-07-03 13:57:23	<p>I adamantly object to being slugged for any more costs to my electricity. It would be more the point if electricity companies were to be charged penalizing amounts for non-renewable electricity used.</p>
2017-07-03 13:55:01	<p>This would be an unfair charge to solar owners for them to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large power companies don't have to pay a cent and as such there should be a fair feed-in tariff, if any, that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. When my wife and I installed solar we were under the assumption on the advertising by the government at the time that we were helping power the grid and saving the economy. We have since been hit a charge for us exporting to the grid which you wish to increase. My wife and I are pensioners and any increase, which is an unfair penalty which you wish to impose, would cause financial hardship to us.</p>
2017-07-03 13:54:02	<p>As solar power contributors we should be commended and paid more for our clean energy , not charged by a greedy government I believe that The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering allowing a charge on solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid. This is just ludicrous and I totally disagree with it and cannot understand how it even is being considered.</p>
2017-07-03 13:53:52	<p>Households that procedure solar energy are helping Australia and receive little compensation for this energy, to add this charge is robbery. Power companies don't have to pay a cent so why should solar owners be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid</p>
2017-07-03 13:52:53	<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 was encouraged to put rooftop solar on by the scheme offered and used the same provider that Parliament House used Electricity has already increased. I've been made redundant 3 times - introducing charges for solar exports to the grid would have a crippling effect. How can you even consider charging for our input of solar power.</p>
2017-07-03 13:50:26	<p>Nowhere in the rest of the world is this done. All you will do is push people into going completely off grid We are now at a critical time in our history where it is essential that we take every step we can to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. It's definitely not the time to make it harder for the general public to actively participate in emissions reduction by generating non-polluting renewable energy. Please ensure that people generating clean renewable energy are not disadvantaged for exporting that energy to the national grid. They should be rewarded with a fair feed-in tariff and not punished with charges that are not levied on high emission companies generating from coal and gas. Here in the Far South Coast Region of NSW, there are many people who have made a great effort by taking on the expense of installing solar systems on their houses and business premises. There are also many community installations organised over quite a number of years through Clean Energy For Eternity. These efforts are grassroots responses to a critical climate crisis and should be supported by being justly and fairly rewarded with a realistic feed-in tariff without unnecessary bureaucratic charges. They will continue unless hurdles like charges on exporting electricity to the grid are introduced, making it too difficult or expensive to make a worthwhile community contribution. It's time to support community efforts to assist in the reduction of our greenhouse gas emissions.</p>
2017-07-03 13:49:37	<p>Yours sincerely, we spent \$11,000 on our solar panels..Now we get only 5c kwh rebate</p>
2017-07-03 13:49:23	<p>That's not really good enough.In our life time we will not pay off our investment. At a time when climate change poses such a mammoth threat to human survival and when, as a consequence, we should be doing all in our power to derive the maximum amount of energy from renewable sources, it is criminal to even consider imposing any further restraint on the use and expansion of solar energy. To be fair to solar installations the buy-back rate should at least be equal to the buy-in rate. After all, all those who are supplying electricity into the grid are also paying a meter charge which is a contribution toward the poles and wires that connect each consumer/provider. To add to this charge has no foundation in either fairness or good judgement.</p>
2017-07-03 13:49:17	<p>Producers of solar power get paid very little by the power companies as it is. These companies must not be allowed to further decrease what they pay us by charging us to take our power.</p>
2017-07-03 13:47:57	<p>If I were younger, I would go off-grid. Climate change is real and it is here. Why should households be penalized for doing their part in reducing greenhouse emissions when we have a government that is going backwards as far as climate change is concerned.</p>
2017-07-03 13:45:25	<p>First people are asked to go solar, then once they have done so in an effort to help the planet, they are targeted with extra costs? Once again, those trying to do the right thing are being penalized.</p>

Date	Your submission
	<p>To: Australian Energy Marketing Commission (AEMC)</p> <p>Subject :Submission - Solar feed to grid, proposed charges?</p> <p>I would like to express my concerns that I am extremely disappointed that the (AEMC) Australian Energy Market Commission could even consider the possibility of charging solar owners feeding their electricity back to the grid. Why I may ask, should solar owners be charge for feeding clean green energy back into the grid. I have a massive issue with those big dirty power company's that done pay a cent to use the grid. Get real if these charges are applied, I am sure there will be a mass exodus by solar owners to becoming self sufficient and exiting the grid entirely. I for one will be taking steps to be self and leave the grid if these proposed charges are applied. As far as the feed in tariffs their needs to be a system in place that rewards solar owners with a fair return, after all they are producing clean green energy that does not create any environmental or health issues. I am asking the (AEMC) to please consider their proposed charges to the grid feed be dropped and in doing so I believe it will only encourage more citizens to participate in rooftop solar, producing further clean green energy, feeding into the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 13:42:25	<p>Regards,</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay.</p>
2017-07-03 13:41:18	<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, in terms of saving the provision of new power stations.</p> <p>There are so many people in Australia who know that to have the best future possible for our children and grandchildren and the generations to come, is to embrace clean energy. To be able to put CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY into the grid when not using the power generated from roof tops absolutely makes sense and is why my husband and I have solar on our roof. All homes and businesses should not be taxed with unfair charges for generating the best and cleanest energy for all Australians, when the big dirty power companies don't have to pay. Privatization of power companies and their lobbyists has already led to increases in power costs, when only a few years ago Australians were being told by state and federal politicians it would lead to cheaper rates.</p> <p>The feed-in tariff needs to recognise the contribution to the environment and health through clean air and water, that so many Australians support.</p>
2017-07-03 13:39:39	<p>The increased costs of power have already had an impact, as we are senior Australians, trying to survive with less support from state and federal governments, than ever before. Please don't tax us for doing what is right.</p>
2017-07-03 13:39:24	<p>We feel It is 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 cen</p>
2017-07-03 13:38:58	<p>It is so unfair that you are thinking of charging individuals with solar and not power companies. There should be an incentive for people to go solar themselves and help make renewable energy instead of using dirty power production. The whole world is at stake here if we don't change to renewable power</p>
2017-07-03 13:38:33	<p>I'm a single pensioner found the monies to have solar installed to help with my low income, this is so unfair</p>
2017-07-03 13:37:32	<p>Please help us all for our endeavours to help protect the planet as well</p> <p>I spent up front on solar to save money long term and to do my bit for the environment. It was a push from the QLD govt and the BCC that initiated this. I can hardly believe that a few years later, the plan is to penalise me for this decision by slamming me with solar specific charges.</p> <p>This proposal doesn't help us meet our Paris Accords commitments, it's a direct discouragement to install renewables. It encourages existing households with rooftop PV to buy a battery and disconnect from the grid entirely, transferring the cost of upgrading to grid 2.0 to those who cannot afford rooftop PV and batteries.</p> <p>Australian retail power is already expensive, charging people who are attempting to lower their power costs is merely entrenching the market monopoly of existing power networks and is anti-competitive. It'll only lead to more expensive power prices.</p>
2017-07-03 13:36:57	<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>
2017-07-03 13:36:36	<p>The suggestion that solar owners should pay to supply their solar to the grid is quite beyond belief. In fact the solar suppliers should be paid for supplying solar to the grid. Quite frankly what is being suggested makes no sense.</p>
2017-07-03 13:33:17	<p>Don't put an extra charge onto solar home, its just not fair and your only looking after the big multi national power company's, not the people of Australia. As if they don't make enough money and send it all overseas.</p>
2017-07-03 13:33:15	<p>This is crazy , we do the right thing and get on board with solar ,only to be penalized, trying to reduce costs to ourselves , help the environment , help the power company's because</p>
2017-07-03 13:32:39	<p>1 they can't produce enough power 2 we return power to the grid when we don't require it , cutting there cost to supply power to another house</p>

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2017-07-03 13:29:57	<p>I think it is very unfair to consider charging household's that produce solar an export charge to the grid, we are placing less strain on the grid and having energy producers not having to have more infrastructure for which we are paid a pittance, a fairer remuneration for what we supply should be worked out. I spent a considerable amount of my own money to put solar on and as a self funded retiree was hoping to get get good value out of my system but the government is hell bent on making all of us suffer by applying taxes and this would just be the start.</p> <p>As a rural area i am now charges 155 cents a day just for the supply of my power. Hands Off!</p> <p>I paid \$6000.00 for my solar and I only get back 6 cents per kw. I still have to pay between one hundred and twenty dollars and two hundred dollars per bill.</p> <p>I do relies that it is all the sneaky fees and charges is the reason why I am in the red. Now you are considering adding more fees and charges.</p> <p>These large companies are already making a profit from me as I get 6 cents per kw and then they sell it back to me at night time at 29 cents per kw. When will it stop</p> <p>If I was not on a pension I would get battery storage and then tell the big companies to stick the grid up where the sun dose not shine.</p>
2017-07-03 13:27:23	<p>Kind regards</p> <p>We have just spent \$6,500 on a 5Kw Solar system, which is working well.</p> <p>Why should we be punished for this ecologically sound investment when others who could go solar are grid reliant? in effect we are being fined for our commitment to clean electricity production. The feed-in tariff should be at least 20 cents per Kw back to us! It seems that the federal Liberal government is wedded to the coal industry and the big power stations despite the scientific evidence that</p>
2017-07-03 13:26:11	<p>solar power is plentiful, efficient and sustainable.</p> <p>I cannot understand, let alone agree with, any justification for charging owners of solar electricity systems such as myself to feed power back into the grid. Just what exactly are we wearing out or consuming?</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>Moreover we are already paying for our share of the use of the poles and wires through our fixed electricity bill charges.</p> <p>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> <p>I currently receive 6 cents per kwh, well down on the amount I originally received. To have this effectively further reduced by a feed in tariff is going to push the time for recovery cost out to a time horizon, which as a pensioner, I may not have.</p> <p>The notion of a feed in tariff runs contrary to the wishes and goals of most Australians who are in support of the need to replace fossil fuel with renewable energy like solar as the power source for electricity production. A feed in tariff sounds like a petty and small minded attempt by the fossil fuel industry to slow the penetration of domestic solar into the electricity market for as long as possible. The notion should be soundly rejected.</p>
2017-07-03 13:25:28	<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>
2017-07-03 13:24:09	<p>I feed into the National Grid cleanly (and very cheaply)produced electrical energy.</p>
2017-07-03 13:23:14	<p>It is high time that a more generous feedin tariff is paid,never mind the power companies stealing almost all of the electrical energy that I produce</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the proposal to charge households with solar power to feed excess generated power into the grid.</p> <p>We installed solar power 4 years ago primarily because we are concerned about climate change and strongly believe that we all need to move to cleaner ways of generating power as quickly as possible.</p> <p>We should actually be receiving a much fairer feed-in tariff than we are currently getting and we cannot understand why this issue is not being addressed. Your proposal to move in the opposite direction is, quite frankly, preposterous.</p>
2017-07-03 13:22:47	<p>Charging households for solar exports to the grid will force us to consider disconnecting our solar panels and we fail to understand how that can be good for the environment or help in any way to solve our current power generation problems.</p>

Date

Your submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

In light of the proposal by the The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) to charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid, I would like to make the following points:

(1) It is unfair that solar generators like myself should pay to provide a clean energy source, when generators of dirty, unclean energy do not get charged for providing unclean, polluting energy to the community. There is clearly no parity in this proposal and it comes across as if the AEMC is penalising those who are trying to do the right thing

(2) The current feed-in tariff for clean energy currently does not reflect the environmental, social and economic impacts that clean energy represents compared to unclean energy. Further, when one factors in the profit the energy retailers make from on-selling the clean energy to their customers, this is clearly one-sided. Charging additional charges (such as an solar export charge) compounds an already unfair feed-in tariff arrangement

(3) From my own experience as a solar rooftop generator, I have made many wonderful contributions to my community; reducing pollution, helping manage peak flow energy use during heatwaves and cold bursts, increasing awareness of the benefits of clean energy, becoming a more conscious and sustainable member of my community, which has short and long term impacts, that the current feed-in tariff clearly under-represents

(4) Introducing a charge for solar exports to the grid, may reduce the uptake of clean energy installation and hence production and/or encourage more people to go off the grid, which has a variety of ramifications to energy management, especially during peak periods.

I would really encourage you to put your ENERGY in being fair to solar generators like myself, who go out of our own way to pay for our own solar systems. We are currently under-compensated for our efforts, yet we reduce environmental, social and economic costs. Please do not PUNISH as any further and perhaps redirect your ENERGY into offering us fairer and more equitable solar rates. In doing so there you will also help your organisation's branding as a fairer and more responsible and wiser organisation. Energy is such a precious resource and we need to use it wisely and the work you do and the decisions you make will have a marked impact, so please do the right thing.

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Yours faithfully

Attention: Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

I wish to express my objection to any charge being placed upon solar home owners exporting power back into the grid. This clean energy should not be attacked and used as a cheap source of revenue generator when the solar industry not only provides clean energy in place of the polluting alternatives that are supported by the current coal industry supporting government officials. This is a ridiculous decision and flies in the face of protecting the environment and attacking the freedom of choice of home owners. How much are the environment damaging coal powered companies charged for supplying power into the grid? Charging home owners for supplying clean energy into the grid is not only inequitable, unreasonable and not justified but also works against the damage being caused to the environment. These problems will be passed on to the next generations to come. This is totally irresponsible. The installation of solar systems is paid for by the homeowner with the costly system being increasingly preferred to overcome the continually rising cost of traditional electricity supply. The solar industry not only provides a clean alternative but also creates employment opportunities in the industry.

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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 that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

Our solar credit pays for our electricity and gas bills, hence a better lifestyle.

The impact that charging us for our solar exports to the grid would diminish our buying power and impact the whole economy.

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It consequently would encourages us to get off the grid faster!

It is simple, I did not purchase my solar panels to have the benefits to be given away by government. Power prices have gone up, and I thought I did the right thing in installing solar panels. The reason for the higher price is "Gold Plating of the power grid" Power distribution companies profits are calculated from the overall value of their assets. The more valuable these are the more they can charge consumers.

So, from the power distribution companies point of view, if they keep increasing the value of their assets they will make more money. This very thing was mentioned in a documentary shown on TV. I wonder why anyone in government would think that citizens that are totally self sufficient in their power need because of an investment in solar panels and battery technology, should be charge a fee for something they down not use.

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Also, if the power generating companies do not pay for the electricity they pump into the grid, then why should anyone else. In Europe, people that go solar get a whole sale price for the power they generate and put back into the power grid, why can't we have this system put in place here?

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2017-07-03 13:20:39	To AEMC. Australians who feed power back into the grid from their solar systems have made ethical, responsible and caring decisions to invest in this way of making power. Your support for this would also be seen to be ethical, responsible and caring. In a world where "care" is sidelined, you might think that it's ok to gauge me and others like me who have made the decision to harness the most renewable energy there is. Continuing to support non renewable energy suppliers is a crime. Do what's right for everyone, and stop supporting greedy suppliers stuck in the rut of profit at the cost of people.
2017-07-03 13:20:23	Solar power users shouldn't be penalised for exporting their unused electricity to the grid. Solar is cleaner and greener than the big companies and they should cover all the costs. They cause all the environmental problems. Solar users should be paid a more fairer rate on the export electricity too. They are doing things that benefit the environment.
2017-07-03 13:16:55	To the Australian Energy Market Commission, please accept this as a submission against the introduction of charging solar owners for providing clean energy to the grid. As a solar owner who is still paying for the installation of the system which was put in in 2009 I am surprised that small owners, like myself, are being considered to need to pay to feed into the grid network. As a domestic user I already pay to be connected to the grid with our connection fees however large commercial suppliers of electricity are not paying a "fee" to feed in. So we would be required to pay twice whilst those companies still providing unsustainable, carbon producing, global warming causing electricity supplies pay nothing. Are you just wanting to encourage solar households to leave the grid all together? At the moment the network of household solar owners are part of the solution, if we leave the grid the problem will be even bigger than it is now. It is time household solar is recognised as being part of the solution instead of being blamed for the 100 year old problem of burning fossil fuels by having unfair charges and unfairly low feed-in tariffs.
2017-07-03 13:15:31	It is not fair and morally wrong to charge people for feeding clean energy back into the grid. People who care for their environment have payed hard earned money to take an important step towards minimizing their footprint and in doing so are improving life for everybody. Why punish people for doing this? There are so many solutions and ideas out there, stop punishing people who care and start tapping into the available wisdom.
2017-07-03 13:15:05	I oppose the idea of charging owners of domestic solar generating systems for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid. This proposal is unfair and unwarranted especially when power companies do not have to pay anything. Solar owners should be rewarded for supplying power to the grid though realistic feed-in tariffs. They certainly should not be penalised for supplying energy to the grid.
2017-07-03 13:14:26	We should not be charged for having solar, we should be paid a fair amount for what we contribute. If we get charged I will personally but batteries and go off the grid . The governments behaviour is disgusting
2017-07-03 13:13:30	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 the roof top solar on with no rules to say we would be charged a fee to export power into the grid so why should the rules be changed now. We are receiving very low feedings tariffs now, and you want to charge us an extra fees for the right to export power, which is grossly unfair.
2017-07-03 13:13:04	I realise that domestic solar feed-in has required additional grid infrastructure to manage the fluctuating input and hence has involved additional (and growing) cost. Were everything else equal, it would be reasonable to recover that cost from domestic households. But everything else is far from equal. For example, the unsubsidised feed-in tariffs are derisory, making our own installation barely worthwhile given that we are part-pensioners and can't afford the obvious alternative (to feed-in) of battery storage. I may be wrong, but if a feed-in charge is imposed without a corresponding increase in the feed-in tariff, many in our position will disconnect from the grid. Try as I might, I can't construe that as a net benefit to the environment, let alone to households like ours.
2017-07-03 13:12:17	Australians were encouraged by state & federal governments to invest in solar power to help reduce energy supply costs & help the environment & we were offered a feed in rate as part of that encouragement. The feed in rate was guatanteed by the Qld. government at \$0.44/KwH until 2028. Since then there have been many increases in charges by power companies that have almost negated the benefit of those feed in rates. Now you are proposing to charge solar owners to supply clean solar energy to the grid. It is unfair to charge solar owners to supply electricity to the grid while large generators pay nothing. We need FAIR feed in rates for the power we are supplying. I installed solar to my premises to help reduce enviromental damage & to keep my bills as low as possible. As a pensioner, I already find it difficult to manage financially so any move to add extra costs will mean going without some other necessities. Please reconsider your proposed imposition of extra charges. Regards,
2017-07-03 13:11:16	Hello ! Selling the electricity generated by panels owe to cover the cost of transmitting it, shouldn't it ? In hope,

Date	Your submission
	<p>The feed in tariff for rooftop solar energy into the grid should be AT LEAST on a par with the tariff paid for Coal, CSG, or any other finite fossil fuel.</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. Therefore, the feed in tariff for renewables should be GREATER than that given to Coal, CSG, or any other finite fossil fuel driven energy suppliers. 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. Such a system will unfairly unbalance the scales to favour dirty, finite, fuels. I have been saving to purchase solar panels for my energy supplies, a fair feed in tariff would enable me to get them sooner. Providing a fair feed in tariff is the best way to mitigate the worst effects of climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - while creating local jobs - and transitioning our energy supplies away from polluting fossil fuels and into renewables.
2017-07-03 13:10:59	Please ensure there is no "tax" on renewables, and a fair and balanced feed in tariff for Solar, is maintained.
2017-07-03 13:10:50	This is so wrong, the solar from the sun should be free.
2017-07-03 13:10:21	<p>i have don my bit towards global warming, get your hand out of my pocket now you do something that is more acceptable, screwing us is not</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I am against the idea that green energy users would be penalized for using feed-in. For this preposterous idea to be even considered, it's a clear sign that decades of energy monopoly in WA needs to go.</p> <p>If energy supplies cannot adapt to modern times and client's usage patterns, they should be penalized themselves with lower profits and reduced bonuses. To pass on the "burden" of feed-in onto consumers is simply a swindle.</p>
2017-07-03 13:08:07	<p>Stop making WA a joke on the national stage.</p> <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 in rooftop solar to help my family cost be reduced in a growing world where everything is more and more expensive I took a leap and went solar to try and help my family.</p>
2017-07-03 13:07:28	<p>The impact that charging me for your solar exports to the grid would mean that my kids would simply have less, that our family would have less and I can also add that as soon as I could afford too I would look at battery rather than export to again try and reduce my costs long term on the household</p> <p>I strongly oppose this extortion on people who have tried to assist the global warming scam. We need to reward Australians not punish. Especially when our government miss manage our resorses and almost give them away.</p>
2017-07-03 13:07:05	<p>Done move the goal posts. You will onsite revolution.</p> <p>Submission to AMEC re charging solar owners for exporting power to grid.</p> <p>Surely every encouragement should be given to producers of solar energy if we are to meet our emissions targets.</p> <p>Making exporting excess to the grid will further drive the uptake of domestic battery storage, making less available in the grid.</p> <p>It appears to be totally unfair to charge solar owners when big dirty power companies do not have to pay for their exports.</p>
2017-07-03 13:06:39	Sincerely
2017-07-03 13:06:06	Dont chargd me for suppling my electricy

Date

Your submission

Dear Sirs, RE: charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid.

1 I believe that 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, In Queensland we are now being charged \$1.10 a day Supply Charge which I would suggests is for the usage of QEC and / or Energex supply networks ,therefore we are already paying this proposed charge. I would also suggest that as battery technology becomes cheaper solar owners may decide that there is no advantage in being connected to the network and disconnect from the poles and wires, get themselves a small back up generator for when the sun doesn't shine and eventually leave QEC / Energex with a mass of useles poles and wires & underutilized power stations. The saving of \$365 p.a. plus solar metering charges of 7c/day or \$25 p.a. total \$390 p.a. would go a long way to covering battery costs.

2There 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

3 I believe that the more solar there is the greater the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and that ALL coal fired power station should be closed, sooner the better. I would reluctantly allow gas fired back up systems for the periods of low alternative "clean energy" falling short of its ability to meet demand.

Yours Sincerely

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I believe the changes in the future of the electricity market should be biased towards broader structural changes rather than the burden being placed on individuals with solar panels. This would have a significant affect on our household budget after investing heavily to get solar panels with the intent of becoming carbon neutral.

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It is completely unfair that solar owners be charged to export clean renewable energy to the grid when big dirty power companies do this at no charge.

There should be a fair tarrif that recognises the health benefits of clean renewable solar and the network savings renewables provide to the grid.

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In addition this additional charge will act as a significant discourager to people considering moving to solar and will have a negative impact on our emissions target.

If it isn't bad enough for consumers to invest thousands of dollars to have solar panels installed on their properties to try and reduce carbon pollution and save on their energy costs with for ever increasing electricity prices then goodness knows where we will end up.

There were many people that obtained government rebates to install solar panels on their roofs then were hit with a reduced amount of rebate when governments reduced the amount of rebates payable.

We have greedy electricity companies offering a pittance in rebates for any extra electricity generated by households only to on sell that electricity at highly inflated prices.

We are told that the price of electricity will increase because of the number of houses having solar panels is increasing, thus reducing the amount of electricity that consumers require from retailers.

But they fail to mention that the likes of AGL are building huge solar plants along with wind power generation plants to offset their own supply and demand situation.

It is good to see that AGL has realized that we must reduce the amount of carbon being generated by coal fired power stations, but that does not entitle them to send households to the wall with forever increasing power prices including gas.

It is also unbelievable to hear that we have AEMC now wanting to charge consumers a fee for their excess power that they are able to generate and return to the grid.

It's about time that consumers woke up to the fact that governments on both sides realized that to privatize the essential commodities of life only make things worse and more expensive in the long term.

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Lets rewind the clock and bring all of these commodities back in control of the governments and the people and not greedy private gougers of our essential requirements of life.

Date**Your submission**

We made our decision to purchase our solar power generation system mostly on altruistic purposes. Our purchase did not attract the benefits offered to early adopters. Our intentions were

- to provide solar energy for ourselves,
- lower our energy overheads into the future,
- share our low cost excess generation with our neighbours,
- alleviate the load on base generation,
- relieve the pressure to invest in more polluting base load generators. (or at least put off that investment into the future when better options may exist).

Our installation is not and never was intended to generate monetary income nor is it or ever will be a good return on investment on the domestic scale.

Our connection to the grid already pays for maintaining the infrastructure that delivers power.

It would be a travesty to single out domestic sustainable energy producers after the effort Government had put in to promote consumers to generate power.

I do not believe that there is a justifiable cost or overhead on the grid in taking surplus power from renewable suppliers; additional energy provided locally is consumed locally. The only perceivable impact would be to lower the need for base load production to the grid in our area of influence.

The attempt to charge Domestic Renewable Power suppliers for providing excess energy to the grid can only be seen as a sham perpetrated by the large coal and gas generators. Please see that this move to charge Domestic Renewable energy suppliers for what it is, 'A grab for increased profits and control over all power generation and distribution in our community'. The community was encouraged by our government to install renewable energy alternatives and given financial incentives. The community responded accordingly, prompted by ethics to lower their environmental footprint, to lower their burden on the grid and ultimately the need to increase polluting base load generation.

I understand that there is a place for base load electricity generators but there should be no license or guarantee of annual increases in profits for any company. The community should not be forced into the direction the base generators want them to go. It only supports the corporate imperative for continued and increasing profit margins. The major suppliers will have no incentive to change or alter their environmentally destructive and unsustainable production methods.

I see this attempt to charge domestic suppliers as a way of dominating and controlling the energy market. Please do not allow Domestic suppliers of Renewable Energy to be penalised for alleviating the load on the community and the environment. Please use this opportunity to send a message to the Base load Generators to find a better way to generate product that is fit for the future and not just for the purpose of maintaining their current corporate models.

The very concept of charging to contribute power to the grid is warped. No other market would tolerate such a thing. It is fundamentally against market principles. The fact that this is compounded by not applying it polluting incumbents makes it so much the worse.

The best way to assist moving to a low-cost, renewable energy market is via encouragement to take the technologies up. Feed in tariffs & subsidies for solar should be reviewed and improved and cemented in stone.

The poor power policy management at federal and state levels has had a negative impact. Business and innovators need certainty to justify investment. Ideological reactionary ideas only serve to damage Australia's economy & reputation.

Synergy are only paying us 7 cents a unit for our power whereas the other states are paying at least 11 cents. If we are now to be charged hundreds of dollars to export our power I have started planning to use batteries and additional panels to leave the grid within three years. If the government doesn't make it attractive for us to export to the grid they will be left with a grid in a death spiral.

Home Solar owners make a big contribution to sustainable energy. If they are penalised by unfair charges it will discourage others from joining while others will invest in batteries and disconnect. The more this happens the more power companies advance down the death spiral.

I supported my daughter financially to instal solar panels on the home she was having built in a remote area of Vic. Most of the cost was getting a connection to the electricity grid - about \$3000! She believed, given the feed-in tariff she was allotted, that some time in the future this would act as an offset of this financial outlay - no electricity bills AND regular payment for the solar power she was feeding to the grid. I am distressed and outraged that AMEC proposes to CHARGE to receive/accept this gift of power from its citizens!!

Dear Sir/Madam,

I want you to understand that I strongly disagree with any fee being imposed upon solar panel owners.

We paid for the installation of solar, we incurred this cost so as to make a contribution to the provision of energy. Any further costs would be an unfair burden upon us, it would be a tax by stealth.

yours sincerely,

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid. There should always 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.

Date

Your submission

To whom it may concern.

I am mystified as to why the AEMC is considering charging solar owners for feeding energy back into the grid. This seems a totally unfair imposition on citizens and businesses who are being environmentally responsible by converting to clean renewable energy and making a significant difference in the fight against climate change. And now you want to penalise them for making a contribution when governments have been sitting on their hands for years.

At the very least, if I am offering excess energy from my rooftop solar, I should be paid current wholesale price, just like the power suppliers pay the commercial producers wholesale price.

Any plan to charge for power returned to the grid will force people like myself to opt out of the system altogether and install battery storage so that I can be independent of the grid.

I made a significant household investment some years ago to install solar and have not yet recouped my costs, and now you want to change the goal posts again. Businesses won't stand for chopping and changing the rules for making significant investments, and always talk about the need for certainty when planning for the future. For households with even more limited finances, certainty is much more critical.

The power companies used the excuse of adjusting feeding in tariffs to wholesale prices when they reduced tariffs a couple of years ago, and they don't want to pay for it at all. If this was a free market I should have the option of taking my power somewhere else to sell to the highest bidder. I bet the power suppliers have that option.

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 interesting that the leaders in the fight against climate change in this country are its private citizens, while our politicians continue to play politics with an issue that is too big to ignore or get wrong. The solutions are obvious, and encouraging solar useage is one of them. Meanwhile Australia is falling embarrassingly behind the rest of the world.

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Cheers

A few years ago I not only had solar panels installed on my roof, I also paid for panels to be installed on my two daughters' roofs as I am a strong believer that we have to do more to help our Mother Earth cope with the ever growing pressure human beings are placing on her. My Aboriginal ancestors looked after this great continent for over 40,000 years. It is up to us to continue doing this.

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The stupid suggestion of charging solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid not only reflects the greed of those who as putting this proposal forward, but it will also act as a disincentive to those households that are considering installing solar panels. If this proposal does go through then I can assure you that my vote at the next election will not be for any parties that believe that charging solar owners this feed in tariff is good for the environment and a fair way of 'taxing' those who care.

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Rather than allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back 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. Especially when dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.

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I'm very distressed to hear that the government would even consider charging those with solar power for feeding into the grid. The power from our solar systems, for which we have paid, feeds into an already-existing grid and therefore helps both the power companies and the environment, by providing clean power and reducing the demand on the power companies. It is bizarre that, only a short time ago, solar owners were being paid (albeit a small amount) for their power, but now, there is a suggestion that we should pay for the privilege of offering power to the grid. We installed solar power because we believe in the vital importance of renewable energy; it is clear that the world has little time to reduce its carbon footprint, and this is our contribution to that need. I plead with the government to continue to support renewable energy by encouraging people to install solar systems, as so many countries are doing. While the government may be concerned about the cost of electricity for users, the solution is not to create financial hardship for solar power users and providers.

Date	Your submission
	<p>I have made a large investment to install solar on my home which provides many benefits to the wider community beyond just providing me with power when I am at home to use it.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I generate green power to the grid for other people to buy who don't have solar panels. 2. I avoid the need for more substation capacity to be built to supply to my home - I live in a housing growth area. 3. I provide clean energy to mine and other homes which avoids the climate pollution generated by coal power or natural gas. <p>For this I should be rewarded and not penalised.</p> <p>All the solar panels on Australian rooftops are generating enough power to avoid a new coal or gas power station being built - something that the governments would have to fund. Just like all the other large power stations were funded by previous governments.</p> <p>Such a charge would result in more homeowners buying batteries to go off grid, as soon as we can afford it. It would also put off new homeowners from purchasing solar panels. You would then lose a large generating source which adds to the Australian power supply during hot and sunny weather.</p>
2017-07-03 12:57:28	<p>It does not make economic sense, it is unfair and it is backwards thinking to consider charging solar homeowners for their solar installation. Australian people support solar energy and we also support people being given a fair right to supply their own power without having to pay to do so.</p> <p>To the AEMC</p> <p>Please make a fair and sensible decision and NOT make having solar panels a penalty. For most people who have invested in solar, it is to help save the planet for our children and grandchildren, certainly not for financial gain. I see no reason why I should subsidize dirty coal and can't wait for cheaper battery storage to get off the grid completely.</p>
2017-07-03 12:57:08	<p>PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND DONT CHARGE SOLAR OWNERS TO EXPORT TO THE GRID.</p> <p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission, I am bewildered that as a body of the Government you are considering a charge for feeding electricity back into the grid. the purchase price per kW hour far exceeds the price of supply back to the grid.</p> <p>Further the cost of installation is already taxed although one does receive credits.</p> <p>Should this charge be implemented I will class it as a further tax.</p> <p>Going forward and should this charge be implemented I will have to consider further costs to install a battery bank and move off the grid altogether.</p> <p>I did think that I was doing a community service by being able to support the grid.</p> <p>It seems that this would be another tax grab for energy.</p>
2017-07-03 12:57:01	<p>I ask that with all things considered, a fair and reasonable approach acknowledges my commitment to the environment and sustainable energy production.</p> <p>I have installed rooftop solar panels to reduce Australia's air pollution due to energy production. Australia should be encouraging this activity, not penalising it via extra charges. Such charges will just encourage more people to disconnect from the grid.</p> <p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies are not charged these fees.</p>
2017-07-03 12:56:43	<p>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.</p>
2017-07-03 12:56:34	<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>I have been using solar PV and solar vacuum tubes for 7 years. I believe I am doing the right thing for the planet and my wallet. I believe I have been setting a good example to my fellow citizens.</p>
2017-07-03 12:56:18	<p>I believe a fair feed in tariff is justifiable because I am contributing to the grid in a clean, sustainable manner.</p> <p>Solar electricity saves the capital costs of building a new coal fired plant so solar needs to be paid for by those who take electricity out of the grid - not the other way round. Yes it's tempting to tax those solar generators but it's a mistake if you want to keep the grid alive!</p>
2017-07-03 12:56:13	<p>Regards</p>

Date	Your submission
2017-07-03 12:54:40	<p>A.E.M.C. - Proposal to charge solar owners to feed power back into the grid. As a solar owner I do object to any charges for power sent back into the grid. The majority of solar owners are paid +/-6c/kWh for excess generation (excluding the early adopters who are still receiving 44c/kWh - and good for them). I know that our current kWh consumption charges are +/-24c/kWh so the utilities are making a profit already of +/-18c/kWh on excess generation from solar owners that is then sold back to consumers. Plus all consumers are charged a service fee, metering charge etc. So you are now asking thousands of solar owners who have invested their hard earned income on a solar generation plant and who are supplying green energy to the utilities that the utilities are selling at a profit to now pay for the privilege!! Outrageous!! We are, I believe, now the single largest supplier of power to the grid - if I treated my customers like this I would be out of business!</p>
2017-07-03 12:52:01	<p>To charge owners of pvc for supplying Power to the electric grid would be in effect stealing and go against all commercial principles. It would be unacceptable. 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. Imagine the impact that charging us for our solar exports to the grid would have on our household.</p>
2017-07-03 12:51:10	<p>No incentive for the future generations to even consider installing the solar panels that the solar companies will close their business - another blunder of the government. I have paid top money to have my solar panels put in and it has helped me to save on the power that I use instead of importing the dirty energy from the Coal powered stations. I am a pensioner and couldn't survive with the amount I would have to pay for the electrical energy if I didn't have solar. DO NOT go ahead with the proposed submission to charge solar owners for power that saves the country money as well as us.</p>
2017-07-03 12:50:03	<p>Regards,</p>
2017-07-03 12:50:00	<p>Distributed generation and storage is great for the network as well as the environment. We should be rewarding solar owners rather than punishing them.</p>
2017-07-03 12:49:51	<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 I strongly 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 I know that by with putting on my rooftop solar I'm doing my bit for the environment, and helping the country to go forward achieve clean energy in a small but significant way. My wife and I are pensioners and I dread what we will be charged for our solar exports to the grid and definitely be a burden on our household expenses.</p>
2017-07-03 12:49:09	<p>We have put rooftop solar in good faith and trust the AEMC will be fair to us. This is disgraceful as everyone knows they are receiving electrons for less than cost of production and we have actually also paid for the poles and wires as taxpayers!!!! Our Family installed a 5kW Solar System in 2013. Annually this system System Generates approximately 7200 kWh, exporting approx 50% renewable power back to the grid, (at a current FIT of approx 11c / kWh) . The system was not only to save power costs but also to do our part in reducing Global Climate Effects. The steady increase in Power Demands and Costs to the community are reduced by the individual contributions made by Solar Owners. It is extremely disappointing to find that the Regulator is contemplating such an impost on Solar Owners, which in my view is in total disregard to the contribution being made by Solar. This process suggests to me the comparison of a penalty that would be so obvious if say property owners were to be penalized for installing Water Tanks. In this day and age, it is seen to slap people in the face for making a genuine contribution to the welfare of Society in general and is bewildering and Narrow minded at best. I would hope that the AEMC will reconsider this reported consideration and not penalize the contribution that Home Owners are prepared to make for not only their own benefit but also the Community at Large.</p>
2017-07-03 12:48:53	<p>Government Policy on Climate Change is slow at best and such contributions from the community should not be easily overlooked.</p>
2017-07-03 12:48:15	<p>Happy to pay for this input of solar energy to the grid if I can take it out for nothing when required. I feel an immense sense of outrage that the AEMC would even contemplate penalising households with solar panels for feeding their electricity back into the grid. When the entire world (apart from the USA and Spain) is ramping up its renewable energy generation and rewarding its citizens for doing their bit, it's inconceivable that Australia should be applying the brakes in such a way. We should be up there with Germany, China and Japan. More people should be actively encouraged to generate clean energy with a fair feed-in tariff, not penalised for doing so. This is such a blatant attempt to protect our dirty coal industry, and we voters are not happy.</p>
2017-07-03 12:47:27	<p>My late hubby wanted to have solar panels and solar hot water installed and we did. The savings on the hot water useage was halved. Because I rented the house out, the 17% tariff reduced to 6%, so unfair. I won't be paying you to take the extra electricity, you should be paying me for it!! I will be getting extra panels one day, with intention of going off grid. If everyone did this you would be out of business.</p>
2017-07-03 12:46:51	<p>I oppose being charged to export to the grid, I already pay a daily service charge to maintain the infrastructure. I purchase solar power many years ago at a high cost as my investment in a sustainable future and should not be penalized for this.</p>
2017-07-03 12:46:16	<p>I already pay for the privilege of having the poles and wires to my property. I am disgusted with this stupid proposal to impose another fee because I might feed some electricity back into the system. Our feed-in tariff has been dramatically reduced, yet we pay through the nose for coal-fired electricity supply. I am still waiting for my provider to update the meter, so I can use my own solar generated electricity. Don't waste any more time and effort trying to extract even more money from us.</p>

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2017-07-03 12:46:02	<p>I am very concerned that the AEMC may be considering charging solar panel owners to feed their clean energy into the grid when dirty coal-generated energy is not charged. I spent many thousands of dollars to do what I considered was the right thing over a decade ago, when solar panels were still very expensive. Don't penalise people for doing the right thing for the environment. Renewables are not the reason for the current energy "crisis" - the failure to invest in storage and also to address the issue as a whole in a sensible, non-political way, thereby losing precious investment in the sector is the reason that electricity prices are on the rise. Also, the fact that the electricity sector failed to invest in infrastructure for decades has finally caught up with them.</p>
2017-07-03 12:45:40	<p>I have a solar system on my house and the energy company pays me next to nothing for a feed in tariff. Yet they resell it at normal rates and I gain no benefit.</p>
2017-07-03 12:44:52	<p>If we don't get paid, they should not get any feed in from our solar system.</p>
2017-07-03 12:44:42	<p>Logically if every house, building and companies had solar and battery, you could do away with the energy companies altogether.</p>
	<p>Sure solar owners should not be charged for helping to reduce the effects of global warming on the planet</p>
	<p>This is very unfair Members of the AEMC</p>
	<p>Why are you even considering allowing Solar Panel owners to be charged for feeding electricity back to the grid.</p>
	<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.</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>sincerely</p>
2017-07-03 12:43:37	<p>I believe that it is unfair and unjust to tax solar households for the electricity they export. Electricity companies are not taxed on the energy they export. Solar households receive very little for the solar that they do export. We are contributing to our state electricity grid and relieving the demand on our state's power supply. Why should we then be penalised for this? Solar owners have invested their money in solar to help with their electricity bills and it is a worthwhile cause to have homes that are helping our state's electricity supply. Do not penalise solar owners any further by taxing them on this, we pay enough in taxes.</p>
	<p>Kind regards,</p>
2017-07-03 12:41:41	<p>It amuses me that the AEMC are asking submissions from the public on whether the proposed solar charge for providing our power into the grid is fair. I would like to say a few things in response to this that are not of a Christian vocabulary, however I shall refrain... how could anyone in their right mind even conceive such a ridiculous proposal much less put it to us to consider. I have a few friends who also have solar who are offended at such a thought given we are generating so much energy into the grid for a miserly 11c rebate while the energy companies charge us over twice that. I look forward to the day when those who hold the seat of authority in government have the God given revelation and understanding that they are servants to their people. Unfortunately the balance of scales in this area is found wanting.</p>
2017-07-03 12:41:35	<p>The Australian Energy Market Commission</p>
	<p>Submission: I am strongly opposed to charging solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p>
	<p>Individuals should be applauded for their efforts to export clean, renewable power to the grid, not penalised.</p>
	<p>In recognition of their responsible actions, 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 is inexcusable to to charge solar owners to export clean energy to the grid when large power companies relying on dirty coal are not charged a cent.</p>
2017-07-03 12:41:01	<p>I made an investment in solar panels in 2011. It was a large investment for someone on a fixed income but I did so because I care about our environment and I believe that each of us can make a difference. It is about time those in government also showed a commitment to our planet.</p>
	<p>The low solar feed-in tariff is already penalising solar owners by undervaluing the electricity that they provide to the grid. Any additional charge on solar owners feeding in surplus renewable power to the grid will reduce investment in rooftop solar and reduce the contribution of renewables to the grid, as well as affecting the budgets of all solar owners who feed in to the grid. Please make sure this doesn't happen.</p>
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	<p>I have 5KW solar panels which feed my excess energy into the grid. I intend to upgrade to batteries so that i have more capacity. I am already being penalised by not being paid at a decent rate by Aurora Energy. Aurora Energy buys power from Victoria at a much greater rate than they pay Tasmanian solar suppliers.</p> <p>It Is unfair to ask home suppliers like me to PAY to provide power to Aurora Energy, that they then sell back to me at huge price increases.</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>
2017-07-03 12:39:56	<p>I already pay 92 cents per day supply charge to receive power and 25.9 cents PerKwh. and 17.2 per day and 16.9 cents Per KWH for Off peak tarriff,(which cannot be offset by solar). I receive 8.9 cents Per Kwh feed in tarriff. I do not think mit is fair to charge me to provide my excess power back the grid.</p> <p>The Electricity industry currently charges me 78.5 cents a day for access to the grid and charges me 23.43 cents per Kilowatt hour for power however they pay me 06 cents per Kilowatt hour for the electricity I feed back onto the Grid. This is currently costing me dearly per quarter as my feed back to the grid nearly equates the the power I consume from the grid. To say that I as a consumer should pay an additional charge for Grid access is criminal. My next step will be to disconnect from the grid in total and go on battery backup. The additional charge will only accelerate my decision to remove electricity supply from the national grid. This will neither benefit me or the community as the whole purpose of moving to solar power was to reduce the carbon impact on our environment.</p>
2017-07-03 12:39:55	<p>Hi , i would like to say that to think of charging solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid is both nonsensical and a betrayal of those who have put solar arrays on their roof, to do their part to increase Australia's renewable energy out put , to be green and to try and reduce their own bills.</p> <p>If this was to happen it would just be another impost on the power bills of the community and not on the big energy providers. completely inequitable</p> <p>I for one would be considering turning off my array , taking it down and sending it the AMEC offices,so you can make use of them as you dont want me to be able to.</p>
2017-07-03 12:38:17	<p>As Australians we have signed up to the Paris accord this would be a tragic misstep in us being able to achieve it. We should be trying to overachieve not under.</p> <p>Once again this would be a short sighted decision for the now and the financial benefits of big business with nor foresight or thought for future generations</p> <p>To 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. That clean energy is sold to other households at premium prices and also helps Australia in lowering carbon emissions.</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>Its unfair to charge and I can see lots of households moving off grid if additional price is added and this way you won't be able to sell people electricity at night.</p> <p>It's unfair to penalize people for doing the right thing.</p>
2017-07-03 12:37:51	<p>Kind Regards</p> <p>One of my greater incentives to originally install solar power was the provision of clean, sustainable and environmentally friendly power supply. The original spin was to encourage the general public to undertake, at a relatively high cost (approx. \$17.5K for 5kW system) to the individual/s signing up for solar power provision, and help out the power requirements for the State as well.</p> <p>Now that hundreds of thousands of homes have invested in this technology it appears that a money grab is underway at an easy target. This follows on from power wholesalers increasing daily service charges, in five years, from 34cents per day to a current day high of \$1.36c. Unheard of price increases (approx. 400%) for the same service. Our wages will never match or get near these sort of increases.</p> <p>Where is it going to stop!! Are we obliged to tell anyone that asks about installing solar that there are too many uncertain price hikes. Many being applied to the small solar power provider which are not equally shared with the large corporate suppliers.</p>
2017-07-03 12:37:44	<p>Current struggles with ever increasing living costs are at record levels & this extra charge will definitely increase this suffering. We are still paying off the original loan to install our solar system.</p>
2017-07-03 12:37:37	<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>

Date

Your submission

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm wondering why you find it necessary to create a fee for people who have Solar Power to feed back into the Grid?

I feel this is bully tactics.

You are picking on people who are wanting to do the best for their country by going Solar, a renewable resource, looking forward as participants to creating a safer world to live in and then charging them for their environmental concerns.

It's just another bully tactic rather than taking on the 'giant' companies who are polluting, you appear to be aiming at the more gentle folk and hoping to get a win.

This is WRONG THINKING and detrimental to Australia becoming a cleaner, more sustainable and environmental paradise that the world looks at with awe.

I look at Germany and how much they have in Solar Power as a leader ... Australia has way more sunshine and is lagging behind.

Please drop your idea of taxing the Solar Citizens of Australia.

As a rates payer I expect there to be a giant leap in Solar Services for all people who want to make Australia a country for the future.

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Thank you.

Please look at how other OECD countries see energy distribution as having changed from one central grid that operates as a monopoly to one in which individuals who also contribute to energy generation from their small scale renewable energy generation units. This model is more flexible and demands a new mind set.

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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

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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 don't understand why the AEMC wishes to penalize solar PV owners for exporting excess electricity which not only is a far greener and more environmentally source of power but has also proven to reduce the requirement for more investment in network infrastructure? Why are those who are trying to make a difference constantly being penalised for doing the right thing? Distributed generation not only reduces the need for network upgrades, it also helps makes the network much more reliable.

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Why also has the AEMC allowed traditional generators to withhold generation in order to maximise profits? Who is the AEMC working for - the energy generators? the network distributors? the coal industry because it's certainly not the consumer and this is very, very wrong. Stop penalising solar PV owners, householders, and businesses - it's un-Australian.

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I installed Solar initially to try to decrease my power bill. I have since decreased my power bill further by careful usage & energy saving devices. (led lamps etc).I export power to the grid by long established infrastructure so saving coal fired power requirements. I see no need to be penalised for doing this.

The Australian Government is completely dishonest in its support for foreign power companies and would seem to imply politicians gain something from this stance.

Over the past decade energy consumers were encouraged by subsidies and feed-in tariffs to spend their hard-earned savings on solar panels to reduce carbon pollution and global warming. Now we have been suckered into spending our money, the same politicians (many supported by election donations from the same companies) now want to rip us off and take away any savings they promised. While giving lip service to green energy, they are determined to restore fossil fuels as a payback to their backers. Green energy has been shown to be competitive with fossil fuels and is in many cases has become cheaper.

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If we must have dishonest politicians, at least they should not make their dishonesty so apparent.

I am writing this submission because I'm a solar owner who is also a pensioner. Nearly 10 years ago when I was still employed, I decided to put solar panels on my rooftop so that I'd help the environment and also provide clean energy to the grid. It has given me much satisfaction that I'm making a small contribution and also benefiting from minimal power bills.

I feel it is quite unfair that solar owners are being penalised for providing clean energy into the grid while big dirty power companies get off scot free.

There should a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar energy.

Charging more of solar owners like me can mean the difference between staying in my own home or going to a retirement village. High electricity prices would make a massive impact on my life.

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Please help small solar owners like me who are trying to do their bit for the environment and energy conservation in this country rather than punishing them by putting up prices to provide clean energy.

Date	Your submission
	<p>After responding to encouragements from government to make a financial commitment to adopt a cleaner approach to energy consumption by installing solar PV panels on my roof I now hear that the AMEC is proposing to charge me to feed the excess power back into the national electricity grid, on top of a grossly unfair and inadequate feed in tariff of a lousy six cents per kWh !!</p>
2017-07-03 12:31:49	<p>I submit that 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 a cent. In addition there should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the economical, environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>If this proposal is accepted I will be financially disadvantaged having made the decision to install solar on my roof was based on what the government was promising at the time to encourage me to do so, along with a then feed in tariff that made it feasible. A tax on top of the current grossly unfair feed in tariff plus the outrageous price hikes in the domestic kWh rate will result in a financial debt which makes me very angry.</p>
2017-07-03 12:31:02	<p>I vote and I am sick of getting ripped off by paying too much for power production. We got solar panels installed to save us money and to do the right thing by the environment and now our greedy Power suppliers are roting us by putting our power bills up.</p> <p>Unfair greedy and disrespectful to hard working Australians.</p> <p>Regards</p>
2017-07-03 12:31:01	<p>Surely the system has been "gamed"enough by the greedy operators of our power systems.It is inevitable that renewables will eventually take over,and manoeuvres such as this will only slow things down,not stop changes.</p> <p>To allow further impositions on those who have foresight is a sad reflection on the greedy,backward thinking,probably well remunerated folk who control our power systems.A pox on you all!</p>
2017-07-03 12:30:01	<p>As a Solar owner, I object to paying to put power back into the grid. There should be a fair Feed- in table tariff that recognises the contribution from private Solar owners.I have spent a considerable sum of money to help reduce the demand on power supply from the grid &I should be rewarded for my contribution & helping to improve the pollution level in our environment.</p> <p>Yours Truly.</p>
	<p>When is the Australian Government going to wake up & Work with the People instead of doing what they seem more comfortable with -Working against the People?</p> <p>At the end of the day Government will suffer the same consequences as the People when the effects of climate change impacts all our lives.</p> <p>At least the People chose Action over Non-action.</p> <p>Whereas the Government are behind the 8 ball with their Re-actionary policies.</p>
	<p>Its sad,disappointing & down right embarrassing when the Government of Australia is not Pro-active where solar power & renewables are concerned.</p>
	<p>All it does is speak to me that the Australian Government is scraping the bottom of the barrel financially when they persist in grubbing around for & creating new taxes & fees penalising the very people who are reaching out there pushing their own personal boundaries to achieve whatever is possible in embracing renewable technologies.</p>
2017-07-03 12:28:34	<p>Well bring it on because its the best motivator to action I can conceive of to ensure that the People en-mass look for new solutions to this problem & in so doing push forward the quest for solar & renewables.</p>
2017-07-03 12:28:02	<p>Solar power is clean renewable energy that benefits the community and results in a lot less blackouts as a result of the extra power being generated.</p> <p>We should be rewarded not penalised for this contribution.</p>
2017-07-03 12:27:52	<p>What is wrong with the AEMC? Are they all bloody idiots or just brain dead. The most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of and very unjust. To think we have to pay them for our electricity we give to them and then have to buy it back at an inflated price. Lets get rid of the AEMC and while were at it there is a few other commissions should go.</p> <p>I had solar pv power installed in 2011, not just to save on electricity costs, but because I am seriously concerned about the contribution of coal-fired power stations to dangerous levels of CO2 and other pollutants in the atmosphere.</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>
2017-07-03 12:27:02	<p>There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar power generation, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p>

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<p>2017-07-03 12:26:18</p> <p>2017-07-03 12:26:03</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 am actually helping save the country from the considerable expenses of greenhouse gas induced weather extremes. In recent times there have been massive costs associated with weather extremes right across the country that have never been experienced before in living memory. I have installed roof top solar because I believe it is my responsibility as a citizen to limit my carbon foot-print. By charging me to feed in my excess power you are actually penalising me for being responsible! This is just crazy logic!</p> <p>Charging me for my solar exports to the grid will also add to my cost of energy because it further dilutes the already unfair feed-in tariff. 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.</p> <p>It should also be recognised that by contributing to the grid I am also sparing my fellow citizens the expense of having to build more power stations (which they would have to fund indirectly), and therefore I am helping to keep down the cost of energy.</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 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>2017-07-03 12:25:45</p> <p>2017-07-03 12:24:44</p> <p>2017-07-03 12:22:31</p>	<p>If Im Charged to export power the tariff I receive at the moment</p> <p>The feed in tariff is already pathetic, but as a pensioner what little I do get helps ease the burden of the high power prices. To charge me for exporting energy to the grid is adding insult to injury and I am sure will discourage people from installing solar</p> <p>We are feeding solar power back to the grid and with this we would like to contribute to reduce Australa's carbon footprint. We don't think it fair that you would like to charge solar power producer for feeding into the grid and not the power companies. We feel that all fossil free power should be supported as much as possible.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 12:22:15</p>	<p>As a solar system owner I believe 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 and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 12:21:46</p> <p>2017-07-03 12:21:29</p> <p>2017-07-03 12:21:12</p>	<p>The proposal is totally unfair and just another attempt at money grabbing off people doing the right thing. When is the Govt going to support "solar panel owners"?. It's way overdue. If an extra fee is placed on me to supply my excess power to the grid i will go off grid so I can't make it plainer than that.</p> <p>We are feeding solar power back to the grid and with this we would like to contribute to reduce Australa's carbon footprint. We don't think it fair that you would like to charge solar power producer for feeding into the grid and not the power companies. We feel that all fossil free power should be supported as much as possible.</p> <p>TO A.E.M.C.</p> <p>Please register my very strong protest that it is under consideration that solar owners be charged to put their clean renewable power back to the grid. How is it possible that the government can be so dishonest? Hundreds of thousands of Australian families installed solar energy for the households, knowing that it was a responsible action from an environmental point of view, that it was an expensive move but eventually it would save them money, and that they would be able to sell excess energy back to the grid. For many years, the government actually promised this to encourage people to convert solar energy.</p> <p>If a private company made this sort of offer, and then in the end demanded the very opposite - that is, payment by the purchaser - there would be uproar. It completely goes against any sort of fair trade legislation.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 12:20:17</p> <p>2017-07-03 12:20:02</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 household made the considerable investment to rooftop solar energy, and are pleased that we are not burning coal to provide electricity for our household. We converted to solar because we believe we are doing the right thing for Australia, it wasn't cheap, and now the suggestion is that it will cost us to give back our excess energy! How is that even under consideration? How is that possibly fair or honest behaviour on behalf of the Australian government?</p> <p>If an extra fee is placed on me to supply my excess power to the grid i will go off grid so I can't make it plainer than that.</p>
<p>2017-07-03 12:19:40</p>	<p>It beggars belief that we have a country with Governments that cannot come up with a decent energy plan. We have abundant sunshine and solar owners are doing their bit for themselves and the environment and reducing load on the network and now lets penalise them for it!!! No doubt those on the panel get sufficient remuneration to not have to worry about paying their energy bills.</p>

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2017-07-03 12:19:20	<p>Governments should be looking at measures which will engage the community in conserving our natural environment and in moving toward utilisation of clean energy. Any action to charge solar owners for exporting renewable, clean energy to the grid are not only unconscionable but counter productive. Instead, policy should be promoting a fair feed-in tariff, to encourage private citizens to invest in renewable energy systems. This would mean paying a fair price for electricity thus generated. If the large producers of non-renewable energy can't compete, they need to look at their business model. Don't penalise the individuals who are genuinely trying to make a difference and take responsibility for their own carbon footprint.</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I feel that is unAustralian and unfair to charge small solar owners that export their clean renewable power to the grid when coal and gas powered generators are not. Rooftop solar owners already pay for the "poles and wires" i.e. the network, by paying the "Daily supply charge" to their retailer. Feed-in tariffs should recognise the environmental and health benefits of rooftop solar owners.</p> <p>Should a feed-in charge be recommended and imposed by the AEMC I and many rooftop solar owners will simply disconnect from "the grid". This would be a large loss of power to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 12:19:19	<p>Regard</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 I,ve been installing systems for more than 5 years and have been using solar for more than 20 years.</p>
2017-07-03 12:18:34	<p>I find it incredible that politicians would believe the mushroom fooder that the power companies dish out because they don't want to grow up in a more complex world. Even aside from all the benefits solar has to offer, this industry should continue to be encouraged not hamstrung.</p>
2017-07-03 12:18:33	<p>We put solar on our roof so that we could be more energy conscious and ultimately save money on our power bills. This was the promise that was made in previous times. We are benefiting the environment by exporting energy into the grid at no cost to energy retailers. In fact at the rate we are currently receiving for feed in - 6.5c per kwh - our retail provider is making an enormous profit on selling this energy for an average 29c per kwh, we are told. There is no rational logic behind charging householders for exporting energy to the grid. We are mystified as to why a government that claims to be for the people and for clean energy could endorse this proposed additional and totally unfair tax on solar households. Clearly this question if not satisfactorily answered will be reflected at the next State election.</p>
2017-07-03 12:18:28	<p>simple solution if a charge is introduced my solar system will be switched off, its bad enough the pay in rate is what it is. Please do not allow this charge, yet another handicap and dis-incentive to moving forward into an energy intelligent country/economy. Do not slug the responsible energy consumers of Australia, it is unfair and a wrought.</p>
2017-07-03 12:18:22	<p>yours sincerely,</p>
2017-07-03 12:17:31	<p>Charging solar owners for exporting energy to the grid is grossly unfair and makes no sense whatsoever. I can only assume this policy drive is driven by ideology rather than logic an legitimacy. It is a retrograde step towards Australia having a future-ready energy market. AEMC should be ashamed of themselves!</p>
2017-07-03 12:16:54	<p>We have gone to great personal expense to install solar panels which are environmentally friendly and reduce our energy requirements from the grid. It is not fair to charge us for feeding into the grid when large power companies do not do so. I am recently retired and on a low income and this will impact significantly on my disposable income.</p>
2017-07-03 12:16:43	<p>It is unreasonable for solar owners to have to pay a charge for supplying power to the grid. We have funded our own infrastructure which takes the pressure off the centralised system, and we make a contribution to Australia's obligation to our Paris commitment.</p>
2017-07-03 12:16:35	<p>Totally unfair to charge solar owners who have outlaid so much money to put the panels on the roof. As Seniors (72 and 80) we thought this would help us in our retirement but feel the government is trying to rip us off at any opportunity. We are helping to give clean energy and should be appreciated for it.</p>
2017-07-03 12:16:05	<p>It cost us a fair amount to put in the solar panels and the only way to get the cost back was by receiving the benefit of getting paid for the electricity through the grid. If we have to now pay for having these solar panels then it is very unfair on average Australians, especially pensioners, to be charged for this.</p>
2017-07-03 12:14:17	<p>KEEP YOUR CHARGES OFF OUR SOLAR ENERGY We have all paid to install our panel to catch the sun's energy on OUR panels and we get back a pittance Why should we pay because we have been prudent enough to harvest energy - same as the rain that falls on our property IT'S OURS - PAY US</p> <p>The suggestion that we should PAY to feed into the grid astounds me. I installed solar panels at significant expense some years ago ... I do not expect to be paid a substantial sum when I feed back into the grid, and indeed I am not being paid much, but to expect me to PAY a TAX or FEE for the privilege of doing so beyond belief. I thought we were being encouraged to install solar domestically. This is a disincentive and in my view constitutes double dipping. We get paid less when we feed into the grid, than the company charges when it sells our electricity, now they want to actually charge us for feeding in. It is an utterly outrageous proposal. Obviously it is designed to encourage us to operate independently of the grid by installing our own batteries</p>
2017-07-03 12:13:27	<p>I have solar ... we did it because the government declared it was the best thing to do .. now don't rob us .. we are pensioners spent thousands for solar ..</p>
2017-07-03 12:12:29	<p>Yet more blatant proof of your treasonous cronyism with the corporate world over the good of Aussies. I can't wait till you are all imprisoned for your obvious crimes.</p>
2017-07-03 12:10:42	

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	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>A few years ago I scrimped and saved to put a solar system on my roof, firstly because I strongly believed in clean renewable energy, and secondly, because I'm a pensioner with only part time employment and needed to be able to offset the ever increasing electricity prices , particularly after I retire in a couple of years.</p> <p>Considering especially that I paid for the installation myself (and necessary prior costs of erecting suitable load bearing roofing on a carport) I think it is grossly unfair to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid.</p> <p>Just consider the total network savings that the thousands of solar owners have made.</p> <p>And, what's more , how come the big dirty power companies don't get charged a cent? That's outrageous!</p> <p>Hence there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises this as well as the environmental and health benefits of solar.</p>
2017-07-03 12:09:10	Yours sincerely
2017-07-03 12:09:08	<p>I think that putting a charge on solar owners to export clean,renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies dont is very unfair and is making it hard on solar power users.This would make the cost of having solar power not cost effective,we are not getting good savings now.this wouldmake it not worth having.When we put solar power on we had no power bills it was great.Now we pay on average \$250.00 per quarter.If this goes ahead we will have to consider shutting our solar power unit off.And that will make it very hard on our budget.We put solar power on . To help the enviroment and to help us in our retirement years.Ifeel that we should be paid a fair feed intariff as we help the environment,by not using dirty coal.</p>
2017-07-03 12:08:41	<p>There should be no charge for supplying power to the grid but a fair payment for that power. At the moment in WA, Synergy is making around 20 cents per unit on the difference between what they pay for solar feed in and what they charge. They have also doubled the "supply charge" which penalises those who have installed solar panels. Enough is enough. In W.A. about 8 - 10 years ago, the public were encouraged to install solar to help with supply because the grid couldn't handle the demand in summer and there were areas being shut down regularly.</p>
2017-07-03 12:08:36	<p>My family originally invested \$12,000 in solar panels (some of this rebated), and for many years have provided clean energy into the grid. We have, at our own expense, been good corporate citizens. We did this because we believed moving to a clean energy future was the future for Australia. It makes no sense to charge people who provide clean energy while not charging coal fired power stations for the dirty energy they provide. We are now both over 70 and working very part-time. Increasing our energy bills would be disastrous.</p>
2017-07-03 12:08:34	<p>Compared to AEMC Ned Kelly was an honest man.</p>
2017-07-03 12:07:56	<p>As a solar owner trying to make life sustainable it worries me that you may be considering imposing a charge for adding whatever power that I produce and don't use into the grid. Doesn't sound like a great idea unless of course the power companies can pay me a reasonable amount for the power I'm sending them which is unlikely to happen any time soon, thanks for listening</p>
2017-07-03 12:07:30	<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 solar and why you've done it</p> <p>Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household</p> <p>If this govt, both state and federal could get their acts together we wouldn't be in this fix??</p>
2017-07-03 12:07:25	<p>As soon as storage batts are available cheaper, that's the line I'm going down.</p> <p>My regret is not hooking up earlier -Had solar for 4 yrs 8 mths and saved over \$3000 on power via an xls program I have in place and monitor</p> <p>I am adding my voice to the many who are concerned that AEMC is likely to once more support corporate structures to the detriment of ordinary citizens, especially those who have invested in rooftop solar PV arrays.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>In regard to the latter point the Commission will be aware that ECOSA in South Australia has already removed mandatory feed in tariffs be paid to domestic solar PV generators. If the AEMC agrees to the greedy corporate network and generator owners demands to slug us with yet even higher fees then surely it is game over for solar.</p> <p>But maybe that's plan?</p>
2017-07-03 12:07:23	Yours in disappointment
2017-07-03 12:07:10	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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2017-07-03 12:07:00	<p>How else does a pensioner on a VERY limited budget - protect themselves from rising electricity prices without returning to the grid the power that is in excess. I don't even mind that the power companies then on-sell my power AT A GREATLY INFLATED PRICE as long as I am paid for that power at the ridiculously small price that has been decided. To now be told that those greedy electricity companies do not want to pay anything is just unacceptable.</p>
2017-07-03 12:06:57	<p>This would be most unfair on solar owners who are actually helping create clean power for the grid. How can you charge people for input when they are actually saving the country money by not having to build so many power stations? I went to some expense to be self sufficient by installing solar panels and it has been a real bonus to me as a pensioner by not having such large power bills.. My cost of living would increase so much that the already inadequate pension would be even harder to live on. It seems a very unfair burden on many who are already struggling and have done their best to help themselves. Please consider those of us who are getting older and do not have any other income than the pension - not all older people have big superannuation to fall back on.</p>
2017-07-03 12:06:06	<p>We took out a loan to get our solar panels put on, it never entered our head that we would come up against this sort of extortion. It makes no sense morally but we can all see the the reasons immorally, but this is our country too, and while we do not have the money to fight, we do have common sense on our side. A lot of us have families and will fight to stop this political extortion.</p>
2017-07-03 12:04:39	<p>It is unfair to charge solar power users to give power to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 12:04:24	<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 paid for solar power because we wanted to do our bit to improve the environment and cut power costs. We put in the maximum system we could afford. Energy costs have continued to rise and we cannot keep pace with it. Despite doing what thought was the right thing we are being gouged by entities who appear to be riddled with individuals on huge salaries and who have no regard for pensioners or people of low income. Thankfully, there must be a considerable number of both classes who will exercise their democratic right at the next election.</p>
2017-07-03 12:04:09	<p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. Particularly when large power companies don't have to pay to export their power to the grid. For solar owners 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 had solar panels on our rooftop in both this house and the previous house we lived in. We have always used our own power first and then only fed the extra solar power to the grid. We are passionate about reducing the impact of climate change, and we are trying to do our bit. We made a large initial investment to install solar panels on our rooftop on the understanding that we would eventually break even from recouping the power costs over 10 years. Charging us to export our energy to the grid will impact on our ability to recoup the initial investment costs we made to install solar. So I feel like it is punishing us for doing the right thing, especially when the government at the time we installed solar was encouraging people to make the large upfront investment. We are a low income household, with one person on a disability support pension. If we had to start paying more for our electricity it will impact on our ability to pay for other essentials because we have been relying on the low electricity cost from having solar panels to be able to afford things like school uniforms and excursions for our daughters at school.</p>
2017-07-03 12:03:40	<p>Please help save our poor struggling planet by making it easier and cheaper for residents and businesses to instal and maintain solar power. It would create more jobs, cleaner air and thus a more sustainable environment. Wake up Australia. We are already lagging behind most countries now. Support Solar</p>
	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</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>We are just ordinary Australian Pensioners, who used the last of our savings trying to offset the terrible ongoing cost increases of electricity supply, by investing those savings in a Solar PV System.</p>
	<p>Charging us for putting needed power back into the system would be very much a kick in the guts and a huge disincentive to all those considering the installation of Solar PV.</p>
2017-07-03 12:03:26	<p>A fair go please... Why are dirty coal power plants not charged for power input to the grid. ,we installed pv panels not for profit ,but to make a clean contribution to the power grid, to assist in addressing climate change . If a tariff is considered, we submit there should be a fair feedin tariff recognising , the health benefits of clean energy production ,and the health dangers of coal fired power production .</p>
2017-07-03 12:03:08	<p>I have solar panels purchased thirty years ago and still producing reliable clean power.</p>
2017-07-03 12:02:18	<p>The idea of people being charged for putting power into the grid sounds ridiculous.</p>

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2017-07-03 12:02:02	<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>My solar system was easy to install and saves me precious dollars on the cost of living especially now that I've reached pensionable age. I have had solar powered water since 1997 as well. This was way before solar electricity was generally thought to be advantageous to the homeowner and better for environmental health !!</p> <p>I am already disgusted with the considerable reduction in my feed-in tariff that I now get compared to when my system was first installed! It seems to me that the Government by reducing the tariff, is looking to make household Solar power generation another way to collect income ! Another penalty for responsible home owners trying to support a Government who is supposed to be committed to "clean" energy production with the resulting lowering of our National carbon emission footprint.</p>
2017-07-03 12:01:46	<p>It is not acceptable to charge solar panel owners to export the power they produce back to the grid. The reimbursement received has already been discounted by the power companies.</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>Please do not place a charge on solar export. You should be promoting the further adoption of emissions free electricity generation, not stifling it by this proposed charge. Don't you realise that we urgently and rapidly need to reduce our carbon emissions? Every kWh of solar export is one kWh less generation from high carbon, dirty brown coal.</p>
2017-07-03 12:01:10	<p>Regards</p> <p>Charging public for feeding into the grid is unfair. We already pay charges to keep the grid working; and now you want to punish people who care about not polluting enough to spend their capital on environmentally friendly options</p> <p>Shame</p>
2017-07-03 12:00:34	<p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. Solar provides network savings to the grid. I have paid to have additional solar panels installed and it is unfair to be charged for feeding back into the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 11:59:40	<p>Regards</p> <p>Please recognise that we made an investment of environmental & health benefit.</p> <p>Its still being paid off and with the high cost of energy, I as a widow object.</p> <p>How Unfair is it that solar owners should be charged for our clean export.</p>
2017-07-03 11:58:59	<p>A Fair Feed In Tariff is what we expect and should receive. Thank you.</p>
2017-07-03 11:58:06	<p>I think the people should be able to convert solar energy into power of their own without any government intervention. It will not only help save money but also help contribute to the economy.</p>
2017-07-03 11:57:53	<p>Discrimination against users of rooftop solar should be ended and certainly not made worse. Any changes involving a cost to individual energy suppliers would be ridiculous. Me and lots of others are paid a pittance for taking pressure off the centralised generation systems - this should be encouraged not made harder.</p>
2017-07-03 11:57:40	<p>Please don't charge people who have been environmentally aware for 30 years to pay to put the solar generated power back 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> <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 for our retirement & not for greedy companies & shareholders.</p> <p>we don't have any shares in any company as we don't want they unfairly earned money, & & we would appreciate if they would keep they hands out of our pocket.</p>
2017-07-03 11:57:19	<p>Thank you</p> <p>There is not even one good reason to charge Solar providers that export to the grid a charge to do so. all this will do in the long term for our stupid unintelligent Politicians to understand is that Solar owners will eventually go off grid. Our dumb politicians have got to understand too that the dialy access charge is a further tax on all Australians and it is not justifiable in any way, shape or form. Its simply downright theft of the populations money at a time when everyone except high salaried politicians are struggling to make ends meet. Further I would suggest that Solar energy providers to the grid be paid a daily access fee for their infrastructure like the electrical companies get.</p>
2017-07-03 11:57:14	<p>To the AEMC</p>
2017-07-03 11:57:08	<p>I wish to strongly object to the proposal to charge me for feeding power from my solar panels back into the grid.</p> <p>Rather than that, you should be raising the rebate due to me.</p> <p>It is unfair for big power companies, who are polluting the environment are making a profit from my efforts to clean up the environment.</p>

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2017-07-03 11:56:04	I do not think that it is fair or a good idea to put a levy on solar power exported to the grid as big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. This is not helping the energy market at all in cutting down the energy prices for Australia. Your agency tasks are to protect the general public interests instead of the energy companies who have been trying all ways to exploit its users by putting energy prices unreasonably. Your agency should think of how you could help the nation to move into clean energy in order to provide better and healthy environment for our future generations. To do something that is in contrarily to this forward thinking is against the wishes, demands and trusts of the public.
2017-07-03 11:55:45	People need to be rewarded for their investment not penalised. Please don't allow solar owners to be charged. It is unfair for us, the 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 roof solar on our rural property to save significant amount of money but also to generate sustainable energy reducing the impact of coal generated electricity. It makes a big difference for us. Charging additional fees is unfair and presents additional burden
2017-07-03 11:55:30	Regards Rooftop solar electricity is now a major resource into the power grid. Its initial capital cost and maintenance is mostly paid for by private citizens. In other words it is a gift to the power companies, especially in Summer by providing much needed power for air conditioning. Without this input, the National power grid would be struggling to meet demand. This fact needs to be recognized and respected by not imposing additional costs to these essential providers and in addition, they need a fair feed in tariff in line with the cost of energy produced by fossil fuel generators.
2017-07-03 11:55:13	I have a 5kw rooftop solar system. This was a major investment for a wage earner such as myself. I don't expect to have to pay for the 'privilege' of contributing low cost, no emission, power into the national grid just so that profit driven power companies can benefit from a large profit (pay me 6c, sell on for 25c) on the back of my investment. I appreciate the fact that Australia needs a reliable 24 hour electricity supply system. I have no argument with lower emission coal powered stations (I live around the corner from Wallerawang Station, now decommissioned, and less than 10 kilometres from Mt Piper Station. Some of my friends work at Clarence and Springvale mines. Perhaps the power companies could be nominally charged a proportional access fee by each rooftop contributor and this could be redirected directly into a national fund to maintain the grid.
2017-07-03 11:54:54	Try to remember that you are dealing with real people when you consider such patently unfair and unconscionable proposals; not faceless power companies, not government departments and not foreign investment syndicates.
2017-07-03 11:53:47	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 put solar on my roof to escape unfair and over priced electricity charges. Charging for solar exports will collapse my family budget and I'm pensioner only.
2017-07-03 11:52:55	TOTALLY unjust. Government logic is disgusting. Hi there
	I'm writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the feed-in tariff for 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.
	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 will obviously reduce the amount of solar that residential households use which is terrible given that we need to make an immediate shift to renewable energy. Please take a stand for people affected by climate change everywhere and prevent this from going through.
2017-07-03 11:52:10	Sincerely,

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	<p>It is obviously a punitive action to charge solar owners to export CLEAN RENEWABLE power to the grid, when by comparison large dirty energy producers don't have to pay anything to supply the grid.</p> <p>Feed-in tariffs for solar at \$0.06 or \$0.07 cents are a joke, in fact an insult to people's intelligence, especially given the fact the we pay 4 and 5 times this much for the power used from the grid.</p> <p>To charge solar owners for feeding back into the grid is an outrageous act that will only result in more solar owners going "off-grid" entirely. If sufficient people do this the grid and centralised power generation will DIE. Small scale "off-grid" renewable energy systems for Industry are already being employed by quite a number of businesses. What we see today in the growth of solar is only the tip of the iceberg.</p>
2017-07-03 11:51:39	<p>As an owner of several Industrial premises, changing these premises to off grid renewable power is currently under serious consideration. We spent thousands of dollars putting up of panels because we believe in conserving the environment for future generations and now we will be forced to subsidise the same private companies who are the major polluters?</p>
2017-07-03 11:51:36	<p>We should be paid a decent feed-in tariff for saving the distributers upgrading the poles and wires. Being a pensioner now, a price rise on something so essential, I could hardly afford.</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing with regards to the AEMC's proposal to allow rooftop solar owners to be charged for feeding electricity back to the grid. I am vehemently opposed to this proposal for several reasons.</p> <p>Firstly, it would greatly discourage the uptake of solar rooftop panels, with a resulting reduction in the environmental and economic benefit they provide. With many people struggling financially, solar panels are an attractive option for people who wish to reducing their electricity bills. Reducing the economic benefit of installing panels will reduce their uptake, reducing a means of concrete way people can take control of their expenses. This, in turn, reduces spending in the Australian economy, costing jobs and impacting businesses. A reduced uptake of solar also impacts on Australia's ability to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets.</p> <p>Secondly, people should not be penalised for exporting green energy to the grid but, rather, should be paid for providing this energy. The feed-in tariff should reflect the benefits solar provides in increasing the reliability of the grid, the environmental benefits and the network savings provided to the grid.</p> <p>Finally, this is yet another uncertainty for solar owners. We installed panels at a time when the government was changing funding models, resulting in a massive increase in the cost of installing panels. We ended up paying \$12000 for a 3kW system that, a few months later, would then cost around 25% of that. Being paid a fee-in-tariff is the only way that investment was economical for us and we still haven't got to 'break even' point 6.5 years after installation. The risk of us having to pay to put electricity onto the grid would make the installation something that has cost us, rather than assist us financially. If solar is not economical for families, not many people would have the funds to be able to install them for pure environmental reasons.</p> <p>This is nothing more than a desperate grab at money by an industry grossly unable or unwilling to adapt to green energy. It is completely backward in its thinking and shows a lack of vision with regards to moving Australia to increase its green energy sector. I oppose the concept and call for the idea to be scrapped.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>
2017-07-03 11:50:50	<p>Stopping solar energy users from providing clean energy to the grid is a really backward idea. Clean energy is what we need. Big, dirty power companies get away with murder. You</p>
2017-07-03 11:49:19	<p>should be encouraging more renewables by rewarding solar users.</p>

Date

Your submission

As a solar owner for the last 11 months, who generates a small quantity of solar energy, due to tree shading by an uncooperative neighbour, I am appalled by the suggestion that solar owners will 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 had an inspection of our solar system from the Clean Energy Regulator, who was amazed at the efficiency of our system even though the shading produced by our neighbours liquid ambers and camphor laurel trees is reducing our production by 30%. We were aware of the impact of the shading issues when we contracted the installer but value the small environmental impact we can achieve. My TIGO monitoring system informs me that our system has so far achieved the equivalent of 49 trees planted, 11 motor vehicles removed and 1,502.64kg of carbon dioxide saved. We are doing as much as we can to reduce our environmental footprint. As often as possible, we wear more layers of clothes to reduce our heating costs. We are not alone in this action! For older residents this can often impact negatively on their health.

As self-funded retirees, who are ineligible for any pension, we are no drain on the economy. We have modest savings and superannuation and any additional cost to the already exorbitant electricity costs in NSW is totally unfair. We each worked hard for over 40 years and the only concession we ever received was the solar rebate. We never received first home buyers assistance, child care assistance or anything else from the government. Why should we have to pay for inefficiencies and short-sighted planning by government and utilities.

2017-07-03 11:49:01

We totally reject the suggestion that solar owners be charged to export clean power and ask that those of us who are trying to improve our environmental footprint be treated justly and with fairness.

3 July 2017

To The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

Proposal to Charge Solar Power Owners for Feeding Electricity
Back into the Grid

More than five years ago I spent a considerable amount of money to put solar panels on my roof in an effort to put more electricity into the grid and to help reduce reliance on electricity generated by fossil fuels. I live in the ACT and since I did this, the energy feed-in amount taken off my electricity bill has fallen and electricity prices have risen, most noticeably since 1 July 2017 when electricity prices in the ACT rose by almost 20 per cent. Price increases mean that the amount of the rebate from my solar panel-generated electricity fed into the ACT grid is further diminished.

My income is low and I will find it difficult to meet the costs of more expensive electricity this financial year. Charging me for exporting solar-generated electricity to the grid would have an additional financial burden on an already-stretched budget.

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 power provides to the grid.

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

Any move to charge domestic solar power generators for electricity exports to the grid will result in a consumer backlash and further put Australia behind the eight ball where renewable energy is concerned.

Australia could be a world leader in the production of solar power and related infrastructure including storage and the export of related technologies. We could power this whole nation on solar and other renewable energy sources, if we put our minds to it. Big Australian power companies could be part of this technological revolution with the right will and the courage to get moving in a forward direction with a national energy plan based on renewables. Australians have the ingenuity to turn this nation into a global power house. Don't let this opportunity escape us because of bad decisions in the past like the closing down of coal-fired power stations without much warning.

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Do not bring in a charge for people generating electricity to the grid with solar panels. The charge would have a dreadful impact on the many households that generate solar power to the grid and for which power companies pay very little in comparison to the increasing charges households are already paying for electricity.

Date

Your submission

We added solar panels to our home in 2011. The aim was to generate clean energy and to provide affordable energy for ourselves in the future as we are now retirees on the age pension. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big polluting 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 should not be assumed that the people who have solar panels on their roofs are wealthy. We saved hard for ours and can not afford to be penalised for having them. In fact every home in Australia should have at least a 2kW system on their roof with, as battery technology improves, a 24 to 72 hour battery storage capability - this should be for every home - flats/units and rentals included and of course it should be means tested.

Obviously manufacturing and other businesses need large scale power with adequate back-up, this also needs to be set up adequately.

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

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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 that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

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Due to the gouging by the electricity industry, supposed 'competitive' due to government sell offs, I now find that nevertheless my attempts to control hyper profiteering are being sabotaged by the government. Solar energy from my installed panels is obviously an attempt to catch-up and should not be deterred by the government still in bed with electricity companies..Disgraceful!

I wish lodge my objection in the strongest possible terms to the proposal that home owners who generate solar power be charged to export their solar energy to the grid. I am penalised already by the fact that even though I have opted for NET METERING I am not credited with all the solar power my system generates, which is how I believe NET METERING should work. My supplier calculates the NET amount on a 'time of use' against a 'time of generation' basis.

Thus if I am unable to balance my usage and generation the excess generation is exported to the grid. I have little control over this.

My first electricity account after the installation of the smart meter had approximately \$90 of what should have been NET credit to my account exported to the grid.

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It is totally unacceptable and unconscionable to propose a charge for grid exports from home owner solar generation systems when the home owner is not receiving a full credit for energy generated because of the time of use NET metering system.

I call on the AEMC to scrap any proposals to charge citizens to sell power from their solar panel systems to the grid. This is outrageous, considering the fact that we have invested a large amount of our own money to install systems to make our emissions lower and be less dependent on polluting coal-fired power stations. We are already being "ripped-off" by the energy companies, who give us a measly 6c for power we sell them, whilst charging up to 31c to on-sell it. DO NOT impose further charges on already struggling families, who have invested their hard-earned money to help the environment and the Australian economy.

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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. It is not cheap to put solar on our rooftops and with electricity prices going up all the time, what choice do people have in trying to keep their bills manageable.

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I am a self funded retiree who has tried not to be a burden on the country. I installed solar power to help me do this and to improve the environment and now find I am punished for my efforts. It seems self funded retirees are the whipping boys of government and I am frustrated and angry. I will struggle to cope with all the penalties both state and federal governments are imposing on my household. Friends from all political persuasions in a similar position feel likewise. We were encouraged to take care of our own future and now we feel we are scapegoats for poor financial management of successive governments We need someone to recognise our contribution not penalize us for trying to be self sufficient.

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Yours faithfully

Date	Your submission
	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>If ridiculously unfair proposals like charging people with solar to feed electricity onto the grid are accepted you find that solar owners will not just protest in the streets, but would protest with their power as well.</p> <p>You do realize that if we protest with our power and not our feet by turning it off at the same time solar owners could possibly cause major disruptions and we would not have even have leave our homes to do it!</p>
2017-07-03 11:45:32	<p>This is a scenario I would hope would never happen but and I am sure most solar owners would not want to do it. But if something as unfair as this was to be passed I think you will find that it could be a possibility because if I have had a think about it and realized it could happen I am sure someone else would have as well.</p> <p>The current plan for charging solar owners to supply electricity is completely unacceptable. I fact what you should be looking at is a fir wholesale price for solar suppliers..currently we receive 6 cents and get charged around 32 cents retail..this represents a massive markup and shows how totally unfair the current pricing regime is.</p> <p>Solar energy is clean and green..all a charge will do is push more solar owners to look at going off grid totally and that will not be good for the grid.</p> <p>The privatisation and market mechanisms for power has been a complete failure..all the promises of cheaper more efficient energy from privatisation has been complete lies.</p> <p>Government should immediately take back control of the energy system before we see a major collapse in our economy...the early warning signs are already there with many business closing or on the edge of closure due to energy costs..</p>
2017-07-03 11:45:21	<p>The impact of this charge should it go ahead for me personally is that I will take immediate steps to go off grid..</p>
2017-07-03 11:45:12	<p>My partner and I are currently on the market in NSW for efficient solar power on the roof. Please give us a fair go to contribute to reducing our carbon footprint!</p> <p>When solar owners are providing energy support to the overall grid system, and receiving a pittance for doing so irregardless of the capital investment they have made, the proposal that they be charged for doing so is astonishing to say the least, contemptible in the apparent disregard for the benefits the renewable energy is providing, and disappointing that it has even got to the stage of being open for consideration.</p> <p>What should be under consideration is raising the tariff paid to solar owners, to better reflect the contribution they are making to the community at large. If power companies are concerned that the spread of solar power in the community will affect their profits, and may lead to a division of solar haves and have-nots, with the latter paying a penalty for not being in a position to put renewable energy in place, then maybe they should be acting to assist the wider installation of solar systems - and batteries - to build community mini-grids. This is already happening in our community, and is the direction that should be a focus for the AEMC.</p> <p>If this goes through, which could only be considered a failure of common sense and retarded view of the future, then the move for us will be not just mini-grid, but off-grid. The pricing of battery systems continues to drop, and they will be a very viable option in the next 3-4 years. A decision to charge for solar power inputted into the grid will simply make the cost benefit realised earlier for more of the community.....and then you can wave goodbye to the power you now receive at a bargain basement price.</p>
2017-07-03 11:44:42	<p>It is totally unfair to charge solar powered home owners a feed-in tariff to provide excess electricity back into the grid, especially since we receive only 1/3 what we are charged for using grid power. The current grid power generators do not have to pay a feed-in tariff, so why should solar owners have to? We are providing clean, renewable energy using existing power lines. No need for new infrastructure.</p> <p>I have spent a large sum of money to install my solar system with a view to reduce power consumption and reduce my carbon impact on the environment, which is something successive governments have been preaching. This feed-in tariff will only make people more determined to go off grid with cheaper batteries coming onto the market. This in turn will reduce the overall cheap (free?) power the grid is currently getting, which is only going to exacerbate the power problem.</p> <p>If the government is serious about reducing carbon pollution, then this feed-in tariff is NOT the way forward.</p>
2017-07-03 11:44:12	<p>If this tariff is brought in then the financial impact on my household would be severe since I am a pensioner. Please do NOT bring it in.</p> <p>Please don't even think about it to put a charge on solar owners. We concious choose to put Solar to help clean energy. To give future generations a better future health. We as elders feel guilty to have messed up the world by being greedy. We need to work hard to make a better world.</p> <p>We spent our savings to built a sustainable house and now youThe Government believe you can take a decision by charging . THE GOVERNMENT IS EMPLOYED BY THE AUSTRALIANS. YOU OWE TO LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY.</p>
2017-07-03 11:43:59	<p>Having to pay we will as a pensioner again have to tighten our belt. Almost not possible. Loosing more and more weight due to skim on food.</p> <p>Enough is enough.</p>

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2017-07-03 11:43:29	Putting solar panels on the roof to produce electricity is something that householders do to reduce the community's reliance on polluting fossil fuels and thus protect our environment. This involves serious investment. The idea that one should be charged ongoing fees for protecting the planet is simply outrageous.
2017-07-03 11:42:52	The surplus that is fed back to the grid is on-sold for considerably more than the feed-in payment that is made to the household producer - that is penalty enough, paltry as the sum is. Charging those who want to contribute energy to the grid is anti-competitive and the most perverse kind of market distortion. Our society is clearly moving in the direction of clean, renewable and decentralized energy generation and any move by market regulators to stall or attempt to prevent this will be futile. At best it would lead to more users leaving the system entirely, but that it antithetical to the economic benefits that could accrue from having properly aligned incentives in a relatively free energy market.
2017-07-03 11:42:45	I make this solar from my system on my roof, it belongs to me. You pay me, I don't pay you to have my solar production a swindled away from me. This is just plain crooked operations by greedy corporations, trying to use my solar for their profits. NOT ON CROOKS. GO USE YOUR ON OWN SOLAR FOR PROFIT NOT MINE.
2017-07-03 11:42:24	Why should people who work hard and often go without who try and do the right thing for their family end up being penalised. Wrong wrong wrong! 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
2017-07-03 11:41:50	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 With the decline of base load power generators the grid can use all the support of small scale solar power generation that it can get. If a charge on small scale power generation is introduced it will inhibit any new scale power generation connection which will decrease the small network support from small scale solar. In my own case I am in a position to slightly increase my solar panels, install a battery system and go off the grid, it would be a better result for grid stability if my system was available to support any network loss of planned generation
2017-07-03 11:41:48	Solar Owners should not have to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid, because we are helping the environment and health benefits of Solar.
2017-07-03 11:41:41	It is patently unfair to expect people with solar power generation to pay to export their surplus power to the grid. With the rates we are currently paid for the power we generate we are effectively paying anyway.
2017-07-03 11:41:30	We put our panels up years ago in an attempt to be part of the change we want to see. Away from environmental destruction and towards a healthier, safer planet for everyone. They were expensive. We received little in the way of financial assistance. We won't accept being charged to contribute our hard earned power to a grid which subsidises dirty power. Whilst power companies and governments continue to subsidise old, dirty energy sources such as coal, rich individuals and companies like Adani, along with demonstrably unsatisfactory ideas such as 'clean' coal and carbon capture and storage, we will oppose.
2017-07-03 11:41:09	Why should solar owners be charged for producing clean renewable power to the grid. There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental & health benefits of solar provides to the grid.
2017-07-03 11:41:09	By installing solar panels to my house I felt that I was contributing to the environment and easing my own power costs. Looks as though I will have wasted my money. As a pensioner who has worked all their life and contributed to the economy, I feel that once again we have been screwed, same old story, penalise those who you don't have a say, well this time we may prove them wrong.
2017-07-03 11:41:09	Get the message that climate change is a reality, and as solar owners, we should be applauded for our foresight and not penalised by GREEDY corporate companies as is about to happen!!! Regards,
2017-07-03 11:40:13	I believe the current charges to solar owners is totally unfair in that we are charged to export clean, renewable energy to the grid. I note that power companies using dirty coal-fired production are not charged. This is totally denying the health benefits of solar power, as well as denying the savings provided to the grid by solar. We minimise our electricity uses, and are unfairly targeted by this policy.
2017-07-03 11:40:07	STOP THE UNFAIR TREATMENT OF SOLAR OWNERS THIS A DISGRACE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL TREAT SOLAR OWNER THIS WAY AND GO RUNNING TO THE BIG POWER GENERATORS (DIRTY POWER) WITH OPEN HAND AND A PAT ON THE BACK FOR DOING A GOOD JOB OF THIS UNFRIENDLY POWER
2017-07-03 11:39:56	It would be a BLOODY disgrace if you or any one in power charged people for trying to use solar power to help the VERY HIGH COST(and it should not be this high if you or people like you --SAY GOVERNMENT KEEP OUT OF IT.
2017-07-03 11:39:43	The proposed rule to charge solar owners for export to the grid appears inconsistent with AEMC's position that solar owners are energy generators paid at wholesale tariff rates. The proposal might make sense if there was an accompanying proposal to support localised distributed energy grids appropriate for small-scale solar ie transition grids.
2017-07-03 11:39:43	As it stands the AEMC rule proposal displays a 'King Canute' disregard rising sea levels and our responsibilities to address climate change by supporting renewable energy.

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	<p>I am absolutely outraged to hear that the AEMC is considering allowing a charge on solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid. Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to export their power to the grid, especially when the big power stations don't have to.</p> <p>Why punish Australian families who have done the right thing and are producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally by allowing an unfair charge?</p> <p>The people who should be charged are the big coal companies and gas power stations who are polluting our environment with the energy they generate and export.</p> <p>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 outrageous and totally unacceptable.</p>
2017-07-03 11:39:10	<p>Enough is enough and it is time to face reality. We have to move to renewable energies to protect our planet. It's time to stop the solar swindle. It is incredibly unfair for solar owners to be charged for exporting clean renewable energy to the grid while big dirty power companies pay nothing. We should be getting a fair feed in tariff, not being punished for doing the right thing for the environment at considerable expense to ourselves. I am a single pensioner and have a very limited income and while I am happy to pay a fair price for my power I consider the idea of actually paying you to give you extra power and pay you for the privilege is unethical and wrongful.</p>
2017-07-03 11:39:07	<p>The extra power charges that have come our way this month will make life difficult enough and to think of being charged to give YOU power is downright disgusting. I have an issue with what looks to be short sighted policy making in the AEMC proposal to charge solar owners for effectively decentralising power distribution. I would like to see an outline of network infrastructure upgrades required to handle potential issues that may develop from the inevitable and unstoppable decentralised generation that household solar represents, rather than a tax to penalise and discourage other householders from investing in solar PV. What message is the government sending to our children by clinging onto the fossil</p>
2017-07-03 11:38:48	<p>fuelled energy of the past and penalising us for embracing clean energy? Penalizing solar producers for making clean energy is crazy because carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels are the greatest threat to humanity.</p>
2017-07-03 11:38:41	<p>Also if you penalise folk for selling clean energy they will just install batteries and stop buying your dirty electricity at all. If householders are made to pay a fee to feed into the grid, make the power industry pay the same proportionally. Eg if I am charged a price it can be calculated then a cost per KWH then the power industry should be charged the same.. If I am charged to feed into the grid and don't get a realistic price when I do, then I will disconnect from the grid altogether. And I will then await a TAX on houses with solar panels, a Tax on the sun so to speak. Amd let's see if any government can bring that in.</p>
2017-07-03 11:38:41	<p>My reasoning for solar panels was to help the environment, This cost will be a disenvtive to the renewable industry. Regards</p>
2017-07-03 11:38:39	<p>I simply do not understand why, periodically, I am forced to write a document or sign a petition regarding my solar panel system. I installed my system years ago , at great expense, to save money on electricity and make my contribution to saving the planet. Ever since I am continually advised that the government wants to penalise me for installing my system. It is totally unfair and unacceptable for solar panel consumers to be charged to send back electricity that is generated by their own system that is surplus to their requirements. The electricity providers will charge the end users for it anyway and I am absolutely sick and tired of fighting the government and various politicians and departments. Please note I strongly oppose this latest money grab. Sincerely</p>
2017-07-03 11:38:22	<p>When we export to the grid we dont get the spot price they sell our generated electricity for...the big retailers are scamming us to get our power for free. 1.6 million homes and businesses with solar...we are the biggest power station in the country and we have saved them billions in not having to build dirty coal power stations. 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. The big generators are selling the dirty power they produce and ever increasing expense and they sell it from the fence of their stations. I have recently changed my retailer because they wouldn't pay me properly for my solar I produced yet they promoted themselves as supporting and promoting renewables. They then tried to charge me a hiring fee to have a net meter put on my property so I could use my power first before buying off them. This cost would have meant getting almost nothing for the solar I produced. I therefore have to export to them which they on sell at vast profit. They have further just recently put up their prices by almost 20% and justified it by the "expenses" they have in the "poles and wires". Therefore the cost of transmission is already covered by the consumer.</p>
2017-07-03 11:38:20	<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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2017-07-03 11:37:49	<p>olar 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>Dear AEMC members,</p> <p>I strongly urge you not to consider imposing a penalty to household solar rooftop users for supply of excess electricity to augment the grid. It makes no sense for my excess not to be used by my neighbours rather than to have to be coming down hundreds of kilometers of power lines from a dinosaur power plant.</p> <p>I am contemplating increasing my current roof top solar with a view to offsetting the costs with the new level of 12.8c/Kw that my current 'provider' is offering. This would eventually make having batteries a viable proposition. This will then reduce peak load pressure on the grid. The threat of imposing a penalty for doing so is making me hold off this decision until I can be certain of the viability of my investment.</p> <p>If you do make a charge for domestic export and continue to allow increases in fixed charges, I, and many more in my position will simply go off grid- to the detriment of the community as a whole</p> <p>This proposal is a retrograde step- PLEASE DON'T DO IT.</p>
2017-07-03 11:37:39	Yours Sincerely,
2017-07-03 11:36:43	<p>I'm a solar consumer ,and to be penalized charged to export clean,renewable power ,just is unfair to me the consumer who supply s energy to others ,whilst big company's won't be paying a cent ??I've done this to save on my energy bill and these extra costs are downright dissapointing and I'll never be trusting the govt in the future</p> <p>We generate more power than we use, so our Carbon footprint with Electricity is better than Zero.</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>In our 1st house in Newie (90 years old) we started with eight panels about 2007.</p> <p>In a new house for us (90 years old), in 2010,we went to 12 panels, and in 2016 we expanded to 16 panels, and with new inverters are battery ready.</p> <p>Batteries will be next when the technology improves and the price comes down,</p>
2017-07-03 11:36:21	<p>Charging you for our solar exports to the grid would impact out tight Pensioner Budget; and would be unfair.</p> <p>Solar power owners are those who intend on reducing their carbon footprint on this planet and use this initiative to do so. They generate and export clean power and should not have to pay to access the grid, ESPECIALLY when large corporate coal and gas power stations don't have to pay anything to export the energy they generate.</p> <p>This is also driving the distance further between the rich and poor.</p> <p>Where has fair moralistic values and logic gone?</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>Our personal household plan to install solar systems to our roof to minimise our environmental impact and help reduce our expensive bills as a result.</p> <p>These proposed charges and fees will negatively affect our family's already tight budget.</p>
2017-07-03 11:35:59	<p>Please do not go ahead with additional charges to Australian families who truly want to make a change for the better.</p> <p>As self funded retirees we scrimped and saved for our future and tried to future proof ourselves from rising costs by using solar power. We are being gouged at every point and in every way by successive governments. We feel betrayed and abandoned. We are not alone. Fellow self funded retirees feel the same way. We were offered incentives and now we are being penalized. Please listen to people who are good citizens, who have tried to take care of themselves and not be a burden on society but are being cruelly treated.</p>
2017-07-03 11:35:20	Yours sincerely
2017-07-03 11:35:13	<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 to sell un-clean power through it.</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. The recent large uptake of domestic solar PV has lead to a decrease in peak grid loads - hence saving \$milions in network upgrade costs.</p> <p>Most transmission grids have now been privatised - and consumers should not have to enhance the profitability of these businesses.</p> <p>Introducing a charge to export PV to the grid would remove the incentive for home owners to decrease their net emissions and for Australia to meet its targets under the Paris accord.</p>

Date	Your submission
	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>We have made this point before, we make an investment in good faith, based on information by experts, (and indeed government policy)</p> <p>Partly on environmental and partly on financial grounds</p> <p>Why should we pay a feed in tariff to the grid when power generation companies don't?</p>
2017-07-03 11:35:04	<p>If there there here is to be a tariff, then it should be fair and recognises the environmental benefits of solar along with network savings hat solar provides to the grid</p> <p>Is our investment to. Be a complete waste of time and money?</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>
2017-07-03 11:34:57	<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 am a pensioner therefor any additional charges would not only negate having Solar Power but would impact on our cost of living.</p>
	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>Your consideration of a charge to owners to export solar power is egregious and utterly short sighted.</p> <p>This action will mean that I will install more panels and go off grid, now that battery storage is a viable option. This will mean that the network will be under much more pressure to deliver less electricity and a viable cost.</p> <p>Dirty energy companies should be paying to export to the grid, not clean clean, renewable producers.</p> <p>This action will precipitate a rush to install more local generation and renewables, with local storage.</p>
2017-07-03 11:34:57	<p>You are being led by the nose by the right wing renewable haters and underestimating the huge popularity of renewables by the Australian public, regardless of their political orientation.</p>
2017-07-03 11:34:30	<p>Don't punish people who are contributing to a more sustainable future. We provide green power, that gets sold on at a premium, we shouldn't be penalised.</p> <p>I totally agree that it will be grossly unfair to all solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. In short it would be quite callous of any authority to punish Australian families who have done the right thing and invested thousands of dollars in producing sun-power for themselves and their communities to use locally. 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 also a recognition that the renewable energy industry is a contributor towards providing new jobs for Australians.</p>
2017-07-03 11:34:27	<p>I was interrupted. To finish: Solar should be encouraged, just as other renewable energy sources should be, too. The Government should be encouraging the expansion of renewable energy sources; not prohibiting them with fees for preposterous proposals such as feedbacks of solar to the electricity grid.</p>
2017-07-03 11:34:09	<p>My husband and I were forward thinking 10 years ago and installed solar. We are in a position now where it would be very difficult to add another cost to our household as we are retired and have limited funds. It is so unfair that our feed in tariff has been slashed and now to charge us for the privilege of giving back to the electricity companies who make more profit than we could make in a hundred lifetimes is appalling. Put yourself in the shoes of the avererage person AMEC.</p>
2017-07-03 11:33:58	<p>To AEMC,</p> <p>I am writing to you to express my objection to the proposal of charging solar owners a fee for exporting power to the grid.</p> <p>I don't believe this is a fair or sensible proposal given that coal fire and gas power electricity power providers are not required to pay the same charge.</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>My partner and I opted to get solar power for our household primarily as an effort to limit the impact of spiraling electricity prices but equally so we could contribute to the helping with the issue of global warming by limiting our personal carbon emissions.</p> <p>The economic benefit we have received from switching to solar has been whittled away over the time we first installed our panels by the continued rise in power price. An unfair additional export fee such as is being proposed will further limit its value to us. It would also have the potential to discourage take up of solar by new people considering entering the solar market - bad for both the growing solar industry and the cause of developing strategies for mitigating the effects of climate change.</p> <p>I am also shocked that the power we feed back on to the grid and for which we receive a modest tariff for is sold on by the power companies at a greatly inflated price.</p> <p>I do not agree that charging the solar power producer a feed in fee is a fair , effective or sensible approach to take and strongly object to this proposal.</p> <p>Best regards</p>
2017-07-03 11:33:24	
2017-07-03 11:32:48	<p>Please encourage the population to utilize solar by making it a financially attractive option -no feed in tariff or a tariff that recognizes the energy made as clean and beneficial to the world as a whole .This is in direct contrast to coal fired energy!!! And where is the tariff for those producing this energy??? They don't even pay tax like ordinary Australian citizens.</p> <p>Please do what is fair and right.</p>

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	<p>I am a retired person living on a meagre income. I have managed to put some solar panels on my roof to help offset cost of electricity and to help with the environment. It is both unjust and immoral for me to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. In fact it would be a fair thing if the electric company lifted the feed-in tariff so as to make it worth while to feed back to the grid at all. I cannot afford to have to pay any more on my electric bill.</p>
2017-07-03 11:32:18	<p>There needs to be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar and NOT a charge for exporting what my rooftop solar panels produce.</p>
2017-07-03 11:31:56	<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>
2017-07-03 11:31:13	<p>To AEMC, over 5 yrs ago I installed solar to my home, the reasons were I knew this was the way of the future and I made my own stand in the transition to renewables as a way to slow climate change. For several yrs I have been exporting power to the grid and received far less than I paid to get power back. To now find out that solar owners may be CHARGED to send cheap power to the grid at the time of day when businesses/industries use it is ridiculous. Please end this madness. Regards.</p> <p>Dear Australian Energy Market Commission</p> <p>The plan to charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid is patently unfair.</p> <p>Big power companies do not pay to do this. The question hovering here is why this is being proposed.</p> <p>There is also the question of fair feed-in tariffs that recognise the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. The cost of power, as it is calculated currently does not add in what are called the externalities - harm done by CO2 released into the atmosphere related to global warming. Not your business model, at present, but it will be, no doubt, in the future.</p> <p>If these feed in proce extras do pass, it would not be surprising to see a bill strike from customers, simply withholding those additional fees, which, given the number of solar customers would be substantial.</p> <p>Please reconsider</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
2017-07-03 11:30:50	<p>I vehemently object to the proposal to charge solar owners for exporting to the grid. Solar power should not just be encouraged but freely provided to all Australians. The weakness of our greedy, short-sighted, money-minded overlords, in both government and big business, disgusts me.</p>
2017-07-03 11:30:25	<p>We had rooftop solar installed early on, under the conditions that we would be paid for any extra we exported to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 11:30:18	<p>Changing this agreement is like breaking a contract - isn't policy instability a reason why companies do not want to invest in Australia? Who can we trust these days?</p>
2017-07-03 11:29:44	<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.</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 are aged pensioners, who have concerns for the environment and the legacy we are leaving for our children and grandchildren. Some years ago we installed a solar hot water system, then solar panels on our roof. We keep electricity use to a minimum. We know that these actions go some way to mitigate the detrimental effects of electricity from coal fired power plants. Our excess electricity is downloaded to the grid as we often produce more electricity than we use. The rebate has also meant lower electricity bills every quarter. A great savings for people like us on the aged pension. Of course, we pay for service and maintenance costs, so going solar is not cost free.</p> <p>But now we see that there is a plan to charge solar owners for exporting to the grid. As small producers of electricity, we think it is grossly unfair that we are charged to contribute to the grid, but big power companies are not charged.</p>
2017-07-03 11:29:43	<p>We watch every cent, and are not happy with this greedy and mean proposal to punish citizens who take care and contribute to a better world, while power companies who rely on dirty coal do not.</p>

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2017-07-03 11:29:27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It would be an extremely regressive policy for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when they are providing power in a distributed manner, making better use of the existing grid •It would effectively punish Australians who have recognised that Australia needs a sustainable power system while successive governments have been unable to do so. •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 invested a large percentage of our savings in the photovoltaic system on our roof. To take away the modest dividend that solar provides would break the trust we have had with government and would be a slap in the face for people trying to do the right thing for the planet and succeeding generations. It would be strongly taken into consideration when voting •Energy should be put into developing a national power policy rather than ripping off decent citizens
2017-07-03 11:29:25	<p>Back when Solar power started to become popular in the domestic market, I actually drew on my existing mortgage to install a system on my property because I wanted to be a part of the community doing something to help the environment. Putting clean energy into the power grid for others to use, saving all those fossil fuels that are not going too last forever!. The thought of people like myself that have done this because we care about the environment are going too be punished by having to pay more than other that don't seem to care, is, I am sorry to say disgusting. There are places in the world where people get paid to have solar energy installed on there property because they have the foresight. We are in a very unique position right now to be at the forefront of solar innovation (renewable energies). But I guess while the world is still driven by money hungry people who can not control their spending and make the General Public pay for their uncontrolled expenditure then silly ideas like this will push people to take their systems off the grid. So you can burn more of the Earth's fossil fuel's and continue to damage the environment even more.</p> <p>It's already happened in Western Australia.. An extra \$160 per year in fees and connection charges.</p> <p>Not happy Jan!</p>
2017-07-03 11:28:34	<p>As soon as my 48c feed in tariff expires. I'm going to go off grid. I'm fortunate enough to now have over 5k saved and expect to at least save another 2k to 3k saved in two years. I'll take and make the decision to cut my lines to the domestic supply rip off.</p> <p>I write to oppose any proposal that forces solar owners to pay for providing their clean energy back to the grid. It is totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid whilst big, dirty power companies don't pay a cent. There needs to be a fair feed- in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar along with network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 11:28:20	<p>We have 2 properties in Tasmania with rooftop solar and they provide considerable amounts of clean power in an area where the winters are very cold and yet we can harness the sun most days. Charging for solar exports would completely negate our capital expenditure and is a disincentive for others to "go solar"</p>
2017-07-03 11:28:03	<p>Asking solar owners to pay for their solar going to the grid, is preposterous! I do not have solar but I am very eager for my government and housing authority to get it on my roof. In no way should I pay for the solar contribution to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 11:26:53	<p>We made the decision to invest in a solar system on our roof in good faith that we would receive rebates for the set period. I don't agree that now this is potentially going to change thus impacting our budgeting around this investment. This is clearly not fair on people like us who make this investment in good faith that was not going to be interfered by future governments. I have roof top solar. If I am charged to export my power back to the grid I will go off grid. Reasons are that polluting coal fired electricity is not charged, why should clean energy. Also</p>
2017-07-03 11:26:08	<p>when the amount of money I get paid drops to under 10 c per kWh and I am charger 28 c per kWh I will also go off grid. It is totally corrupt to do this and I will not be ripped off. I see this whole system corrupt and if it remains so I will exercise my democratic right and withdraw from the corrupt system.</p>
2017-07-03 11:25:59	<p>To those members of the Australian Energy Market Commission I would like to make a submission that if you are proposing that roof top solar energy users pay a fee to feed surplus energy into the electricity grid, then this is totally unfair. I installed my solar in 2009 and I am still paying for the installation. I and others are doing our bit for the environment as well as trying to protect ourselves from future electricity price hikes which have risen greatly in recent years. Power companies do not have to pay this proposed supply tax, nor should we. Instead of proposing this tax there should be a change in feed in tariffs. On average people get 6c for feed in tariffs and retailers then charge 25c on average to give it back. This is unfair and not equitable. Get rid of this proposal and work on providing sustainable and reliable power to all users. Thank you</p> <p>My husband and I have both recently retired and worked hard to provide ourselves with an environmentally friendly, efficient and economical method eg. by installing solar panels on our home to create fewer out goings of our hard earned savings and superannuation. We would be extremely disappointed/angry if we now have to budget for charges for our solar exports to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 11:25:50	<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 environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid</p>
2017-07-03 11:25:49	<p>.</p> <p>Any proposal that solar owners should bear a charge for exporting power to the grid is manifestly nonsense particularly in our present context of the need for a maximum contribution of renewable energy for our overall energy needs as a nation.</p> <p>There is a more rational argument the such contributions should be rewarded at higher than current levels as a more economical way of encouraging this private investment and contribution to our need to proceed to 100% renewable sources as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Any suggestion that the cost of the grid - poles and wires should be subsidised by solar owners does not stand up if one examines the history of previous investments by power companies ie the " gold plating " phenomenon.</p>

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	<p>We've already been forced to invest in Solar PV because grid power is expensive and has a high carbon intensity.</p> <p>We need a coherent transition plan to renewables, not a penalty on a problem not of our making.</p>
2017-07-03 11:25:43	<p>We want an improved feed-in tariff not a charge.</p> <p>Dear Madam/Sir</p> <p>Please do not allow the energy companies to charge solar PV owners who feed into the grid. We already pay for grid up-keep through the supply charges. And large power companies do not pay feed in charges. We also already pay higher prices for our usage when we feed-in.</p> <p>Household solar production provides a great service to the power companies. We reduce the chances of blackouts in summer when airconditioners are working flat out. We are investing in reducing carbon production. We are providing valuable help with Australia's carbon target. We are helping to reduce pollution by reducing the amount of coal needing to be burnt to run the country. And we help to reduce the amount of destruction of valuable farming land that occurs with coal mining.</p> <p>As a pensioner, I used a small sum of money willed to me to invest in Solar to do my part in helping reduce the impact of climate change and also to set me up to cope with rising prices when on a very limited income. With the improvement of batteries, I will seriously have to consider investing in going off the grid completely, if the power companies are allowed to charge me for my feed-in supply. I and many others will go off-grid. Power companies are already in the bad books with many customers for gold-plating the networks, they don't need to make even more people upset with their unfair service.</p>
2017-07-03 11:25:31	<p>Thank you,</p> <p>Australia already lags in terms of its renewable capacity - now there are proposals to tax individuals and families who are themselves paying for what the government and companies will not. What a catastrophe! Individuals who create and feed clean and renewable power to the grid should be subsidised, not taxed. Pass those taxes to the energy companies! I will be</p>
2017-07-03 11:25:29	<p>closely watching how politicians and companies move on this issue and will vote and consume accordingly.</p> <p>Charging customers to feed solar energy back to the grid would be both unfair and counter productive.</p> <p>Unfair, as other generators don't pay this charge. Counter productive as it will simply drive people away from the grid altogether.</p> <p>For example, we have now a 10kWh LG Chem battery. Combined with our 6kW pv system, we have imported just 34kWh from the grid over the last year.</p> <p>At present this system returns 10%- yes an ROI of 10%. So, as battery prices plummet, and pv systems start to approach 50 cents per watt, do you really want to drive people off grid completely?</p> <p>The business model you had is now finished, like the stone age, it didn't finish because we ran out of rocks. If generators and distribution retailers are to survive they must embrace the new tech. Provide incentives to stay on the grid, micro grids, distributed systems, backup power etc. This is pretty basic economics.</p> <p>It looks to me that the incumbents are ignoring the evidence, and will preside over the eventual failure of their enterprises all the while ignoring the advice from both their younger and more savvy employees and the economic and the technical evidence before us all.</p>
2017-07-03 11:25:18	<p>If you charge us for a feed in, we will go off grid at home, and take our two business premises off grid as well.</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>We installed a much bigger system than suited our requirements because we are passionate believers that renewable energy is a must and gained a sense of satisfaction supplying green energy for our neighbours use, our feed in tariff is 7.2 cents so it was not a financial decision.</p>
2017-07-03 11:24:25	<p>That fact that we may be penalised for our ethos is disgusting.</p> <p>Governments should not be protecting power companies. Any reasonable person can see the market is shifting from centralised power sources to a de-centralised system. Continuing to manipulate the market will only expedite the demise of power stations. As the price of battery storage falls and the technology improves centralised systems will shrink. Persecuting</p>
2017-07-03 11:24:17	<p>consumers who sell back to the grid will only hasten the otherwise organic transition to de-centralization!</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>
2017-07-03 11:24:00	<p>Charging us for our solar exports to the grid would be a further expense to our household which is being hit very hard.</p> <p>We use FREE solar radiation to produce electricity from a system WE paid for, and feed it into the grid at little cost to the retailer, who then on-sells to consumers at a profit. Why should we be taxed for our efforts? A reasonable market price should be paid to solar owners for their contribution to network stability. As pensioners, power bills are excessive and to increase charges way and above cost of living increases is pure greed. Australian business cannot manage these huge increases. Power companies are pricing themselves out of the market.</p>
2017-07-03 11:23:55	<p>Solar PV systems should not be charged more as per the proposed changes.</p> <p>They need to be encouraged!!!!</p>
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2017-07-03 11:23:46	<p>Leave solar panels tariffs alone as a age pensioner its hard to just to put food on the table without another tax added.</p>

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	<p>It is preposterous that a small power station, ie rooftop solar, would be charged to export their excess power to the grid for use by fellow citizens. What are you trying to do, push rooftop solar owners of the grid entirely.</p>
	<p>The renewable energy market is changing so fast it is time our energy regulators accepted this fact and started regulating for the new age. Get your heads out of the coal bucket and have a look around. Australia should be at the forefront of renewable energy not a reluctant laggard.</p>
2017-07-03 11:23:44	<p>I plan to expand my 9 year old 2 Kw system to take advantage of the new energy management and batteries, do you plan to join me, and my fellow citizens, or are you going to fight us all the way?</p> <p>I feel that this potential charge is a grab by greedy Corporations to punish individuals that have paid out thousands of dollars to install Solar Panels. These panels are to lessen the burden on household expenditure. People with panels also provide much needed clean energy back into the grid at little to no cost to the Electricity providers.</p> <p>So why charge for supplying clean electricity to these greedy companies. The government need to step in a do something to lessen the costs to Australian consumers, we pay more for GAS as it pays to export it increasing the cost to Australian consumers and reducing the supply in this country. Electricity keeps going up and up and cannot be justified. No one gets anything for nothing consumers have to pay for their electricity supply, so why shouldn't people providing clean energy not get paid for it but also why should they incur a fee for feeding it back in. Are the power companies going to come out and fix any problems at their cost should something go wrong. I DOUBT IT AS IT IS THE CONSUMER THAT WILL WHERE THIS COST. Fair go corporate australia need to be held account.</p>
2017-07-03 11:23:40	<p>As it is the feed in tariffs are especially low even at 11c</p>
2017-07-03 11:23:36	<p>Power suppliers already make huge profits from feed in solar systems. Even if the FIT is raised to 20c they are making over 20c profit per kw. Charging to give power companies money with no real benefit to solar suppliers is just pure greed.</p>
	<p>I believe solar will be an important part of the electricity mix. Citizens are willing to buy the infrastructure. This should be encouraged by providing a fair rate of return and a level playing field. Please consider the benefits of building a great solar industry in Australia.</p>
2017-07-03 11:23:18	<p>kind regards</p>
2017-07-03 11:21:51	<p>We are selling a clean commodity to the power company like any other supplier. We should not be penalised for that. Eventually everyone will be using solar and other clean energy sources and all the power companies are doing is encouraging people to leave the grid. Businesses all over Australia small and large, not just residential are embracing renewables for their power and finally catching up with the rest of the world.</p>

Date

Your submission

Since the mid 2000's households have begun installing renewable energy generation, mainly (but not exclusively) solar power (PV's). I began rather earlier than most, having been apprenticed in the Army as a radio mechanic in 1965, and photovoltaic cells were among the devices we were introduced to. I installed my first solar panels in 2006, but these were not (and are not now) connected to the grid, but stand alone with their own batteries and inverter(s), running two camping freezers.

In 2009 I began installing grid-connected PV's and then batteries, and I am now in a situation where I am able to choose to be independent of the grid with very little effort or expense.

My latest power bill (last week) showed that I was paying a supply charge of \$0.44 per day, but of course this will increase under Western Australia's new regime for this current financial year. This is a common cost for EVERY household which is connected to the grid, regardless of how much (or little) energy they receive from (or send to) the grid. I would submit that increasing the supply charge will be self defeating in a couple of ways. A household which has a small income (eg aged pensioner, unemployed) will be paying a proportionally greater price for the SC. I believe this would impact unfairly on these people. Households which have large power consumption will not be given any incentive to reduce this, but may consider the option, as I have, of going off-grid. If the price of power per se were increased, but the SC not increased, then that would give a good reason to look at their consumption and find a way to reduce it, without resorting to unnecessary expenditure. The benefits would be a reduction in household costs, a reduction in generation by non-renewable sources, hence a benefit to the environment, and a reduction in the strain on the poles and wires, hence a reduction in the cost to Western Power.

I can only speak of my own experience, but I have maintained a very comprehensive spreadsheet of power generation, consumption and export to the grid. If I were to go off-grid, the following would occur:

I would cease to use the Western Power network, and they would be denied their supply charge, which would cost WP the previous supply charge of \$0.44 per day (\$160) plus reported \$169 increase - \$329 - per household. This, as I mentioned, is a common figure for all who are connected.

In "solar winter" in order to reduce deterioration of my domestic battery condition, I recharge from the grid off-peak overnight; according to my latest power bill this costs me \$0.79 per day on average - a potential loss of income to Synergy of \$288 per year, if I did this every day.

My spreadsheet indicates that from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 I EXPORTED 1,865 kWh to the grid under the Renewable Energy Buyback Scheme (REBS), for which I was paid (at present rate) roughly \$.07 per kWh. This would be a loss of income to me \$130, and thus a saving of this amount to Synergy. However, this excess energy is then on-sold to the utility's customers. Since most solar energy is generated during "peak" hours, the cost to consumers is (at present rate) \$0.52 per unit. At face value this could represent a potential loss of \$839 to the utility. (I say "potential" because there are other factors at play, which I am not fully cognisant of.)

Totalling the losses to the utilities as indicated above, there is a potential of \$1,456 annually for just my own household, compared to \$169 income from the new supply charge. This needs to be weighed up against the loss of \$130 income from sales to Synergy/ Western Power I would suffer. Obviously it would be less than the \$169 I would be charged for the increase in supply charge - a net gain for me - ie increasing supply charges would be a financial incentive to LEAVE the grid.

It is unfair and outrageous to suggest that owners of small solar systems should pay to export to the grid when large fossil fuel based suppliers don't have to. This imposes an unfair barrier to entry into the market for those who are choosing to help the move to a low carbon economy by installing solar panels. Small scale solar is an important part of the future grid and it makes no sense to introduce additional costs.

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Date**Your submission**

To The Australian Energy Market Commission

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having had solar panels installed on our house for nearly five years we are at the point un-mounting our system and sending to the tip if your plan to charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid goes ahead.

Imaging the thousands of households across Australia lining up at the tip with their pointless solar panels.

We paid good money for our system employing local tradesmen and women to install, monitor and help keep our system running efficiently. Buy local, support local.

Over the five years we have seen electricity prices soar out of control with no government department seeming able, or willing to stop this happening.

Also over the five years owners of rooftop solar owners have been blamed by the government, regulators, retailers and the media for the never ending rise in electricity prices. In South Australia our solar rebate was slashed to a minuscule 6 cents per kW that we produce, Victoria has increased their rebate to 11 cents. What does the state of Victoria know that you don't? You now want to consider charging us for generating this clean electricity?

What are you thinking? Seriously what?

If you agree to proceed with this ludicrous plan will you also force the larger power generator companies accordingly? Our clean sourced electricity versus coal sourced electricity ... not a hard choice. Renewable generation with storage is the way of the future whether you agree with this or not.

Have you thought what would happen to the solar industry if your idea goes ahead?

Why would anyone in their right mind ever have solar panels installed if you were to charge us for helping our fellow countrymen and women by generating clean electricity and sending our unused clean electricity back into the grid for others to use.

I have put 5 solar panels on my roof to reduce my power bills. It took me 2 years to pay for but thought the future reductions would be worth it. I am 76 and on a limited income and if there are more charges imminent it will severely affect my ability to pay.

Having invested thousands of dollars in renewable energy the idea of charging to supply the grid is totally unacceptable. I may be forced to go off the grid.

I can't see how it is fair to charge individuals who export power to the grid when they are adding to the national power supply. We are given almost no monetary credit for this and now there is a chance we can be charged for this!!

UNJUST!!

Private citizens should be encouraged, not, deterred from feeding excess solar power back into the grid. As the take up of private solar continues to increase the need for grid upgrade will decrease and keep the cost of energy down.

Australian energy policy and planning is currently a mess with energy costs rising fast and renewable energy growth being impeded compared to other countries. Other nations allow solar panel owners a reliable feed-in tariff that enables energy that doesn't do damage to our climate to increase. Charging householders even more for energy increases the burden on households when they are already struggling to cope

Seems that we are in for "business as usual" where we must fight each other rather than work together for a common goal.

Instead of encouraging more renewables, this proposition highlights the divide and the influence of old fossil intensive power suppliers trying to discourage renewables.

It is unethical to cause harm to the greater good of all only to satisfy the greedy needs of a few.

Besides, there will be groups that will explore the legality of such action as households that are currently producing renewable power and sell it through the grid have contracts that need to be honoured; and finding a sneaky way to penalise them may not be a watertight rip-off scheme.

If such abominable event was to become a reality I will cut off the lines from the grid and go 'stand-alone' with power storage. And so will do all that can afford it.

The Australian electricity market appears to be in shambles and now consideration is being given to charging owners to feed power they generate back to the grid. What sort of ludicrous suggestion is this? Taking more from the very people who have taken the step (not a cheap one!) towards a cleaner energy future. I totally oppose this and shame on the so called

"architects" of this plan!

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Your submission

When I signed up to get solar from my roof, it was on the CONTRACT that I would be paid in the region of 28 cents per KWH for any power exported to the grid. This CONTRACT was subsequently altered without me being consulted and the feed in tariff is to be reduced to about 6 cents from 2019. How can this one sided contract be altered ?

Is it a breach of contract law ?

If it is what right has any solar owner got in regard to the feed in tariff?

Is the suggestion that feed in power will be charged to the supplier a restriction on the human and personal rights one has obtained in the original CONTRACT?

Is it possible therefore for me to claim discrimination when big industries in this state are being supplied with power on long term contracts which are below the cost of production? What would the ACCC say about that?

As the original purpose of Hydro Electrification was to supply industry cheap power to boost employment and to establish an industrial base, why has the relative industrial price been reduced when the companies concerned have reduced employment, with no increase in power costs?

With the increase in efficiency from Motor Generators, to Rotary Converters, to Rectifiers *the labor costs have been reduced by hundreds of employees, yet no increase in price in power costs, so one assumes the increased profitability of the shareholders is subsidised by the ordinary house holders being forced to pay ever higher tariffs to increase the firms profits. (*Electrolytic Zinc Company machinery used to convert AC to DC for electrolysis of Zinc.)

My experience in this area (early 1950-1960's) reminds me of the Hydro Electric Commission ringing to offer vast amounts of off peak power at practically no cost.

To suggest that solar households should pay to feed in power to the grid at no cost to the grid, as it exists already is a CRIME, the power so fed in would in the HEC's case allow an increase in water storage (like a battery) without one cent being utilised to achieve such a bonus and be able to then charge the feeder of solar power to be charged at a higher rate without compensation, for any power consumed in excess of the amount generated. Some would call that power gouging.

Separation of the Tasmanian grid should occur if this is to be applied to pensioners and householders in order for them to subsidise power companies and industry without an equal contribution of larger industry.

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NO WONDER THERE IS ANGER !

We are being crippled by rising electricity costs. If we are charged to export back to the grid this will make our electricity costs even higher and as pensioners this will make our electricity cost almost unaffordable. Why do we have to pay to export back to the grid when coal powered energy suppliers do not have to pay? There was a big push to have people invest in renewable energy and we installed solar panels in order to do our bit to reduce greenhouse emissions.

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I do not believe that it is fair to charge solar panel owners to feed energy back to the grid.

As part of a low-carbon economy, any non-polluting energy source should be encouraged and rewarded, not penalised!

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If polluting coal powered power stations do not have to pay to put power on the grid, why should individual suppliers of clean energy have to pay?

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I would like it to be a level playing field. If I'm charged to put clean energy back into the grid then why isn't a coal powered power station?

Attention Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC),

As someone who values a clean environment, even if it is not being generated in my back yard! solar is an alternative which needs an equal footing. Further, there are many small solar businesses and employees which should also be valued equally and have a level playing field. Isn't it bad enough that the new inverters are ripping off the owner by not declaring all of the electricity generated!! That in itself is already a tax! 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 and are allowed to pollute and destroy whole towns (think huge health issues for years to come!!) GET REAL. Let's start by taxing the polluters for their economic costs, both socially, health and environment. 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>We have had solar power now for over 4 years. It has dramatically reduced our power bills- which we already worked hard to keep low. We are a semi retired, older couple and cannot afford high power bills.</p> <p>We have a 5kw system and live in North Queensland. We feed about two thirds of the power we make back into the grid, being paid about 7c a kwh for it (we pay approx. 25c per kwh for power we get from the grid!). We feel we are contributing to the provision of clean green power, although we feel we could be paid a fairer price for our contribution.</p> <p>If we start to be charged for this useful contribution, we will simply install batteries and stop contributing anything to the grid. This would seem a shortsighted, regressive step for power authorities. We would prefer to stay connected to a grid, but will not do so if we are charged for the electricity we feed back into it. Power companies should work on developing flexible, varied grid structures to adjust to new feed-in practices.</p> <p>Finally, despite being on a main road in a suburb of Townsville, we are the last house on this particular section of the grid. When we built our house, we had to pay over \$9,000.00 dollars for a new power-pole to be erected outside our house. We feel we have already made our contribution to the grid!</p>
2017-07-03 11:13:58	Dear AEMC, We installed solar panels in good faith, accepting the measly feed-in tariff of a few cents a kWh. We manage our solar power carefully and do not feed much to the grid. But the idea of being charged a fee to provide power to the grid is preposterous. Please do not enact this provision. Sincerely,
2017-07-03 11:13:27	I can't believe you are now thinking of charging us to put solar power back into the grid. We went to considerable expense to put solar power on to our home to cut our power costs and are not getting the results we hoped for due to the ever rising increase in price for electricity. We even looked into increasing our panels only to find out we can't add on but would have to replace all the panels we have plus get extra which means a much greater cost. We are trying our best to help our environment and save a bit of money too. Please give us a fair go. The power we supply for the grid is sold on. It's just not fair to charge us as well.
2017-07-03 11:13:06	Charging solar owners to feed electricity into the grid appears to be unethical and an unfair trading trading practice - it means they are charged twice - first to produce the energyfor the grid and secondly to use it if they have to use power from the grid.
	<p>Blind Freddy can see that solar energy production should be encouraged, and if the Government wants to improve supply perhaps they should consider subsidising batteries for storage rather than charge for its production - after all it is freely generated by the sun!</p>
2017-07-03 11:12:53	
2017-07-03 11:12:52	This action is absolutely absurd. Can't wait to get batteries and be off the grid. This is what we solar citizens will do. Obviously you couldn't give a toss. Thanks also for those who can't afford batteries. It's highway robbery.
	<p>I strongly object to the AEMC proposal for charging Solar owners to feed green energy into the grid. It cost me over \$8000 (not including foregone interest) to install a 2.475 kw PV system in May 2011 and I have only finished paying it off in 2015 through energy savings and export to the grid.</p> <p>Although I installed the system to help reduce the disastrous effects of climate change (as with the three solar hot water systems I have had since 1972) rather than for obtaining an income, having to pay someone for using my product is ludicrous.</p>
2017-07-03 11:12:50	By charging me for my power produced, could leave me with a stranded asset and considerably out of pocket.
	<p>Hi, We already pay to be connected to the grid so why the double charge. Australians who have installed solar do it not just for themselves but for their community and the planet. You seem to want to penalise Aussies for owning their energy generation I bet if this was a foreign company you would not be entertaining this idea. The more homes across the country that install solar the greater the diversity of supply thus providing baseload to the grid. I would point out that certain streets may decide to disconnect from the grid and make their own power arrangements with in that street.</p>
2017-07-03 11:12:16	I think it is a travesty that solar owners to be charged to export to the grid clean, renewable power at a time when we should be trying to urgently reduce greenhouse gas emmissions. It's especially egregious when big CO2 poluting companies will be exempt.
	<p>The feed-in tariff that should reflect and encourage the environmental and health benefit of solar and the network savings provided by solar.</p> <p>We installed a solar PV seven years ago when it was still quite expensive to do so, not so much as a cost saving measure (the R.O.I. will still take a while) but out of environmental responsibility. For us to be penalised for good citizenship and caring for the planet seems like a sick joke.</p>
2017-07-03 11:11:49	I believe it is manifestly unfair to charge people with solar panels to export their power to the national grid.
	<p>People with solar panels are already being unfairly treated financially due to the paltry amount they are paid for exported power. This provides cheap power to power companies who sell back it to consumers at a sizeable profit after no input or value adding on their part.</p>
2017-07-03 11:11:37	Power companies also have the advantage of not paying to utilize the national grid as you are proposing solar panel owners do.
2017-07-03 11:11:26	Solar power provides a much needed and increasing amount of clean power to the national grid and should not be penalised for doing so.
	As pensioners we invested in Solar to do the right thing. Don't punish us for that!
	<p>Solar home owners have paid out of pocket way above what the government subsidies compensate them for to install solar panels on their home, only making up the loss in the long-term.</p> <p>It is unfair to slug solar citizens for inputting renewable energy back into the grid when power companies aren't. Rather solar citizens are helping mitigate climate change and should be rewarded with reasonable feed-in tariffs, making it attractive to more households to shoulder the financial outlay of installing solar. It makes me angry as a voter to see recent 20% price hikes in electricity prices in SA due to the federal governments inaction on putting a price on carbon and this will decide my vote at the next federal election if the Finkel report recommendations are not heeded.</p>
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	<p>We have used our initiative to reduce our footprint on this planet and we get penalised for doing so? Now that is absolutely ridiculous! We are disgusted.</p>
2017-07-03 11:11:16	
2017-07-03 11:11:06	<p>Come on now, Why should I pay to add power to the grid? Why should I subsidise the greedy suppliers? To the AEMC, Please do not charge people with solar panels to export electricity to the grid. Solar owners acquire solar panels to try and offset the effect of climate change on the environment and also to try and mitigate the massive electricity costs associated with being connected to the grid. I am from Adelaide and we are expected to have the most expensive electricity in the world! If politicians and the electricity regulator were doing their job properly this would not be a problem. It is a given that we should be transitioning over to renewable energy but due to vested interests of politicians, mining and big business no investment has been made and we have a dinosaur of a transmission system which does not cope well with new technology. This is all obvious of course but the best that you people can come up with is slugging people who (at quite an expense to themselves) have moved toward their own renewable energy. Making solar owners pay will only deter more people from going solar and make it very difficult for those who already have solar to get much benefit out of their investment. It is disgraceful that this is even being considered by unfortunately not surprising. Please consider the effects a decision like this would have on the community. Yours sincerely</p>
2017-07-03 11:10:52	
	<p>I am fed up with the bullying tactics of government and affiliated bodies screwing the ordinary people of the meagre funds we have. Solar energy is FREE and if I have already paid for the solar panels I own then therefore if I provide a service (feeding back into the grid) I should be paid for it. It is outrageous and unconscionable that the idea of having the little people pay to provide a service. NO NO NO the Australian Energy Market Commission has no right to even contemplate such an idea. The impact that the current electricity prices have on me and my family is harming my quality of life. We are getting sick during winter because I have to save on consumption by not using heating, or cooking only once a day. I am so angry at the way Australia (like the rest of the world) is being governed by wealthy, heartless, mean and horrible human beings. Yours truly,</p>
2017-07-03 11:10:50	
	<p>I believe it is unfair to charge solar panel owners to feed into the grid. Clearly dirty coal electricity producers fear for revenue above the long term health of the planet and people. Feed in should be rewarded not penalised and rewarded fairly not by just a token payment 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 understand that the ACT Government regards solar owners as a collective resource that helps balance its generation capacity. It is outrageous that AEMA should even consider charging solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid. We installed solar five years ago to generate the power we use with a very small surplus.</p>
2017-07-03 11:09:47	
2017-07-03 11:09:47	<p>We would like to install battery storage as soon as it becomes economic for us. I will buy batteries and then our solar electricity will not be available for others to use at times. Just get the bureaucrats out of it all entirely and let the market sort it out</p>
2017-07-03 11:09:12	<p>It is highly inappropriate to charge individual customers a fee to feed power back into the grid. As it is we get a pathetic price for our power of what we are charged. Surely the fee is already covered by that outrageous difference. Please rethink this silly proposal and look instead at ways to encourage solar usage and installations Dear Sir or madam, I would like to voice my opposition to the move to charge solar owners for providing their clean energy to the grid. It is ludicrous that we have to pay for energy we generate and feed into the grid for others to charge a fee to use! Regards,</p>
2017-07-03 11:09:04	
	<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>
2017-07-03 11:09:00	
	<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 To the AEMC</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 have put Solar on to our rural residential property to provide us with clean and less costly energy bills to support our family
2017-07-03 11:08:52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make us pay a charge for exporting energy back to the grid will make our investment worthless and increase our energy bill which for a family is adding more outgoings

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We opted to put solar on our roof as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, move toward a sustainable energy future... free from fossil fuel emissions, and make savings on energy costs. As this will necessarily become the objective of all governments, as resources become scarcer and the need to change to renewables more obvious, it seems somewhat ludicrous to begin charging those who are using their own funds to initiate this change by applying a tariff for ADDING power to the grid. Such additional costs are not only unfair when the coal based companies are not also charged but will serve to discourage others from committing finances to solar installation.

Quite the reverse should be considered, and that is providing fair feed-in tariffs to those committing their own resources to power generation, especially in light of recent revelations of potential power outages as coal fired plants are decommissioned. This would also serve to encourage new solar users to make the commitment and install their systems.

Solar export charges would impact heavily on our household as we are both moving to retirement and have very little resource for increased costs.

To the 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.

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.

Regards,

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I object to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) proposal to charge solar owners a fee to export clean energy to the grid. Especially while big carbon emitting power stations are charged nothing for export to the network.

Grid connected solar owners create a credit to Australia's energy networks and our investments and market experiences are valuable lessons to the evolving industry.

The current FIT price solar owners are paid for any excess energy fed into the grid is an insult to our considerable investment in a clean energy future. The networks and energy retailers are reselling my solar energy at more than three times the price they have paid me (It is quite a scandal, though I understand a fairer price is proposed).

Rooftop solar owners pay for installation, grid connections, network service fees and are also responsible for the ongoing costs of maintaining their solar systems, which is already a cost not borne by the networks.

My 3kw solar system was installed in 2014, unfortunately for me, in 2016 when needing a repair and seeking to have a 5 year installation warranty honoured, I discovered the company had gone out of business and I was forced to pay another \$470 for repairs due to poor original installation (and poor service from Roofjuice/Skybridge). I am sure I am not the only early adopter of rooftop solar that has had a poor consumer experience due to installers going out of business.

Solar owners are already covering the upfront costs and because of the poor investment climate in the past decade due to fossilised government policy, many people are paying extra costs as installers exit the market and fail to honour sales agreements.

If the AEMC adds another network cost to my bill I will definitely invest in storage and take my clean energy off-grid (where it wont benefit the community or contribute to my local grid network during heatwaves and periods of peak use). The costs of storage are decreasing and solar owners would be wise take advantage of off-grid benefits if grid connection fees disadvantage them or undermine their investment for energy affordability.

The networks and big generators need to start embracing solar households/businesses as their partners in a clean energy future. Currently solar power exported to the grid creates savings for networks and benefits for community health and the environment. These benefits must be acknowledged and valued before considering charging solar generators for network export. There are millions of Australian rooftops not yet harvesting the sun to power our clean energy future. We have to encourage uptake, not put the brakes on a renewable energy future by charging solar owners network fees for export.

To reach Australia's clean energy targets solar owners could be offered a fair deal for export of renewable energy, this will encourage increased uptake of rooftop solar by households and businesses leading to the carbon neutral future our planet requires to avoid warming of 2-6 degree Celsius.

Australian households and businesses need to know a rooftop solar investment will make economic sense and contribute to lower power bills for the future. They need to know that small businesses (solar installers) are supported by the sector, able to make ends meet and stay in the game to service local installations. We all want government to support the transition, not

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2017-07-03 11:07:06	<p>To the AEMC, I strongly believe it is 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. There is already a massive impost on individual home owners to pay the majority of the cost associated with going solar. Governments are being short sighted by slowly chipping away at the feed-in tariff amounts when 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 took us a long time to save the money we need to invest in rooftop solar. We made this decision as the ongoing financial costs associated with being on the grid were becoming unaffordably high, even with 2 incomes. We were also concerned at the ongoing environmental impact that we are going to leave to our children. We don't want to contribute to that. For us the impact of you supporting a change that allows us to be charged for our solar exports to the grid would contribute to our making immediate changes to start planning to go off the grid. We are tired of being held to ransom by governments who support the big companies and not the individuals who voted them in. We are the ones that should be at the centre of all decisions made</p>
2017-07-03 11:06:19	<p>As retirees we invested up front to reduce our future ongoing costs. In Europe, for example, people are encouraged to install solar panels. Australia, you want to be 'green' but it's just lip service!</p>
2017-07-03 11:06:15	<p>Why has our government let this country energy situation get to a state that makes us the most expensive power in the world, and they talk of us competing with that world, but we are hamstrung by higher input costs. These governments have sold our utilities of to foreign companies who are happy to treat us like cash cows, and by doing us make us noncompetitive with world markets?</p>
2017-07-03 11:06:05	<p>Totally unfair. Tax money was used to pay for the grid. It will discourage others to install solar hurting the industry and is a total rip off. The government that brings this in will not get my vote and I will make sure the local member is shouted down, voted out.</p>
2017-07-03 11:05:39	<p>It is wrong to move the goalposts when we signed up for feeding back into the grid there was not mention regarding charges this is wrong on so many levels</p>
2017-07-03 11:05:39	<p>The use of solar energy should be encouraged not penalised by unfair costs. I had a solar system installed several years ago when I retired not only as a benefit to the environment but also to help me, by a small amount, financially. Any added cost to me and no doubt many others would be hard to manage. Renewable energy should be encouraged and its progress not hampered and penalised with extra and unnecessary costs.</p>
2017-07-03 11:05:30	<p>Think of the future of our children and their children, encourage solar and other forms of clean energy. Penalise or charge those who pollute the atmosphere when they generate power. It is lunacy and unfair to charge individuals/entities for feeding in electricity into the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 11:04:36	<p>I am mad as hell and not going to take this anymore.</p>
2017-07-03 11:04:28	<p>It is unfair to charge customers to feed back into the grid when large companies do not. These companies are gouging too much from customers as it is and the government should step in and control prices.</p>
	<p>I consider the concept of charging an additional fee for private owners of solar panels to connect to the grid to be a very backward step.</p>
	<p>The tariff increases applied as of 1 July in NSW are obviously targetted at increasing revenue / profit in the face of an unstoppable movement to renewable energy in that the primary increase has been to the period where solar energy can provide the most offset plus the existing unavoidable daily connection charge.</p>
	<p>As far as I am concerned, the recent price increases have made the prospect of installing additional panels plus battery storage an economically viable prospect with a view of going permanently 'off grid'.</p>
	<p>An additional connection charge will only improve the viability of such an option.</p>
	<p>I would strongly suggest that if a decision is made to impose a connection charge for owners of solar panels in addition to the standard connection fee, that consideration be given to the benefits of solar in terms of local grid stability, the 'peak shaving' effect of having solar offsetting the requirements for peaking power plants to operate during times of maximum power usage (eg summer heat events) plus the environmental effects of lower CO2 emissions and that the export fee to the grid from excess power generated and exported is increased to at least cover the new connection charge (and legally enforced rather than being an option which retailers can choose to pay as is the current status).</p>
	<p>As I mentioned above, the move to renewable energy from fossil fuels is now a given. It is only a matter of when it occurs rather than if it will occur.</p>
2017-07-03 11:04:13	<p>Imposition of additional fees for grid connection will only hasten the move by a large number of households to go 'off grid'. If this occurs in large numbers, the households and businesses remaining connected will have to share the costs of maintaining and operating the grid (the so called 'death spiral') increasing their supply costs and furthering moves to defect from the grid.</p>

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2017-07-03 11:03:43	<p>The fact that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is contemplating charging solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent is grossly unfair. I placed solar panels on my roof many years ago for two reasons. One was to help reduce emissions by using clean energy and the other was to save money. I have already had my feed-in tariff significantly reduced. If an extra charge went on to my bill with AGL it would make it even more difficult. Your decision to charge solar users defies logic. It's unfair and unreasonable.</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. Charging for my solar exports to the grid would make it even more difficult to manage my already high and increasing power bills. DON'T introduce this tariff.</p> <p>I am appalled at the whole management of alternative energy systems. We decided many years ago when we were able to afford it to install solar panels We were not the recipients of the rather large compensation for feeding alternative energy onto the grid. We received a modest amount which was reduced almost to nothing.</p> <p>Now you are making the decision that we have to pay to actually be on the grid.</p> <p>I do not know why we should have to pay a premium price to continue to have electricity to our home. We are waiting for the time that batteries for our house are at a price that we can afford so that we will become on the main self sufficient.</p> <p>We are concerned citizens and believe that we have the responsibility to ensure that the planet will be livable for our children and grandchildren.</p> <p>Why do we have to be the people that subsidise the monumental bad decisions of all previous governments.. who did not take into account what the consequences of alternative energy bring.</p>
2017-07-03 11:02:44	<p>I am disgusted at the management of this issue and the blame and cost being laid at the feet of anyone who is responsible enough to seek alternative energy. To the AMEC I feel following points are important to me and many other Solar Residential owners:</p>
2017-07-03 11:02:41	<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 •I live in a rural area with panels on my shed roof and this has provided me with clean energy and made our family house hold bills more manageable •If charges go ahead for having to export energy back to the grid it will make it worthless for having us use clean energy and basically put us back into the same situation before having solar energy and our family household bills increase <p>I feel the Australia should be leading the world in Solar Energy Technology and provide all residential and businesses with good clean energy and provide the savings gained back into the family income and to support businesses especially the small ones.</p>
2017-07-03 11:02:19	<p>It is UNFAIR to charge solar owners to export clean energy to the grid, especially when the big companies aren't charged anything. It is unfair that the feed-in tariff is so small it is of no consequence, especially when so many are still paying of their systems in the first place. The absolute fairest option is: #1- that no matter who (big company or small householder) exports energy to the grid, everyone gets the SAME tariff OR NO tariff; and #2- that everyone no matter who (big company or small householder) gets the SAME export charges OR NO export charges. That is TRUE DEMOCRACY, not the distopia we currently live in. The impact of charging householders for their CONTRIBUTION of clean, sustainable energy to the grid will be a total collapse of that contribution over time, as people will vote with their feet and defect off the grid altogether. A pity for those who don't have that option, as prices are only going to get worse because of the Plutocracy we live in.</p>
2017-07-03 11:02:05	<p>I think it is grossly unfair that solar owners would be charged for exporting solar energy while doing their best for the worlds climate change..</p>

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	<p>I am not only disappointed, but very angry that power providers can take power from me free of charge, but then they can charge me for receiving power back from them at the same price as people who do not contribute to the power grid. If I was to do that in any Business that I may own, I would not have my Business for very long. Power Companies seem to have full protection from Governments. That is something every Business would like to have. Furthermore, my reason for installing a Solar System, was to offset the ridiculous costs being imposed by greedy Power Companies. Installation of these systems is an impost on most people at the time, but they hope it is a better way to contain the ever-rising costs of electricity bills. Power Companies, I believe, are now building Solar Farms to generate power. In my opinion, this is a great idea. The initial Set-up costs would be enormous, no doubt, but the benefits later, would be substantial. That is why everyday Australians have opted to supplement their power with Solar Energy, but WE DIDN'T EXPECT THE POWER COMPANIES TO PAY FOR THAT SERVICE!!! Early Solar System Customers were offered 50 cents per kWh feed-in tariff. Those who couldn't afford it at the time, but who later saw that it was the only way to combat rising power costs, were not so fortunate and received very small feed-in tariffs.</p> <p>This whole hope of Solar users seems to have been placed in jeopardy by the intentions of these greedy Power Companies to rid customer of any chance to save on their power bills, so they can make more profits without having to outlay any capital to do so. it would be reasonable to expect that these Power Companies are receiving a very large amount of solar energy via "Feed-ins."</p> <p>If the AEMC were to allow the proposals put forth by the Energy providers it would most certainly have an impact on mine and I suspect, most other solar users. ability to meet the Electricity costs without affecting other household running costs.</p>
2017-07-03 11:01:16	<p>THIS IS A BAD IDEA. SO SCAP IT!!!!</p>
2017-07-03 11:01:09	<p>I installed Solar panels six years ago with my dwindling resources hoping to be part of a clean energy future and to assist me with my energy bills down the track. Thanks to the GFC and low interest rates I am now a full pensioner. This change will hurt many like myself. Not all Solar panels are installed by the wealthy!!</p> <p>I installed solar panels at considerable personal expense as I believed this was my duty as a responsible citizen to do to help preserve our resources and minimise environmental damage by dirty energy</p> <p>Part of my contribution to society is feed back into the grid, even with no financial gain to me for this provides clean energy for the system</p> <p>That I and others could be charged for making this contribution to our society is simply outrageous</p> <p>This would be double dipping for the power company</p> <p>le they nominally buy back power from me at 8 c per kilowatt hr now and on sell it for 22 or more cents per kilowatt hr</p> <p>So they are making a profit from my excess already</p> <p>If they start charging me for feed into the grid plus in sell what I feed in then they are literally double dipping on the income</p>
2017-07-03 11:00:49	<p>That to me is unethical and unacceptable</p>
2017-07-03 11:00:02	<p>If solar contribution to the grid is hindered then a change of government will be necessary to fix it and remove fossil fuel subsidy also.</p>
2017-07-03 10:59:56	<p>If this commission is so stupid to introduce this proposed swindle it will bring down Mr Turnbull & the rest of his " Boof Head " mates !</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>
2017-07-03 10:59:42	<p>You overbuilt the power grid -- you should wear the consequences!</p> <p>The fact that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid, when the big, dirty Power Companies don't have to pay a cent is unfair, and basically wrong.</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'm a Pensioner, but I could see the value in installing solar to offset my power bills. The investment I made was difficult for me financially but it made good sense to, in a way 'prepay' my solar costs in advance.</p> <p>But now you want to move the goal posts? How in any way is that acceptable?</p> <p>Any changes to the feed in tariff will make life financially difficult for me, and is a direct, unfair impost on all the rooftop solar owners who made this investment.</p> <p>This would be an indictment on you as an organisation, who is charged with administering the advice to Government on the energy mix in this country.</p>
2017-07-03 10:59:36	<p>Do not proceed with this nonsensical proposal - it is wrong.</p>
2017-07-03 10:59:31	<p>Seriously? this is what you want do to people that have invested large sums of money into the future of energy production? The answer to all questions seems to be charge everyone more....if you approve this you are complicit in an playing field that is not fair. Don't sell us out again...please.</p>

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Charging small generators (households with PV panels) to export power to the grid is a further act of theft and sabotage toward those seeking to improve Australia's woeful carbon emissions. Large generators are not charged to export to the grid, and neither should we. We reduce peak demand on the grid, by generating at times there's a large peak in demand from air conditioners etc. and should be encouraged in our efforts, not discouraged. In fact, those who installed panels have already paid a penalty by being charged a hefty fee to have their "smart" meters reprogrammed to feed back to the grid. My old meter simply spun backward, giving a true indication of how much electricity I had imported and exported.

Since installing my panels under the transitional feed in tariff, I enjoyed negative bills based on selling my electricity for the same rate I bought dirty, coal-fired electricity, whilst helping save the environment. Since the first of January this year, I was compelled to accept a fraction of the rate at which I buy electricity for the power I export; I have no say in this, and it amounts to barefaced theft of my electricity. My bills have risen almost to what they were before I installed panels.

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These continued attacks upon those trying to help save the planet, and buck against Australia's retrograde, archaic energy policy, will only serve to drive us off the grid as battery technology matures and cheapens, diminishing the benefit to the nation of having many solar powered small generators contributing to the grid and easing the load upon large, antiquated, dirty generators. It is gormless, ideological and moronic to continue isolating us in favour of huge, dirty, commercial interests.

To whom it may concern,

This ridiculous proposal idea of "charging solar panel owners to export to the grid" has got to stop.

Solar owners exporting to the grid is what we ought to be encouraging. It is the most pro-social approach that solar owners can take, benefiting their neighbours and local community.

Over time it will lead to more solar owners, who will reduce the load on the grid by virtue of their reduced grid power consumption. Also, abundant power will become available at a reasonable price, which will directly benefit a new wave of businesses that routinely consume a lot of power (agriculture, manufacturing, cold storage). This is the best outcome for the Australian community.

You cannot start taxing individual families and small businesses when the large power generating companies are not paying such a "tax to provide power". It is plainly egregious, hence the rather scathing opposition it is facing. In living memory I cannot think of a policy that is so vampiric and utterly aggressive towards everyday citizens who are providing a clear value to the community. They are already out of pocket by investing in their roof systems. You cannot stab them again by making them pay for the grid access. What is the matter with you?

Additionally, these people exporting to the grid represent an "ethical vanguard" of people who are directly engaging with a transition to clean energy by spending dollars from their own pockets. Penalising them, is throwing the values of your own organisation into sharp contrast. Are you seeking to do the right thing for future Australians by ending pollution and fossil fuel exploitation? Apparently not.

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This proposal is so obviously wrong I am amazed that it was even seriously considered by well-meaning people. Do the right thing, and pip it at the post.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when other 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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I am considering rooftop solar for my home but this added expense is a deterrent for me, and so I imagine for many other people in my position.

As we are already paying for the privilege of having sola on our roofs, how or why would anyone think it's fair to add another charge! We receive 6cents a kw that we donate to the grid and then get charged 32 cents for that very same kw?? It is appearing that the government was part of a huge scam to get people to install sola on their rooftops at great expense, and now start double dipping? C'mon just give the little people a break for once.

2017-07-03 10:58:43

Date

Your submission

TO whom it may concern I am writing to point out that it grossly unfair to change the rules on feeding solar power back into the grid. Solar electricity producers currently receive 0.06671 cents per kilowatt for power fed into the Tasmanian Aurora grid and pay 0.26065cents per kilowatt for power used. We also pay a daily tariff of 0.92457 to maintain the power lines and etc.

I was encouraged to put solar panels on my roof to make clean green power and renewable power into the grid as climatic conditions were placing a severe strain on hydro dams. I also expected to be able to save enough money to make buying my panels viable.

Unfortunately the solar scheme has been so successful that we are biting into the profits of the greedy energy suppliers, who in there endless search for profits have now decided to charge us to feed our clean green and renewable power into the grid. They are already making a profit of 20 cents per kilowatt of power fed into the grid, Surely this is enough money for them. They should be paying us a fairer price for the power we feed into the grid.

I put solar panels on my roof to save money if it is going to cost me money to feed into the grid I may as well have them disconnected from the grid.

Charging people to feed power back into the grid will in my opinion back fire majorly as many people now produce more than enough electricity for their households. The cost of battery storage is dropping dramatically and the imposition of more fees on solar electricity producers will see many go off grid which will have a major impact on the commercial electricity companies as they will lose power they have been selling at a great profit and consumers who have been paying daily tariffs to maintain their infrastructure.

2017-07-03 10:58:03 As a farmer i need to make decisions to keep my business viable and so should the major electricity producers need to become like us and learn to live within their means not continually increase costs.

2017-07-03 10:57:32 It is grossly unfair to & makes no sense to charge people who instal solar panels on their rooftops at their own expense to save the environment & then turn around and charge them for supplying the necessary power.

2017-07-03 10:56:45 This proposal (to charge for power exported back to the grid) is unfair and counter intuitive and I do not support it - esp where exporting excess power back to the grid is a default position for installing solar without having purchased batteries.

2017-07-03 10:56:03 To outlay the expense of solar panels and inverter without getting the initial feedin tariff was a big decision. I was not basing the decision on feedin tariffs but I also did not think the goalposts would be changed either to benefit the power companies. Your decision on this matter may end up burning the power companies if battery storage becomes effecient and effective.

2017-07-03 10:55:55 It is utterly absurd to be charging solar panel owners for feeding excess power back to the grid and reflects nothing but sycophantickowtowing to corporate greed. This is appallingly unacceptable.

2017-07-03 10:55:52 I write on behalf of Sunshine Coast Independent Living Service Inc. we support people with an intellectual disability, about 5 years ago we took out an mortgage to redevelop our center. Included in the redevelopment was 30 PV solar panels and 2 solar hotwater systems. We wanted our clients to feel that they too could do something for their community by saving energy and pollution and by putting clean energy back into the grid. It would be grossly unfair if we had to pay off the mortgage and be charged for wanting to give back. We like to train our clients in having a sustainable attitude to their lives, where is the sense of them, people with a disability, having to be charged to put their clean energy onto the grid when the big energy generators and the big polluters are not charged? We want our clients to feel included into society not further disadvantaged! Where is the equity? Where is the ethics?

2017-07-03 10:55:44 Charging people to contribute ??????????

2017-07-03 10:55:41 This propasal would be a very backward step in Australia being able to acheive its future renewable energy targets. We would eventually end up the laughing stock of developing countries that soon will be leaving our banana republic in thier wake.

2017-07-03 10:55:41 Come on Australian government stop pandering to big coal its becoming a little obvious and embarrassing.

2017-07-03 10:54:51 Since power companies acquire fed in solar power for next to nothing it would be inappropriate to charge a feed in tariff on top of it. Whatever has happened to the fair go for average Australians who made the effort to get solar to protect our environment?

Date

Your submission

Dear Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC),

I hear that there's another proposal to charge solar owners for providing clean energy to the wider grid.

This is stupid.

The grid was built with public money, and is now utilised by large (mostly 'dirty') power companies - multitudes of them - without charge. So why charge the little guy? Why sabotage clean-renewable energy to prop up fossil-fuel energy made by 'fossil industries'. The time for coal has gone. Really, the time for all fossil fuels is gone. There are so many so much better uses for this 'fossil wealth'.

The great chemist, Dmitri Mendeleev, said "the worst possible use for (fossil fuels, oil in particular) is to burn it." This was said In The 19th Century!! It's over a hundred years past time those in decision-making positions took note.

I've invested in solar - hot water and electricity - in the fullness of time I expect to go electric car - partly charged by my rooftop - and a house-battery. I also expect the planet to be doing that as a matter of necessity, not choice, well within this century.

At the current rate, my rooftop solar will pay for itself in slightly less than a decade. Any bureaucratic fumbling of this financial goal would be severely annoying.

I have a daughter doing a PHD in renewable energy - her comment on this proposal is, regrettably, unprintable, and not because of technical terms.

She recently showed me a graph of the International Energy Agency's predictions on solar uptake - real versus actual. The IEA's predictions were stubbornly wrong. If you're using this as 'data' for your decision-making, you're being falsely led. The graph is not hard to find.

See:

https://twitter.com/AukeHoekstra/status/866313289306963969?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref_url=http%3A//www.greencarreports.com/news/1110677_soaring-growth-of-solar-power-demonstrated-in-one-chart

I understand a similar proposal was dismissed a few years ago.

This time, please tell the 'fossil companies' to please not waste your time, and mine, and theirs, 'do not ask again'.

Yours sincerely,

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The concept that someone who has spent their hard earned money to generate electrical power then have to pay to export it to the grid does not make sense. People with solar power already pay a significant amount to support the gold plated grid.

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There is only one outcome from this naked grab for money. Those with solar power will enhance their systems with batteries and go off grid, or more probably join with their solar neighbours to create a grid that is independent of the grid. As the software already exists to measure solar output and where it is being used, it only takes a few metres of cable to connect to adjacent homes without solar power and become a power station independant of the AEMC, a dinosaur of the 20th century.

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We installed our system ten years ago. We paid a high price and need the charges to reflect this. We pay a daily service charge for being connected to the grid but object to paying to provide power into the grid. Major companies don't so neither should I. If you want security of supply you don't want to push us off grid with a punitive charge.

Dear Sir/Madam.

Solar owners primarily purchase Renewable Energy systems to save costs and to be proactive in protecting our fragile enviroment.

To be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent is short term thinking based only on financial and political motives. 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 detrimental effects of polluting energy sources had been well established. It is hoped that this government will have the strength to fight for all our futures instead of leaving future generations to try and clean up the mess behind.

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Be assured that should this government fail to recognise the need to increase the level of renewable sources of energy and actively support the reduction of polluting sources, the next government will be elected on this basis.

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	<p>Members of the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC),</p> <p>We installed an early-version of solar panelling on our roof ten years ago and it has never failed us. The machinery works fine, the principle of proper payment for the clean, renewable power that we generate - even when the house is empty while we go touring in Australia (keeping the A\$ where it belongs) - is a precious aspect to our use of the grid, as is our ability to draw (and pay for) energy from the grid when we need to; For me 'the grid' is the best form of battery and I hope you can understand that 'going off-grid and onto Tesla' is not, at the moment, a practical option.</p> <p>So, keep the rebate high, maintain the grid, reduce the carbon pollution and we all will have happy and prosperous grand-children.</p>
2017-07-03 10:53:46	<p>Don't sell out to Big-Carbon by making rules that favour outdated technologies, our children's future rests on a renewable, non-polluting power base, not on carbon burning.</p> <p>Charging solar panel owners anymore than they are paying now is going way too far. The government of Australia are condoning theft as it is, by paying a lot less for our power supplied to the grid than what they are selling it for. Add to this their savings in real terms they have made in recent years by not having to build more polluting power stations, due to the take up of solar energy, they are on a big winner.</p>
2017-07-03 10:52:43	<p>Stop discrimination against solar energy or suffer the consequences at the next election. PS where is the innovation the PM talks about..we are going backwards like Ostriches with their heads in the sand...Stop the Extortion Now!!</p> <p>- It is unfair and irrational to charge solar householders for exporting renewable energy to the grid while big polluting power companies do not pay a cent.</p> <p>- For us age pensioners, having to pay for solar export to the grid amounts to bearing an extra bitter financial burden the government is content to foist on a most vulnerable section of the community.</p>
2017-07-03 10:52:19	<p>The idea of allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid is a terrible idea. It just protects vested interests who don't want competition and who want to delay the inevitable shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy.</p> <p>With the right policy settings, Australia is one country that can easily be run completely on renewable energy and be economically better off for it. Charging solar owners like this is the wrong policy setting.</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>
2017-07-03 10:52:05	<p>Every effort should be made to make it easy for people living in rental property like me to have rooftop solar energy. That means measures to encourage landlords to install solar panels. If anything, the network charge to a solar user should be LOWER, NOT HIGHER, for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am already using the SAME wires for the power that I buy, and I am already paying for that. 2. On one of the peak usage days (for example a heat wave), my solar output is contributing LOCALLY to the many users of air-conditioning unit users, thus REDUCING the overall stress on the poles and wires. <p>In my opinion, this idea to charge solar users for using the network smells suspiciously like an ideologically based idea from someone entrenched in coal technology, or pressure from the extreme right in our political system!</p> <p>Lets have some common sense and forward thinking in your industry.. We have all had enough of those supporting the current broken system which pretends to be our grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:51:46	<p>Rgds,</p> <p>It is unfair to charge small household for trying to do the right thing for the environment.</p> <p>Since when does a vendor have to pay a purchaser for taking goods....so why do we have to pay to give extra power back to the energy companies.</p> <p>We saved up for 6 years to be able to put our solar on so as to enable us to live more comfortably in the coming years. Do you think we can continue to fork out on minimum wages. I would love you ministers & executives to live on minimum wages and understand the impact these stupid decisions have on the little man.</p>
2017-07-03 10:51:15	<p>Please please don't give the big guys...power companies the right to hit the little household for giving back extra power</p> <p>I have had solar energy for over 5 years and it has helped reduce our enormous power bills considerably. It is unfair that the energy companies don't pay any money to export dirty coaled fired power and again there is talk about charging the poor consumer who pay for their system through the nose in order to save a few dollars.</p> <p>I am moving home and considering a solar system but if you start charging me to export to the grid, I will have to reconsider.</p>
2017-07-03 10:51:08	<p>Sincerely</p>

Date

Your submission

Dear sir / madam

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 unlimited supply of solar energy available in Australia that should be encouraged. To discourage its use in any way shape or form I believe is criminal. Politics aside if we invest a comparatively small amount of money and nouse to intergrate this in our existing grid then we will all be much better off in the long term.

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.

In the past my wife and I have had solar panels feed electricity back into the grid and received good tarrif benefits in NSW. We have moved and now live completely off grid as our farm is too far from the existing grid. We have had to run our generator once in 2 years, for a few hours after many days of very overcast weather. I invite any of your panel to come and spend some time with us so you can experience the overwhelming satisfaction that we receive daily by living this way.All the same we totally support people feeding back to the grid where it is a physical possibilty.

Many thanks for your time and effort.

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This is manifested unfair and if it was to go ahead it would only show the corrupt nature those in power.

This is grossly unfair to charge us a fee to send you 6c a k/watt electricity that has cost you nothing to produce and you immediately sell it back to me (or anyone else) in the evenings at 28c a k/watt !!! when you don't charge the big power producer's anything.

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Problem here is PLAIN GREED !!!!!

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I demand that no charge should be introduced for the export of clean non polluting energy back to the grid. The environment is already paying for the dirty polluting coal companies.

Hello

We have both a small grid interactive system and a stand-alone battery system but still use grid power from Ergon Energy. We now pay substantial quarterly fees to Ergon and do not wish to be charged even more.

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

My wife and I are now part pensioners and do not wish to have to budget for additional fees.

Regards,

2017-07-03 10:50:10

To whom it may concern,

This idea of charging the 'home owner' ANOTHER tax on Solar is absolutely outrageous. Why would anyone think that this 'new' tax would be acceptable, if no reason at all, that IS ONLY THE SOLAR OWNER'S being hit with this 'extra tax'. Possibly a different story if the Power Grid Companies also had to pay this tax. But they don't and won't. As a Solar Homeowner, I could see the benefits for my family and also the ENVIRONMENT as it is producing a CLEAN form of energy use. Why should I have to pay this outrageous tax, just because I took the initiative to see the future that Solar was a 'no brainer' decision to make. It will be an advantage as no emissions like fossil fuels. This tax would be similarly like when I bought a Water Tank years ago due to the low water storage problem we had. I get water off 'my roof' when it rains and I put that wasted source to good use. Is the Government now thinking that they should TAX my Tank Water use as well. Same same, I really don't get it, other than this is solely a money making venture. I believe that Solar Owners should be rewarded for any grid feed energy back into the system. I believe it should be a 'one for one' basis. If I give 'them' 1kW 'they' should credit me for that same amount. I am going to buy off the grid companies due to weather condition and night usage anyway. I could venture into the battery system with the intention of not using (or very small amount) of grid power. That way, they wouldn't be making much money off me and do you think I am the only one thinking of this already available energy storage system. And the battery development is coming along in leaps and bounds. This will only DROP the battery prices (good for Solar Homeowners). If this new tax was introduced, I can only see that the original reasons behind me getting Solar would be a complete waste of time and costing me and my family MORE MONEY. Just another tax payment that we would have to find in our budget. As if times aren't already tough enough.

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Solar providers supply energy reducing greenhouse gas , mostly for personal consumption. Excess electricity is purchased by retailers at very low cost and benefits the national grid system. Charging to add this addition to the grid is unfair to all consumers. It will encourage households to use battery storage and even go off the grid supply altogether.

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	<p>I am about to install solar panels and other energy efficiency measures in my home. My main motivation is to reduce CO2 emissions, but unfortunately the cost and payback is a major consideration because we are on a tight budget. If the pay back were any less we would likely not be able to afford the costs of borrowing to install solar.</p>
	<p>I am shocked by the idea that we would allow energy companies to charge for contributing to the grid. This amounts to a subsidy for coal-generated electricity. Solar is and must be an essential part of Australia's move to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p>
	<p>Government policy should be searching for ways to make solar MORE attractive for households and businesses, not trying to create disincentives.</p>
	<p>Government policy should instead be focussed on requiring companies to invest in technology to upgrade their systems: as these companies are effective monopolies, governments have every right to intervene in these markets to achieve our social and environmental objectives.</p>
	<p>These companies are making huge profits off the back of their effective monopoly power: they can afford to make a contribution to Australia's environmental priorities.</p>
2017-07-03 10:49:26	<p>Thank you. It is unfair the way you guys are doing a backflip and charge us for exporting into the grid. When we put solar panels on, the Govt made it easy for us to do so, offering incentives. Slowly, these incentives were reeled back in the form of increased tariffs. Now you want to charge us for exports.</p>
2017-07-03 10:49:17	<p>You are bottom dwelling scum suckers, if you do!</p>
2017-07-03 10:49:10	<p>The power companies didn't want to pay for new stations and by citizens putting on solar we assisted the grid. We don't have battery backup and if the grid goes down we can't even use the solar we have. Once the government got involved the industry raised the costs I was given quotes up to \$26 000 before I paid just over \$10 000 to put this 3.2KW system in (much cheaper now). All I see is that Australians do the right thing for someone else to profit off of. Get off your high horse and thank us instead of finding ways to profit off us. It's time the government worked positively for us instead of just having a spending spree and wanting more money to spend more, stick to a workable budget and keep this country great.</p>
2017-07-03 10:49:06	<p>I would like to raise my objection to charging solar panel owners for exporting power to the grid which power companies can then on sell to their customers is an appalling idea. We were encouraged by the NSW government to install solar panels and there was no indication at the time that this could at all be possible. Charging me for energy I produce is an injustice that would force me to disconnect from the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:49:03	<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>Solar owners should not be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. When the government called for people to put on solar power to help out with power supply, we borrowed money to install a solar system. If we are now going to be charged for the solar power that goes back into the grid it will put us at a financial disadvantage as we rely on the solar to pay back what we borrowed.</p>
2017-07-03 10:49:03	<p>We were never advised that there could possibly be a charge for feeding the power back into the grid. If we had any idea that this was a possibility, we would never have installed the system.</p>
2017-07-03 10:49:03	<p>Many European countries are moving very quickly towards 100% renewables, an end to dirty energies. Why is it that in my own country, my beloved Australia, it seems government blocks advances in so many instances, in order to receive big dollars from the big polluters, who are out to get whatever they can while it lasts....and it is over, just a matter of time. I am a 76yr old widowed pensioner, struggling financially. To get the solar panels on my roof took much sacrifice, but now I enjoy the benefits while living a hand to mouth existence financially. To be charged for 'doing my bit' ethically for both myself and my country makes me feel only contempt for our lawmakers.</p>
2017-07-03 10:49:03	<p>It is unfair for households 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 and batteries provides to the grid</p>
2017-07-03 10:48:49	<p>I have had solar panels on my roof for the last 5 years. Coal is becoming too expensive to use in a domestic setting. Batteries will allow grid stability. The batteries need to be shared on the network – with households feeding back to the grid when demand is high. We have reached tipping point for renewable energy. Batteries have removed the only disadvantage for renewables.</p>

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2017-07-03 10:48:48	<p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>At some expense we installed solar panels for both environmental reasons and for financial reasons. The environmental issues are well documented and the financial reason was to ensure we could pay for our electricity as we left the workforce and reduced our incomes.</p> <p>How it could now be considered that that a fee is charged to feed electricity back into the grid is beyond belief and makes a mockery or any government intention to promote more sustainable energy systems.</p> <p>Their should be investment into battery storage which would then allow more users to store the electricity and thus reduce the demand on the current infrastructure.</p> <p>I am sure this would be modeled as an economically sound solution.</p> <p>Every solar power owner has put on solar panels to export renewable energy to the grid.</p> <p>The more Solar Power owners putting power back into the grid the less power is drawn from the grid which will eventually cut right down on Blackouts.</p>
2017-07-03 10:48:45	<p>Why should we be charged when the BIG Dirty Power companies don't pay a cent.</p> <p>We put on Solar Panels to our house hold to save money and to look after the environment and health of our Planet for future generations.</p>
2017-07-03 10:48:07	<p>I installed solar at some considerable cost me, in the belief I was assisting our clean energy targets. Further price gouging would make it quite unaffordable for me. If this foolish network charge is to come to pass, then give me a real price of 23c /kw for my energy supplied to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:48:00	<p>I have tried to do my part as a citizen of the world to avert global warming by installing solar panels on my roof and installing a heat pump. I have personally paid \$14,000 expenses directly involved to do this. I would have done this frankly if there were no feed-in tariff because I am convinced by the science and therefore prioritise cutting emissions of CO2 over everything else. I plan to support renewables in Australia and install battery storage for an additional \$9000. I realise I personally am extremely fortunate to be able to afford to do this, and free myself from the imposition of fees for the privilege of helping to supply locally produced electricity to my community. I feel all Australian entities as well as individual citizens in a position to do so should be encouraging the development of renewables as quickly as possible. It seems outrageous to me to seek to treat the most positive people in our community, the enterprising and proactive solar owners, so meanly as to charge them for supplying an extremely valuable resource to the community, one which is only going to be increasingly valuable.</p>
2017-07-03 10:47:23	<p>I spent the remains of my super to put solar panels on my roof. I did this for the good of the environment. I believe that all the householders, who in fact are micro-businesses, should be paid a fair tariff in return for the clean energy they feed into the Grid. Charging for solar energy exports, and reversing the present feed-in tariff, would make electricity excessively expensive which would be unfair to those who have spent their savings on fitting roof-top Solar!</p> <p>This submission to AEMEC is to oppose charging solar owners additional for feeding power back into the grid.</p> <p>Solar power has already shifted and reduced the peak load into the grid thereby reducing the requirement for additional capital.</p>
2017-07-03 10:47:22	<p>The regulated return on assets has allowed over capitalisation of the grid and because providers already get a regulated return why should they boost it with additional fees.</p>
2017-07-03 10:46:57	<p>All grid connected users pay a daily supply charge irrespective of the use. Solar owners are already paying more as a proportion of their use.</p>
2017-07-03 10:46:52	<p>As batteries linked to solar become more common this will allow further stabilisation of the grid and is being tested by companies like AGL. This reduces distribution costs and capital requirement so should result in overall lower grid chargers.</p> <p>Finally to charge more is simply price gouging and will slow the ability of Australia to meet its greenhouse reduction targets, there should be at the least a neutral price environment to encourage solar.</p> <p>Stop ripping off the people who are trying to help the world.</p> <p>Very unfair as the government is selling the electricity that we make anyway so they are already gaining money from that. We have also already paid to up grade our boxes to feed back into the grid (so the government can sell it) and we are also being charged a service fee so why should we be charged any more fees.</p> <p>It seems like our initial investment in renewable energy is less and less likely to pay for itself over any period of time. Each year we see less and less benefit to having solar. Any further changes / charges clearly demonstrate the government has more interest in large power companies than the people that will be voting at the next election.</p>
2017-07-03 10:46:39	<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>
2017-07-03 10:46:28	<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>You cannot make a profit from an energy source that is freely available for everyone.</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 power companies don't have to pay a cent (and are based on non renewable sources - Unclean energy) • 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 are investigating whether to put solar on and these additional unwarranted charges should not occur • Including these costs only drive up the waste in costs for the large power companies
2017-07-03 10:45:56	<p>this is totally unfair.. no person should be charged for putting solar power to the grid particularly as we recieve peanuts for the power we put their anyway</p>
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	<p>To the Head of AEMC,</p> <p>Dear Madam/Sir,</p> <p>I was made aware that the commission is considering charging rooftop solar with a fee to feed the grid when energy is not consumed on our own premises. That is counterproductive and unfair to us to be able to develop our individual Zero emission capability and reduce our energy bills.</p> <p>Distributed generation is only beneficial that it does not require mammoth investment in transmission networks terminating at power stations.</p> <p>If any unfair or disproportional feed in tariff is introduced it will in effect be a market distortion (just like negative gearing is to houses and the result is our children cannot buy their own houses). In such situations when there are distortions then usually one of the party involved ends up in tears.</p> <p>So I see as 2 possible outcomes if your organisation introduces feed in tariffs for household power generators.</p> <p>Firstly you will increase our power bills. Secondly you may trigger a tipping point for homeowners to take on self-sufficient energy storage and not using the grid. That will be a substantial change to the energy system that will be undesirable to the major generators and to the individual homeowner.</p> <p>Please consider the interests of the majority and not the small minority.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
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2017-07-03 10:45:17	<p>I am with Origin energy and in June have received a letter from them, explaining why the prices are increasing. in the letter they said "The price for the electricity that we buy on your behalf has increased." (20/6/2017 Price change, Origin)if so, why the Solar Meter Charge (whatever it is) has to be increased? It is contradictory to what the Origin is saying. I believe that the country needs clean energy, such as Solar, and why do you discourage people to provide the clean energy to the grid? I am 100% opposed to not only the price change but also the charge itself. Regards</p> <p>I don't believe PV panel owners should be charged any extra for grid connection services simply because they have installed solar panels. They are providing a service to other consumers by reducing the wholesale price of electricity at peak times (as found by the Victorian enquiry into FIT resulting in a FIT increase).</p> <p>It will also drive PV owners to go completely "off-grid" by installing batteries, which will increase the price paid by others to maintain the grid and create a death spiral of less and less grid customers.</p>
2017-07-03 10:45:15	<p>Installing solar panels generally leads to greater energy efficiency in households which reduces long term grid transmission costs by reducing demand.</p> <p>I feel that I have not gained much benefit from our solar panels, and now there is talk of solar owners being charged to export our energy is simply unfair.</p> <p>There should be fair feed-in tariffs for all that are equal, and fair to both energy companies and the solar owners.</p>
2017-07-03 10:45:00	<p>Please reconsider this charge that is being proposed.</p> <p>The idea that solar energy producers should be charged for contributing energy to the grid is a fundamentally silly proposition. Should we therefore charge those who contribute water they have harvested to the national drainage system? One defence of the proposal would be that we should charge all those who put our ecosystem at risk by discharging CO2 to the atmosphere.</p>
2017-07-03 10:44:39	<p>In a country with so much sun, not to utilise its potential is reprehensible. We, who invest in solar panels, have born a financial cost in doing so. The benefit is shared with all consumers, freely.</p>
2017-07-03 10:44:31	<p>To then charge for the power exported to the grid is counter-productive and mean.</p>
2017-07-03 10:44:17	<p>As a pensioner and having just added solar to my house I believe that we the people should not be penalized for contributing to the energy grid. We do so to help and then find that big business has been able not to have any charges added. I think this is discrimination and a further blow to equality of the people of Australia</p>
2017-07-03 10:44:17	<p>The proposed charge for feeding solar electricity into the grid is completely unfair and would appear to be solely to discourage small scale solar production. The feed-in tariff is woefully low and needs to be increased. If the feed in charge is introduced I will seriously consider installing batteries and going completely off the grid. "Stranded asset" anyone?</p>

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2017-07-03 10:44:06	<p>I think that this is an attack on the solar industry and those of us who believe firmly that clean energy is beneficial both for now and for the future. People should be rewarded for switching to solar, and not charged to export renewable energy to the grid. Profits should not be given to the polluters - those power companies who do not have to pay anything and are making huge profits from exorbitant electricity prices, which have now risen again in NSW. People using solar should never be charged to export clean energy, but paid for providing it to the grid. This is a money making exercise to support the big coal industries, and should never be allowed to proceed. Again, it seems to be targeting ordinary Australians who are finding it difficult to make ends meet, and it will invariably have a negative impact by preventing more Australians from choosing clean, free, solar energy.</p>
2017-07-03 10:44:05	<p>I think we should get more money for our solar in put sincr itbis green energy when they sell for more money and we get a pitance for what we produce. Then you want to charge us for doing there job. What a joke</p>
2017-07-03 10:43:53	<p>It is well time that the playing fields on which the consumers and the power stations and utilities were levelled to give consumers the same benefits and privileges as those so unfairly and arrogantly enjoyed by the former. Consumers want solar at fair cost - not exploitation by inefficiently operated entities trying to cover their glaring inadequacies.</p>
2017-07-03 10:43:27	<p>People who generate clean energy and export it to the grid should not have to pay to do this. Rather, they should be paid for the product they produce, just the same as the big power companies. In fact, since the power produced by a clean, non-polluting system is better for the environment, it would be more reasonable to pay more for it. My husband and I bought solar panels for our rooftop to offset increased energy charges, as did many other people, but also because we believe we need to move this country away from dirty coal and gas and on to renewables. If you charge people to export their excess power generation, they will move to battery storage and in some instances, disconnect from the grid. It would be a retrograde step for solar owners to be charged to put clean, renewable power into the grid when big power companies have to pay nothing. There should be a fair feed-in tariff recognizing the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:43:00	<p>We have solar panels on our roof and have never had any issues with them other than generating clean energy and saving us a good deal of money. Ours is a four generation household and included three age pensioners including a 101 year old. There are also two young grandchildren who we want to be able to enjoy a cleaner environment as they grow up. Charging us for our solar exports to the grid would add an extra financial burden that we can really do without. •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>
2017-07-03 10:42:38	<p>•Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household</p>
2017-07-03 10:42:00	<p>Solar is one of the most clean forms to create energy, prices paid to feed this into the grid are already very low, a feed in fee would be a complete rip of.</p>
2017-07-03 10:41:29	<p>Solar energy contributes to reducing greenhouse gas levels and homeowners should be encouraged to produce solar panel and help reduce our reliance on coal production There is no way the homeowner should be penalised for exporting to the grid, they are already helping the electricity suppliers by basically giving them free power to resell and are reducing the carbon footprint at the same time. Instead of charging the homeowner for this "privilege" the AEMC should be forcing the suppliers to pay the minimum sale price for buyback instead of the miserable 6-8 cents they are currently paying now.</p>
2017-07-03 10:41:22	<p>Solar owners have made a commitment to future renewable power. Rather than being penalized they should be rewarded.</p>
2017-07-03 10:40:34	<p>The AEMC is being extremely high-handed in wanting to unfairly charge people with solar power to feed electricity to the grid. All we want is a fair price for the power that we generate!</p>
2017-07-03 10:40:23	<p>We already pay huge amounts for electricity as it is, without this cavalier impost.</p>
2017-07-03 10:39:33	<p>No for being charged to put power into the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:37:48	<p>I am a householder who installed solar six years ago, when I was working as an electrician installing solar panels on households, unfortunately, I had a stroke shortly after and was forced into retirement and now exist on the pension. It is grossly unfair that plans are afoot to charge householders to export excess power to the grid, when no such charge applies to dirty, polluting coal fired power stations. It is long overdue to introduce a fair feed-in tariff for solar power that is more in line with the price charged by retailers for the energy myself and similar households export to the grid, as solar households are making a massive contribution to reducing emissions and a fairer feed-in tariff would certainly encourage more households to install solar panels. The contribution that people like myself contribute, which helps Australia to meet its emissions targets and reduce pollution cannot be underestimated nor dismissed.</p>
2017-07-03 10:37:39	<p>I understand that charging for supplying power to the grid is on the books, I would only find this acceptable if power plants will also be charged this and the roof top solar exporters get market prices from their power. Then on top of the above that the charge be used in it's entirety to modernise our power grid and not line some CEOs pocket.</p>
2017-07-03 10:37:26	<p>Your proposal to charge solar energy suppliers is ludicrous and unethical. I am a pensioner doing my bit to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels. The government which supports your proposal will never get my vote- I will fight and support others who vote against you. sincerely</p>
2017-07-03 10:37:21	<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 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</p>

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2017-07-03 10:36:31	This is a completely unfair tax. Residents are installing solar to save money & help the environment & all the govt can do is make it harder. We spent money we will not get back due to our age because we believe that everyone needs to assist in the fight against emissions & global warming. It is evident that by the suggestion of this charge our govt seems to believe this is not important. What they forget is that this is one planet. What happens to one happens to all.
2017-07-03 10:36:23	This AEMO proposal is a disgraceful and contemptible price gauging exercise which will be strongly resisted!
2017-07-03 10:35:54	How can u charge us for our solar we should be paid a fair price to maintain or solar systems and export solar to the grid We installed solar power to help us meet increasing costs in our retirement, but we have seen increases in electricity charges over all, gradually eroding our superannuation away. The energy policy in Australia is a complete disgrace, we would not have installed solar power if we had known the policy that we signed up for, was going to be changed at the whim of bureaucrats and politicians, who award themselves pay increases to compensate their outgoings on this iniquitous increase. Desr AEMC,
2017-07-03 10:35:44	I submit the below for consideration for the unfair solar charge you intend to impose on those that have chosen to do something right for the planet. 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 and get away with sending profits offshore as well. 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 have put solar panels on my home to benefit the planet and community on a whole not to be charged by greedy business and politicians. 4. It will impact negatively on my household by charging me for my solar exports to the grid as this will reduce the meager benefit we receive already putting financial strain and teducing incentives to get more solar panels installed. 5. This is just plain double dipping and if it goes ahead you can expect alot more of us opting out of exporting to grid and storing our exports for ourselves. Yours common sensably,
2017-07-03 10:35:33	I write to protest that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is intending to charge owners of solar electricity panels a fee to feed their energy back to the grid. This is so unfair especially as the Governments of this country have been urging residents to buy solar panels and so relieve the electricity producers of some of the burden of producing electricity for society as a whole, at the same time reducing the carbon footprint for the country. We were urged to "go solar" for "green" reasons, with the carrot of reduced electricity costs to ourselves and being able to sell electricity to the grid. Already the rates offered to consumers for feed-back are so low that the expense of buying and installing panels is not worth the cost.
2017-07-03 10:35:25	So why should we be forced to pay a charge for the "privilege" of being allowed to sell to the (AEMC)? The big coal and gas power stations don't have to pay to export the energy they generate.
2017-07-03 10:34:58	I have solar PV panels on my roof, which I put there for environmental reasons and with the added benefit of financial rewards. I am very annoyed that there are plans to change the rules, so I will be charged to export electricity to the grid. I made a decision on a certain set of rules. It should be regarded as a contract, and not subject to change. How can any decisions be made if rules keep changing. Australia needs to urgently reduce greenhouse emissions, and I am doing my bit. Please do not allow charges to export to the grid. I object strongly to being charged to supplying solar energy to the grid. I paid money to have my solar panels installed as I recognised the need to be self sufficient and not reliant on coal power.
2017-07-03 10:34:58	Why the need for such greed? Don't we pay enough already?
2017-07-03 10:34:58	Why us and not the dirty power companies? This is again an example of the greed and self centredness of power brokers. I am thoroughly disgusted.
2017-07-03 10:34:31	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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2017-07-03 10:34:31	<p>Stop The Solar Swindle</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>Enough is Enough, I'm an aussie battler and we are ripped off by every one now</p> <p>pack it up you mongrels.</p>
2017-07-03 10:34:18	<p>I have just put on solar as the electricity costs was making it difficult for us to manage financially on a recurrent basis.</p> <p>I have retired but my wife is still working but due to health reasons will soon need to retire. We are not well off financially but having worked all our lives do not deserve to live struggling financially. The high power costs are effecting our plans significantly. It is unfair that we should have to pay to put electricity into the grid when the dirty power companies who make a large profit are not charged to do this.</p> <p>It is time for a fair feed in Tariff to be paid to solar owners to feed into the grid as we are contributing to a decentralised power network and lessening the future cost of poles and wires plus helping to save the environment.</p>
2017-07-03 10:34:10	<p>Please do not penalise us for putting the capital cost into solar.</p> <p>I invested a significant amount on a set of promises made by a government that wanted to establish a solar industry. Those promises covered the first 10 years of installation and provided compensation over the long term that would offset my commitment and initial outlay. Now the industry is established, a similar system would cost a homeowner less than one fifth what we outlaid - Taking into consideration inflation and low wages increases probably less. Somehow those of us who have put solar on our roofs are being cast as shysters. I must admit I am tempted to put in some of the new Teslar storage cells, up my power usage, and withhold any excess that I generate - Mind you the Government would find some way to penalise us for that.</p>
2017-07-03 10:33:46	<p>We installed a solar hybrid system to minimise our mains energy consumption.</p> <p>We are very happy to feed back to the grid excess power we generate and the current rate we are paid for this is a token amount but better than nothing. Being charged for feedback defies all logic and defeats the purpose of having a solar system connected to the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:33:27	<p>Should this charge be implemented we will seriously consider going off-grid, something that is quite feasible for us.</p> <p>Our environment needs all the help it can get. Solar owners should be rewarded not slammed with another cost when we are the only ones trying to save the environment. Politicians have their heads in the sand and don't give a dam about our planet or our children's future. No to a feed in tariff.</p> <p>Hi thanks for allowing me to voice my objection to the proposed charge for feeding my solar electricity back to the grid. I cannot understand the reasoning behind the proposed charge as I feel we are helping the poles and wires to distribute our generated electricity locally. Please listen to us the generators of solar green energy. If you charge us why not the coal generators can you explain. We installed our system in 2008 because we believe in trying to do our bit for our grandchildren for a sustainable future.</p>
2017-07-03 10:33:27	<p>Not a happy generator</p>
2017-07-03 10:33:12	<p>Dear AEMC ,</p> <p>I understand that you are considering allowing Retailers to charge small solar electricity generators like myself a fee in order to export electricity to the Grid ? This is a staggering concept , unfair and discriminatory , and one which will be strongly resisted . May I ask the justification for such a step ? Will you also recommend that 'large' solar power generators be charged a fee ? What will be cut off point at which the fees kick in ?</p> <p>There should obviously be a fair feed in tariff for small generators like myself , with perhaps added incentives to encourage the installation of batteries ? I imagine that if fees were introduced then larger numbers of people would go completely 'off grid' , rendering the grid even less viable .</p> <p>I installed solar panels some years ago when the panels were considerably more expensive , as I considered that I should make a contribution to the environment and our planet. My savings in power bills only broke even with the cost of my panels after several years even after the application of the feed in tariff.</p> <p>To even consider a charge on my power being exported to the grid seems to me equivalent to a punishment for trying to do the right thing.</p> <p>I trust this proposal goes no further.</p>
2017-07-03 10:33:12	<p>Sincerely</p>
2017-07-03 10:33:08	<p>Corporate gold plating has become an art form in the Australian energy sector over recent decades. As a pensioner I installed solar to assist in managing my household budget whilst contributing to minimising impact of climate change upon environment. A proposed charge for solar to grid will not only add to my budget deficit and further burden of cost-of-living; it will directly reduce interest in solar installation. Corporate energy wins again and the environment and householders lose. A charge on exporting solar to grid is unconscionable.</p>

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2017-07-03 10:32:58	<p>I wish to object to the idea of charging solar users to export their power to the grid. Owners of solar panels, such as myself, help to allivate the demands on grid power. We put panels on our houses to cut our power costs. This has been at quite an expense to myself - but done so in the desire to be able to utilise my own power consumption (hence less demand on the grid plus using pollution free power). When we feed power back to the grid we receive a bare minimum tariff. This is almost a service to the power company as the amount received is less than a quarter of the cost that they sell it back to us.</p> <p>Charging me to sell my own power back to a company who is going to then make over a 100% profit on it seems immoral and corrupt. This will discourage a push for renewable energies and discourourage people from trying to take charge of their own power as well as reduce pollution. Please reconsider this proposal.</p> <p>Back in 2013 28,000 solar owners joined together to stop the proposal that they would be charged for feeding THEIR electricity back into the grid. Why are you trying 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 • There is no such thing as clean coal - it is still DIRTY • Charging us for our solar exports to the grid would make it very difficult for us to recoup the cost of our solar array etc. and it would be a disincentive for future owners to commit to cleaner, greener solar.
2017-07-03 10:32:49	<p>As a solar owner I object to the proposition that there be a charge to people like myself for feeding in our excess power to the grid. Indeed the opposite should be the case when the power we are providing is clean renewable power that our neighbours can use, and it must take some of the load off the grid to be providing the power locally.</p>
2017-07-03 10:32:44	<p>Solar owners should be provided with a feed in tariff that recognises the many benefits that come from providing power locally, and the clean renewable source of that power. We have just put in a solar power at home, we are getting a massive 6 cents for power we input to the grid, and now you want to charge us for it?????? All this on top of rising electricity prices (to go 20% per news article I read today). I got solar power to help reduce my power bill as well as do the right thing for the environment, now you want to charge me extra because I spent thousands of dollars installing a new solar system in an effort to reduce the load on the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:32:38	<p>This is without a doubt the most insane idea anyone has come up with, seems to me to be another way for the energy companies to rip customers off. I sincerely hope common sense prevails.</p> <p>Charging solar PV owners a fee to send electricity generated on their rooftops, back into the grid, is a regressive step when we should be encouraging widespread generation of electricity by renewable means.</p>
2017-07-03 10:32:14	<p>Aggregated Solar energy saves Australia from needing to build other types of power stations. Future battery storage solutions and large scale storage such as pumped hydro will assist in the rollout of a more integrated system.</p> <p>Giving large scale commercial energy producers no cost to put energy into the grid is unfair if small scale generators could be charge to do that. It is blatantly unfair to charge individuals with small solar installations to export their surplus, when the big power companies don't have to. The fair thing, the environmental responsible thing, would be to charge the big dirty power companies and leave the small responsible owner alone. Charging a feed-in tariff will drive solar owners off grid and onto batteries. This appears to be an attempt to support coal-fired stations at the expense of individuals who have done the right thing for the environment by installing solar panels. We have enough renewables in Australia to be world leaders. I put solar panels on my roof not only to mitigate the rising cost of buying electricity, but to show my children and grandchildren that an individual person can make a difference to carbon emissions and be responsible.</p>
2017-07-03 10:31:56	<p>I cannot believe that you would entertain the prospect of charging solar panel users to export power to the grid. The price we are paid for that power is grossly undervalued in comparison to the price retailers charge consumers as it is.</p>
2017-07-03 10:31:44	<p>I am currently being charged \$1.30 a day to be connected to the grid. Despite paying and installing solar, my electricity charges are increasing and my family are being very vigilant about power usage. If you add a price for transfer of solar to the grid, we will be forced to disconnect our solar. We are self funded retirees and we cannot afford any further increases, while interest rates remain so low, for so long.</p>
2017-07-03 10:31:08	<p>Solar is now happening on a large scale. Charging people for putting energy into the grid defies logic... and will only make it easier for PV solar owners (like us) to install batteries and go 'off-grid'. So why not go with the flow and encourage everyone to go solar.</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:53	<p>The proposal to charge household solar power owners who export solar power to the grid is unfair. In my street only four houses in about twenty (on the same distribution transformer) have solar power system. Therefore my solar export will be used up by the homes nearby and not even make it onto the distribution system. If this stupid idear was to happen I will hasten my purchase of a battery system and then the grid will loose the clean energy that I provide without any capital cost to the community. The AEMO will have to come up with a new fair buisness model. My solar power is exported @ 10 cents per kWhr and on sold to my neighbours @ 36 cents. I am not getting that profit.</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:53	<p>So you buy our unused Solar back at 11.5c now in Victoria. Then your Retailers sell it out at 29c!</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:52	<p>Yeah I can see how that is fair....NOT!!</p> <p>And now you want to tax us for it! No ****ing way</p>

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	<p>It is completely unfair to even consider charging home solar owners to export their clean energy into the grid - the feed-in tariffs are paltry and inadequate as it is, to consider "charging" solar owners is going too far.</p> <p>Our family decided to place solar panels on our roof to do the right thing, not necessarily because of the long-term savings - we know, as most Australians do, that clean energy is our inevitable future and that in the face of inadequate action by the Australian government in moving us to this inevitable future, we joined the grass roots solar movement.</p> <p>The Queensland Newman government more than halved our feed-in tariff, we've seen much increased grid connection charges and increased electricity prices yet we persist. However, if we'll be penalised further by being charged for the privilege of exporting our clean energy to the grid, that will finally force us off-grid entirely. With home battery technology where it is now and the ever-increasing value for money that is afforded, we'd be silly not to put our money there instead of enabling the snouts in the trough of the fossil fuel energy monopolies.</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:37	<p>If solar owners are faced with paying to export, or buying home batteries and going off-grid - you can bet on the latter. Rest assured, the latest absurd proposal will be the straw that breaks the camel's back.</p> <p>We are retired and cannot keep up with increased charges when our income does not increase and our benefits are being eroded.</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:25	<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> <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>
2017-07-03 10:30:24	<p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. It would have an unfair impact charging us for our solar exports to the grid for our household,</p> <p>There should be fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. We put solar on to help us manage our electricity costs.</p> <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.</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 installed a solar PV system that covers our average usage and exports clean non CO2 emitting power back to the grid under a standard net FIT and absolutely do not accept that we should be charged an additional fee to export this "Green power" back to the grid at reasonable rates (as far as IPART is concerned).</p> <p>With all the current talk about the government wishing to keep power prices down, I cannot accept that this is a reasonable option as it will increase our energy costs and further discourage private residential customers from investing in solar at their own properties which is ridiculous in the current circumstances.</p> <p>By all means, please consider an alternative solution which is to provide incentives for residential customers to invest in battery storage and solar in order to enhance the stability of the grid and to evolve the grid into a system fit for the requirements of the 21st century.</p> <p>Thanks for your time and best regards,</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:24	<p>Solar generators are helping to meet peak power requirements, and so should be rewarded, not penalised. If you want to bring on a death-spiral, just try punishing solar generators for connecting to the grid, and watch them disconnect.</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:23	<p>It is ludicrous to charge households to supply power to the grid. If you do this I will be looking into exiting the grid and installing power storage. You should be innovative not pandering to the coal industry, totally archaic</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:21	<p>Solar is the future. It is time to start supporting solar energy instead of hindering the use of solar energy. Solar panel owners need to be paid for their contribution to the grid not charged for it. Solar panel owners will go offline if they are not supported. Coal is the past we need to remove our dependency on coal as fast as possible.</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:13	<p>As an accountant and auditor during my working life, I am staggered that such a proposal could be raised. First of all, the grid is already financed by solar owners (at least in NSW) through the "supply charges" in their power bill. In my case this charge started off at \$18 a quarter and now stands at nearly \$180 a quarter. And these charges apply notwithstanding whether I use or generate any units at all. I will oppose any such move as an attack on my investment in solar and a thinly disguised 'clean energy tax'.</p>
2017-07-03 10:30:09	

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2017-07-03 10:30:05	<p>I have solar panels to reduce my power bills and my environmental footprint. If power companies are permitted to gouge us for the solar exports from which they benefit ,I will be strongly inclined to go off the grid. I suspect this will be a trend - their greed shall bury them.</p>
2017-07-03 10:29:59	<p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable energy 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. We have had our solar panels for 5 years. Now we are semi retired the saving on our power bills is crucial to our budget. We also feel that by using solar energy we are contributing to looking after the well being of the earths environment and all who live and share this.</p>
2017-07-03 10:29:57	<p>Please accept this note as a contribution to the upcoming debate regards solar feed-in tariffs and charges. Having invested significantly in rooftop solar recently, with the purpose of supporting a green, renewable approach to energy generation - I am utterly floored with even the mention of a ruling which will attempt to charge consumers for putting energy back into the grid. The only reason I can see for such a proposal is a blatant attempt to ensure current investments by international entities in the Australian energy sector are protected. The purpose of AEMO should be to act in the interests of the Australian energy consumer, not foreign corporations. Not only will such a ruling severely effect the take up of solar power across the country (thus contributing to the Paris climate accord) but also effect the domestic solar industry. I really can see no other reason for this proposition than a very blatant attempt to reduce the attractiveness of roof top solar as an energy source for consumers, hence ensuring (foreign owned) energy company profits. Please register this submission as such.</p>
2017-07-03 10:29:53	<p>Thanks, 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 purchased a roof top solar array to help the environment, to reduce our dependance on fossil fuels as well as to help reduce our household bills. By charging households to feed back to the grid, it will severely disadvantage many & completely discourage further families/individuals from purchasing solar panels, this will have a long term negative impact on the environment. Power companies should be encouraging households to take up solar not discouraging. This will push people to get their own storage systems & the power companies will be the losers.</p>
2017-07-03 10:29:09	<p>DO NOT PROCEED WITH THIS RIDICULOUS PLAN TO CHARGE PEOPLE FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING. Solar owners are doing the planet a service - don't penalize us for doing this! If you do - more of us will save up and go entirely off grid - and with the large range of battery storage devices out now it is doable by many of us. Your charge would make many of us to go this way!</p>
2017-07-03 10:29:03	<p>I have only just heard that submissions regarding a proposal to allow solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back into the grid are due tomorrow. I am strongly opposed to this suggestion, but do not have time to construct a detailed response. Surely however the basic unfairness of levying a charge on private solar owners but not on commercial providers, along with the urgent need to encourage the use of renewables in the light of climate change should ensure that this proposal is stillborn. Regards,</p>
2017-07-03 10:28:36	<p>I have read with horror the intention to allow solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. This is clean energy and it is unfair. Renewable power to the grid and when big dirty power companies do this they 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 we wanted clean energy and as a way to cut our soaring electricity bills. We paid 1000's to do this and have been really happy with the outcome. The impact of charging us for solar exports would be heavy on our household as we are pensioners with only the pension for our income.</p>

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Your submission

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you to express my outrage and opposition to the proposal allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding back their electricity 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. I have put solar on my roof not only to save money but also for environmental considerations and the opportunity to reduce my carbon footprint.

If you continue with the absurd and unfair proposal then I shall have no choice but to go off grid. I am not going to subsidise the big power companies who have made their profits from polluting our planet for free for far too long.

Thank you.

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As an early adopter of solar, I paid what was at the time a much higher system purchase price than those who have entered the market in recent years. I struggled to pay for my small system, at a hefty \$8000 - about four times what similar systems cost now. But I believed I was paying to help the planet, help myself, and help the power network. With recent 'gold-plating' charges that we have all paid, I can see no justifiable need for the rules to be changed to enable more payments to network providers. In SA we need as much generation as possible, and we should not be 'double-dip' charged to be part of the solution.

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I strongly oppose the proposed feed-in tariff for those of us with solar panels on our houses. The environment desperately needs more renewable energy and people should be encouraged to install solar rather than putting in place impediments for them to do this. Please look at the benefits of home solar systems.

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Dear 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.

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 solar PV system that covers our average usage and exports clean non CO2 emitting power back to the grid under a standard net FIT and absolutely do not accept that we should be charged an additional fee to export this "Green power" back to the grid at reasonable rates (as far as IPART is concerned).

With all the current talk about the government wishing to keep power prices down, I cannot accept that this is a reasonable option as it will increase our energy costs and further discourage private residential customers from investing in solar at their own properties which is ridiculous in the current circumstances.

By all means, please consider an alternative solution which is to provide incentives for residential customers to invest in battery storage and solar in order to enhance the stability of the grid and to evolve the grid into a system fit for the requirements of the 21st century.

Thanks for your time and best regards,

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To the AEMC - public submission on proposed changes to solar tariff

If all energy companies aren't required to pay a feed-in tariff, neither should small solar energy suppliers.

Also, as small solar energy suppliers are exporting clean energy beneficial to both the environment and the health of the whole country, and providing network savings, any proposed tariff should take these factors into account.

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Solar owners should NOT have to pay to feed their energy back to the grid -- especially when coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export the energy they generate.

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Allowing this totally unfair charge would punish families and those on a pension who are doing the right thing and producing solar power.

Date	Your submission
	<p>Ten years ago, my husband and I installed solar panels and solar hot water. We did it for the good of the planet. Since then, many thousands of Australians have spent the money they could have used for their children's education, a new car or a holiday on installing solar panels because we all have reason to believe fossil fuels cause climate change.</p> <p>Overwhelmingly, existing solar panel owners export excess energy to the grid. Charging us for providing clean energy to the grid will lead to many buying batteries to store their energy for their later use. This is not a good outcome for Australia or for the planet. It is a greedy grab by foreign-based companies to further exploit solar panel owners.</p>
2017-07-03 10:26:31	<p>You might argue that batteries "are not quite there yet" in terms of payback. Well adding another charge to the sizeable investment we have already made makes batteries more attractive. We have been investigating adding standalone panels and battery storage. If this charge for exporting clean energy goes ahead, we will do it and I guarantee we will not be alone. The proposal to charge a feed in tariff is outrageous to say the least. This is manifestly unfair. Solar owners are doing our bit for the environment and should be paid a fair feed in tariff, not be charged for something we at present, are virtually giving away. My neighbour took out the clothes line and uses only a drier! Why are they not being penalised for that decision?</p>
2017-07-03 10:26:13	<p>By charging me for my export, I am being discriminated against. The reality of a charge to homes with solar panels is completely counter intuitive. We all have a duty of care for our grand children and their grand children. Solar power and other clean energy sources in Australia is the way forward economically as a country and environmentally. The true value in our country will always come down to current social peace and how well we take care of it's renewable resources water, land, air AND people. Charging individuals for making a responsible choice in solar is not in keeping with this principle. Keep making solar panels an attractive choice for every citizen and ease the burden on the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:25:45	<p>Sincerely,</p>
2017-07-03 10:25:22	<p>It is unfair to charge solar owners to export clean power to the grid. There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar. Solar owners across Australia who export clean, renewable power to the grid are supporting economic development in this nation and the future for the planet. We pay for the energy we take from the grid, and we want market forces to operate - fair feed-in tariffs are essential. The Governments and the AEMC seem to be in the clutches of the coal industry. We want clear government policy that reflects the intent of the Finkel review</p>
2017-07-03 10:24:40	<p>Why would you want to discourage the private generation of electricity which is transferred for public benefit? If large generators are paid for the electricity they produce, then so should the small private homes. Electricity generation is not a charity so don't treat it like one.</p>
2017-07-03 10:24:38	<p>For our future we need to transition asap to clean energy sources. To encourage this we can give decent prices for clean energy we export to the grid. My last two houses have been stand alone solar and I was looking forward to getting paid for the power my new grid connected home feeds in to the grid. However it is a pittance and little incentive to install grid connected solar.</p>
2017-07-03 10:24:30	<p>It surprises me that every way we turn we are charged more for doing the right thing. This is the most serious issue- climate change must be addressed and we should not have obstacles constantly put in our way. My grandchildren and yours will need to live on this ailing planet. I am also a pensioner and would like the opportunity to save money rather than have more bills. What a regressive idea to charge people for having solar - I shake my head at the ridiculous things thought of by this government! We have no faith in your abilities to run this country. I am writing to express my dismay that Australians who have the right thing in mitigating climate change with solar panels will now be penalised.</p>
2017-07-03 10:24:25	<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>
2017-07-03 10:24:01	<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. Thank you I paid for my solar setup precisely because the cost of electricity was too high and I wanted to reduce the carbon footprint of our household to do what I possibly can to fight global warming. 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>
2017-07-03 10:23:44	<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 for the ability to feed back into the grid would mean having residential solar would be less attractive to new customers. Given the situation with climate change and the desperate need for us to transition to renewable energy to power our society, any such step taken by our governing bodies would have to be seen as a heinous crime against future generations and I expect those in power would be held accountable in the long run for such spineless shortsightedness.</p>

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2017-07-03 10:23:27	<p>I am appalled that The Australian Energy Market Commission , 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. We are all doing the right thing for our country and the planet, and should be rewarded, not penalized for helping with energy supply!! I am a senior pensioner and am trying to reduce, not increase my power bills. I suspect that if this goes ahead, all the many thousands of solar owners will start a class action against this as it is so unconscionable. As the world changes to renewable energy, these old power systems need to be phased out, and my current provider has indicated that it is going in the renewables direction...so fancy my absolute disgust that my government would charge me for contributing to this important change. Please understand that there are millions of us who love our solar energy and what should be cheaper, not more expensive bills, so I will not be alone.</p>
2017-07-03 10:23:11	<p>I am a low income family and the benefits to me from my rooftop solar I appreciate. I just cannot believe I would be charged for exporting the small amount of spare solar power my system generates...</p>
2017-07-03 10:23:06	<p>The AEMC should not allow solar owners to be charged for feeding electricity back into the grid. Solar owners are producing clean renewable energy and it is unfair to expect them to pay to feed this energy into the grid. We have had solar installed for nearly 5 years and have contributed some 30MWh to the grid over this period. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental benefits of mass community solar generation.</p>
2017-07-03 10:23:01	<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>
2017-07-03 10:22:58	<p>It seems laughable that Australia with so much access to solar power is lagging way behind other much smaller countries in this regard. 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>It is not equitable to charge solar owners for feeding their solar energy to the grid, as other electricity generators are not charged for supplying energy to the grid.</p> <p>As solar owners provide energy to the grid, which would then be used and paid for by others, it is logical that the solar owners be paid a fair reimbursement for the solar power that they supply to the grid.</p> <p>I am a retired engineer and have had 5kW of solar panels on my home for several years. The solar panels have allowed me to eliminate my power bills and hopefully this will continue in the future when I will eventually be on the pension and have a more limited income than I have at present.</p> <p>Charging me for exporting clean solar power to the grid would have the adverse long term effect of reducing my standard of living. I imagine that there a lot of people similar to me in this regard.</p>
2017-07-03 10:22:42	<p>I believe that it is important not to penalise solar owners who are investing in solar panels for not only their own benefit, but also, by reducing their carbon footprint, benefitting Australia and the planet.</p>
2017-07-03 10:22:34	<p>I think that it is outrageous that we solar power producers are likely to be charged to export our power. There is a huge difference between what the power companies pay us and what they charge for the power that we produce. I firmly believe that we should receive at least 75% of what the power companies charge for the power that we produce. We have made a large financial investment and they are taking advantage of us.</p> <p>Sir/Madam,</p> <p>As a proud solar household, I am very concerned with the AEMC potentially allowing for residential solar owners to be charged for exporting to the grid.</p> <p>This is directly in the face of where the energy market should be going and totally not in tune with the world direction in embracing renewables. The latter being one of the greatest sources of positivity in a pretty sad state of affairs globally.</p> <p>The investment to put in solar on my house is environmental but also financial and the decision will impact my household and a multitude of others.</p> <p>As a principle, to charge us for supplying clean energy to the grid while dirty energy sources are not charged makes a mockery of what we all want to achieve in the long run.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
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Date	Your submission
2017-07-03 10:22:06	It is unfair and wrong to charge solar owners who export onto the grid when the biggest dirtiest power companies pay nothing. I believe we need a fair feed in tariff to make this one of our primary power sources. We put solar on our roof as we wanted to do what we could to help the environment and our fellow country men how ever if we get charged to export our clean energy we will be re thinking our storage options
2017-07-03 10:21:59	It seems that individuals are having to move our country forward with regards to clean energy, as government and the power industry will not take the initiative to do so. Whilst I personally choose an energy company that provides an option for clean energy, it is also my right as a citizen to choose to have solar panels on my roof to produce my own energy. In a free market this is my right, and I should not be charged for providing the grid with clean energy. The feed-in tariff has already been reduced, making our savings on solar energy far less than they were. Why the government will not encourage people to produce solar energy is beyond my comprehension. Most households with solar energy are waiting patiently for batteries to become cheap enough to eradicate as much use of the grid as possible. It is logical that energy companies should be charged for providing dirty energy to the grid, not consumers providing clean energy. Australia is an embarrassment to the rest of the world with regards to clean energy production. This is a result of government and bureaucracy run by people with no vision, who are in the grip of large energy providers and the coal industry. Rather than charging us for doing the right thing, why don't you actually do something right yourselves?
2017-07-03 10:21:56	I am appalled by the idea that I could be charged for the right to input solar generated electricity into the grid. My solar cells make clean, green, non-polluting energy that benefits not only my family but also the community, by protecting the environment and the nation by helping to meet our international obligations on reducing carbon emissions. How can it possibly be fair that I might be charged for providing this service while dirty polluting coal fired power stations are not. Given that the feed in tariff is ridiculously low compared to the price energy providers charge for green energy, requiring an additional charge to allow us to input energy is adding insult to injury.
2017-07-03 10:21:50	It is 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. 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.
2017-07-03 10:21:29	Why should responsible citizens who have the environment at heart be penalised for installing solar panels on their rooftops? The proposal to charge such homeowners for feeding their excess electricity back to the grid is grossly unfair. Homeowners are already penalised through receiving little in the way of compensation whilst the large power companies onsell the power fed to them at up to 5 times the price paid. The large polluters pay nothing so why should the environmentally conscious homeowners be forced to pay even more for their contribution to the power grid.
2017-07-03 10:21:12	I dont have solar power generation but this seems to me another LNP led money grab. Makes more sense to get revenue from power companies. Hopefully a change in federal govt will fix this nonsense.
2017-07-03 10:20:55	This looks to me like a calculated money grab from concerned and clear thinking people who have bothered to outlay thousands of dollars to counteract the government's neanderthal views on climate change by trying to contribute by themselves to a solution to clean power. Why slug them for doing that?
2017-07-03 10:20:54	The rebates we get from the feed-in scheme are now so minuscule it would be hard to see how any of us could afford a tariff on top of that. The 'dirty power' companies are the only ones who are benefiting. If you put a tariff on top we will go off grid completely. If enough of us do that, the energy industry would be severely impacted. End of story. To start with its inherently unfair to be charging people who at their own expense have installed solar panels and now find that any extra they generate they have to pay power companies to take rather than being paid for what they produce. All the solar panels that are generating more electricity than they can use are collectively contributing to reducing the amount of coal and gas that would otherwise be burned. They are thereby reducing the amount of greenhouse gas being produced by these inefficient and polluting methods which are contributing to global warming. As a disability pensioner I need to be able to reduce my household costs and I thought installing solar panels would help. It has, I am now in credit with my power supplier but that credit is of no use to me unless I can on sell it to someone else. The main benefit goes to the power company who has my solar generated power for free. If I am now to be charged for supplying free power I will have no choice but to install a battery and go off grid and I am sure many others will do the same. Yes it will cost me dearly but it is a matter of principal. If every house in Australia had solar panels fitted a few more coal fired power stations could be closed but if all those solar panels fed their unused portion of the power they generate into the grid just think what that would do for the atmosphere.
2017-07-03 10:20:33	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.
2017-07-03 10:20:19	I The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering allowing a charge on solar owners for feeding their electricity back to the grid. Solar owners shouldn't have to pay to export their power to the grid, especially when the the big power stations don't have to. This is unfair and we will oppose this as a community
2017-07-03 10:19:51	I have a small solar array on my roof in Sydney. I put it in when the rebate had already been lowered to 20c per kWh, so wasn't in it for the profit but for the move to renewable energy. We are now providing cheap electricity to the grid, far cheaper than the minimum charges for grid supply. Why penalise solar energy providers further? It's unfair and short-sighted. I object.
2017-07-03 10:19:50	I put my system in early and paid four times more for it than i can buy it for now because i was helping the environment and saving the electricity company having to build new power stations. My supply charge on my bill covers the cost of the grid why should i pay to put it back using the same wires. That means i am paying for the same service twice. In a single income household it will cause financial hardship. With all the problems with pollution and climate change why would you penalize people who are trying to make a difference?

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2017-07-03 10:19:49	<p>Charging solar owners to export their power to the grid is a bad idea. It is unfair, as big power producers aren't charged, and it is also a disincentive for continued investment and growth in this important sector.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>I thought people would be encouraged to instal solar systems. Instead, the feed in rates received by the owners have been cut, and if the fee for putting power into the grid is implemented, this will be the last stray for those considering a solar installation in their own home. We have not yet installed Solar, and were wondering if the payoff was worth it. It now looks as if we will definately not instal one.</p>
2017-07-03 10:19:42	<p>Solar energy is the future of energy generation and penalise those who decide to give their contribution for a clean energy generation is unfair.</p> <p>Energy generation technologies and those responsible to manage this field have to be aware of it.</p>
2017-07-03 10:19:22	<p>Coal is the past, it was already the past 10 years ago, we can't keep rely on it, a switch must be done and solar is the best candidate to make this change</p>
2017-07-03 10:18:56	<p>Your coal powered era is over. No matter what you do It's over!! You can not slow the development of renewables with your stubid tricks!!!!!!</p>
2017-07-03 10:18:36	<p>Dear Mr Premier, I find it most unfair that I should be charged for exporting my clean solar energy to the grid, while fossil fuel generators do not. The feed in tariff is woeful, and the so-called death spiral is inevitable if attacks on home solar persist.</p>
2017-07-03 10:18:31	<p>This is another ploy to deter people from adding solar to reduce their electric bills. Yet another attack on those who have invested large sums of money in solar energy to help reduce world carbon emissions and cut Australia's reliance on inefficient coal burning power stations. Also it's another money grab supported by our brainless corrupt politician's..</p> <p>Its come to my attention that yet again the AEMC is still not understanding that the citizens of Australia put their own monies up to support solar for various reasons the least not being to protect the planet from climate change.</p> <p>And so why are we now having to defend our decision so to avoid an unfair charge to export our energy to the grid?</p> <p>Absurd dont do this.</p>
2017-07-03 10:18:23	<p>Regards</p>
2017-07-03 10:18:11	<p>I think it's a brilliant idea to charge solar owners to use the grid. To this point I haven't been able to justify purchasing an off-grid battery system and going off-grid, but If access to the grid will add to the costs of running solar at home, I say bring it on and it may just allow a whole bunch of solar owners to say goodbye to the grid forever.</p>
2017-07-03 10:17:29	<p>I had a 2KW solar system installed 4 years ago, by a local business very experienced in this. I paid for this on my own as I wanted to use as much renewable energy in my home as possible. I only received 7c/KWh when it was installed and I think it is less now. My solar system saves the burning of coal each day. It is my energy but I supplement it with 'green' power when the sun is not shining. I'm not sure how you can justify penalizing people who want solar power - and I would prefer to tap into a large system based locally, such as on industrial rooftops - especially those people who invested early and have driven down the cost of solar power for everyone else. Solar owners should be paid more for any feed-in power not have to pay back for their own contribution. I'll am taking this issue to my local Federal MP.</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. With the amount of power being fed into the grid from solar owners, there should be no need for building more coal fired power stations or coal mines.</p> <p>I had my solar system installed to help our country with cleaner energy and to assist me with the cost of electricity when I retired. I am now 70 and on the age pension and I will find it very difficult to pay for power now the feed-in tariff has so drastically reduced, let alone having to pay more for what I feed in to the grid. It will mean a drastic reduction in the amount of power I am able to use.</p>
2017-07-03 10:17:22	<p>I am a pensioner and charging me for my solar exports to the grid will mean I will not be able to afford to use heating during the winter.</p>
2017-07-03 10:16:59	<p>To the AEMC -- As a person concerned about the impact of climate change on my children, and grandchildren to come, I don't believe charging solar owners to feed their electricity back to the grid is fair or useful. We put solar panels on our roof a decade ago in the expectation that we would be treated fairly for our efforts to combat global warming, and that, if anything, things would be made more attractive for others to do what we have done. The change you propose does nothing to help that, and should be scrapped.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
2017-07-03 10:16:39	<p>I get paid so little for the excess power I put into the grid that charging me for providing power that is sold for over 4x what I'm paid for it would be such an insult that I would be installing battery storage and not export electricity and be seriously looking at getting off grid completely.</p>

Date	Your submission
	<p>Hi</p> <p>I would like to strongly object to the thought of solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. Power stations do not. You should be encouraging alternative energy, the power stations are at the end of there life and can't keep up with peak power, they are dirty old technology that do not help with climate change. We need to start thinking about future clean technologies. I as a solar power provider make me think of how much energy I waste, we should encourage this. It's a clean green sustainable power that has less long term i'll effects to the environment, climate. That's what we should be encouraging. It is the future, just look around the world at China, India, Germany, they are all heavily investing in solar as they know that's where the future is.</p>
	<p>Regards</p>
2017-07-03 10:16:36	<p>I find it incredible that any government in Australia would be considering taxing folk who been smart enough, and conscientious enough to invest in renewable technology like Solar Power!!</p> <p>It is 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!! It is blatant hypocrisy to even contemplate such an unfair tax on solar energy!</p> <p>I am all 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</p> <p>I believe and feel very strongly that EVERY home and business in Australia should have solar power and that the 'dirty' power industries including coal and CSG should be abolished as soon as possible to protect and save our environment..</p>
2017-07-03 10:16:13	<p>Having solar power will SAVE \$'s and our environment!</p>
2017-07-03 10:16:08	<p>Stop penalising those of us who, in good faith, invested in solar panels to try to be more self sufficient and to add to the ridiculously poor power grid that's been crippled by your inept Government with your complete lack of foresight in privatising what should always have been a controlled service!</p>
2017-07-03 10:16:01	<p>I had to pay already to put a new power meter in when I installed solar. Power producers stop being so bloody greedy. Government grow some balls and brain cells and do more to promote renewable energy</p>
	<p>Dear AMEC,</p>
2017-07-03 10:15:58	<p>I installed solar in full knowledge my financial short gain (feed in tariff) was flexible and would be adjustable but I believed in a long term return both in monetary savings & to the environment. Your latest proposals attack both these goals and I will be opposing them strongly at every opportunity, whether with friends & family, thru formats like this or at any upcoming rally's or forums which undoubtedly will be well organised & well attended by many other concerned citizens.</p>
2017-07-03 10:15:24	<p>I am appalled at the very idea of penalising those who are doing something about using clean energy to help sustain our environment.</p>
2017-07-03 10:15:24	<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 for our clean power</p>
	<p>with all the trouble I have had to get my connection working and now to be considering charging me to export to the existing grid which I already pay a charge to be connection to anyway (supply charge). it really shows that the relevant authorities are scared that a lot of customers will go off grid with batteries. if that happens they'll charge us to do that as well. its all about keeping the big companies afloat. not the customer</p>
2017-07-03 10:15:19	<p>To whom it concerns,</p>
	<p>It is ludicrous and unethical to even consider to charge consumers for producing clean energy.</p>
2017-07-03 10:14:49	<p>Do not even consider charging and stop attempting at gouging consumers.</p>
2017-07-03 10:13:36	<p>I don't want any more charges or electricity more expensive. I am on an age pension and am finding it difficult enough to survive month to month</p>
	<p>What a rip off! If my house generates power courtesy of the sun I find it disgusting that anyone considers charging me for supplying that energy to the grid. Stop hurting people trying to survive and get ahead.</p>
2017-07-03 10:13:34	<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>
2017-07-03 10:13:00	<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>Shouldn't you instead be rewarding solar owners for providing energy to the grid, and encouraging others to do so, rather than penalising them! This idea is actually pretty hard to understand from a common sense point of view. If more people could afford rooftop solar, and export the surplus to the grid, wouldn't it be great for the environment, and for those who cannot afford to pay power bills...perhaps you could even offer discounts on all power used, to benefit all users?</p>
2017-07-03 10:13:00	<p>Ridiculous to charge solar system owners for their contribution to our helplessly planned and executed electrical distribution system.</p>
2017-07-03 10:12:48	<p>Please forget all about this unfair charge, we by putting in solar are already saving millions for the governments subsidising infrastructure because the power is used locally we should be encouraged not penalised</p>
2017-07-03 10:12:42	<p></p>

Date	Your submission
2017-07-03 10:12:41	<p>As an aged pensioner, I saved up to put on solar panels years ago. I feel as if my excess power during the day helps the state a lot in peak times. Why should I pay for that, especially as the energy providers do not have to pay to put energy into the grid.</p>
2017-07-03 10:12:09	<p>I think I will do anything to go off the grid. I am tired of how they treat us.</p> <p>It is not fair that domestic solar panel owners should have to pay a charge to feed power back into the grid big power companies, who produce mega tons of damaging green house gas emissions, do not. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental benefits and network savings of domestic solar and its contribution to the grid and the greater good of society.</p>
2017-07-03 10:12:09	<p>This is a very unfair and unbalanced tariff; why home owners being charged and not the big companies? This will discourage home owners from considering solar power and this is not what we want; it's healthy for the environment and for us and must be encouraged not discouraged. .</p>
2017-07-03 10:12:08	<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</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>
2017-07-03 10:12:04	<p>Include any experience that you've had with putting on rooftop solar and why you've done it</p>
2017-07-03 10:11:57	<p>Mention the impact that charging you for your solar exports to the grid would have on your household</p>
2017-07-03 10:10:56	<p>It is not fair for us to be penalised for reducing our greenhouse gas emission and doing the thing for our children. Enough is enough</p> <p>I don't understand the the AEMC's proposal. It wants to steal my electricity and give it to the grid for nothing. How can this be fair or reasonable?</p> <p>I own a 3 kilowatt solar system. I use less than 2kw per day. As it currently stands, because the feed in tariff is so low - and so unfair - I end up paying for my power despite generating more than I use. To add to an unfair system by charging me a fee to supply power at a ridiculously low price is clearly nothing more than an attack on the solar industry and yet another step to try and reduce the uptake of solar power. Should this fee proceed I will go off grid and I will not be alone.</p>
2017-07-03 10:10:25	<p>I think it is most unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. They should have a fair feed-in tariff that reflects the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Charging for these solar exports to the grid would have a completely unfair, detrimental effect on many prudent households. After all, big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent.</p>
2017-07-03 10:10:20	<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</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 our roof well before the 60c scheme, for environmental reasons.</p>
2017-07-03 10:10:09	<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>The power companies make money from the power my solar panels feed in to the grid. I already pay a premium for having Time of Use tariff. In the 1980's there was no daily charge to connect to the network and today there is. This charge is to cover the network and distribution costs.</p>
2017-07-03 10:10:08	<p>What happens if all the solar owners turn off their solar systems. I think the grid will fail under the load. The AEMC should consider the implications of this as I for one will want a way to use the power I generate but not export to the grid to save any exports costs</p>
2017-07-03 10:09:59	<p>I point out that charging me to export is not only unfair but ridiculous. If I do export why am I not paid a fair price ex the true wholesale rate for power at the time of export?</p> <p>If I have to turn my solar off my power bills will increase and as I said about I doubt the grid can cope without all the solar inputs next summer.</p>
2017-07-03 10:09:58	<p>Regards</p>
2017-07-03 10:09:51	<p>Give us fair go</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>
2017-07-03 10:09:32	<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 purchased solar panels to ease the burden of electricity costs for my household. Now it seems to be working in reverse, when the rebate stopped I had to obtain a new meter and now pay for the solar meter to be read - add to that a cost to export the energy I think I will have to disconnect the panels - it should not be costing anyone money to try and create a sustainable future.</p>
2017-07-03 10:09:32	<p>I already pay for poles and wires on my bill now why should I pay again</p> <p>make solar fair, same price for selling back into the grid for what we pay for 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- I believe in a fair go for everyone. I am not happy with the rate we are receiving for power we put into the grid.</p>

Date	Your submission
2017-07-03 10:08:57	We thought we were doing the right thing for the environment by paying a large amount for solar panels to be installed on our roof, now we have been informed we're going to be charged again by paying the power company for our power being used? this is so unfair to us, why should we make more payments to them when we're supposed to be saving on our power bills!
2017-07-03 10:08:50	Hello, it is plainly ridiculous to charge solar citizens to put power back into the grid. We went solar to...save money, help the environment and for the feel good part. We are also encouraged to do so from the government, through solar incentives. Now to maybe charge the average Australian to put power back into the system is crazy. Power companies are getting super cheap power from us...we should be getting a higher price for our power and thanked for doing so.
2017-07-03 10:08:04	I am dismayed at even the suggestion that people with solar panels should be charged for supplying this power 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
2017-07-03 10:07:34	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
2017-07-03 10:05:51	They the powe companies should put their energies into renewables not just how can we sting our existing cumsomers again and again.
2017-07-03 10:05:35	Look after the tax payers not the dirty coal mines
2017-07-03 10:05:15	I am very against a charge for feeding their electricity back to the grid.
2017-07-03 10:05:15	This seems to be a new method to prop up the coal industry. What politicians should be doing is working out how to cope with the network when we all get batteries.
2017-07-03 10:05:15	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
2017-07-03 10:05:15	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
2017-07-03 10:05:15	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
2017-07-03 10:05:06	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
2017-07-03 10:04:38	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.
2017-07-03 10:03:42	The impact on my household would be significant if we are charged for our solar exports.
2017-07-03 10:03:16	Why is there a need to impose a tax, which is what's being proposed, on solar panel owners to feed electricity into the grid? Power generating companies don't pay to pump electricity into the grid so why should we? The imposition of a fee to put electricity into the grid is just not logical given the fact that power generators don't have to pay.
2017-07-03 10:02:31	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
2017-07-02 21:36:15	do not. Charge households for power supplied to grid rather increase FIT
	Don't touch my panels any more or I'm going off grid, you get no more money from me ever.
	People who have gone to the trouble and expense of putting solar panels on their roof have saved electricity transmission costs and the construction of additional coal-fired power stations. As such they have saved everyone from summer blackouts when there would have been a surge in demand not matched by supply. One should know that coal and gas power stations are unreliable when the ambient temperature reaches or exceeds 40 degrees Celsius. Such temperatures have caused load-shedding in the past and restricted the transfer of power by interconnector from Queensland to New South Wales.
	The people with solar panels are also providing a community service by reducing the adverse health consequences of mining and transporting gas and coal.
	Therefore, there should be a fair feed-in-tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits along with the network savings that rooftop solar provides to the grid.
	I have put solar panels on my roof and am looking to do so on a tenanted residential property as a benefit to the tenants as well as for the reasons stated above.
	I am sure if you continue to argue for charging solar exports to the grid, they will happily take up the political cudgels calling for the dismissal of the AEMC management.
	I am writing to express my opposition to the AMEC's latest plan to hurt solar power users, who, unlike the dirty energy providers, are doing their bit to try to stall global warming.
	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, 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
	As a retiree, charging for my solar exports to the grid would add a huge burden to my budget, which has already been adversely impacted by the large disparity between what I pay for kilowatts and what Origin charges me. And now my bills are going to double.
	How is this either fair to those trying to take responsibility for our community or intelligent, given the worsening global warming?
2017-07-02 17:59:28	Yours sincerely,

Date

Your submission

Charge to Solar Owners for feeding electricity back into the grid

As an owner of solar PVs I object this charge on the following grounds:

The electricity generated by solar panels is much cleaner and in contrast to coal generated electricity has only very small hidden costs.

2009 Research by the Australian Academy of Technological and Engineering

(ATSE) under the heading Externalities of Power Generation revealed considerable Greenhouse Gas and health damage costs.

The study showed the following external costs:

Natural Gas	\$ 19/MWh
Black Coal	\$ 42/ "
Brown Coal	\$ 52/ "
Solar	\$ 5/ "
Wind	\$ 1.5/ "

Taking these figures into account it is bizarre that the AEMC considers to charge solar owners for generating far cleaner electricity. On the contrary you should do everything to support electricity generation from solar power.

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Unfortunately, all agencies in charge of regulating the Australian Energy Market

have never found it necessary to commission their own studies into externalities of power generation from fossil fuels.

Dear AEMC

I was astounded to learn that you are considering placing a charge on solar owners to export the power they generate (at their own cost, with no pollution generated) into the grid.

If everyone had solar on their roofs there would be no need for big, dirty coal-fired power stations - this is the way of the future.

Price is always the most powerful signal, and you are considering sending a strong signal to all solar owners that they should not export power to the grid. If that signal is sent it will dramatically accelerate the growth in off-grid installations, further loading the cost of base-load power. Economically it doesn't stack up as a strategy into a clean energy future.

I installed solar in my home because I wanted to make a difference to the environment long before the price of systems came down. I'm holding off a battery storage to see how quickly the price of an installation will drop, but you can rest assured that if costs are imposed on export to the grid, or the price paid to solar owners disappears, I and many others like me will disconnect from the grid and use stand-alone power.

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Your strategy will look pretty shabby when that occurs. Please recognize the power and productivity of a decentralized solar grid and reject the idea of charging us for generating clean energy to share with the rest of the population.

The people I get my electricity from already have a 'green power' optional payment so that they can pay solar people like myself to be paid for feeding back to the grid. I am so committed to the wider adoption of photovoltaics that I (some may say I am already being swindled by the provider. naively) not only feed back to the grid, but pay the green levy as well. Obviously this situation won't continue. With Ergon unilaterally opting out of our contract to pay me 44 cents per feed in unit I am already being swindled. If they intend to charge me for electricity I supply to them I would be doubly swindled

2017-07-02 14:59:01

where's the legality?

It cost us \$24,000 to install our solar system and now the AEMC is considering charging us more money to get access to our excess power. very very unfair.

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As pensioners we feel that a further cost to us would be difficult to manage.

So the big plan to save the planet is to charge solar rooftop electricity suppliers, who provide power to their local communities, an excessive fee to distribute their renewable power to the people. The fossil fuel power providers lose mega watts daily in transmission losses but for some reason pay a minimal fee to solar energy sent back to the grid, which will be used locally with little in the way of power losses.

Seems a no brainer to me that we are not encouraging all renewable power sources with the knowledge that we will no doubt be in decline environmentally over the next 20 years. I

personally will be putting a battery storage system with our solar panels in the very near future and disconnecting from this dysfunctional grid due to the disheartening attitude that prevails with regard to renewables.

2017-07-02 09:31:04

If we want our children to have half as good a future that we've had in the past then we'd better get this right.

Yours

2017-07-01 16:13:57

As pensioners we have had many knock backs from Govt in the past few weeks/months and this would be yet another - this is just so unfair when we have paid out for solar panels in the first instance.

Date	Your submission
2017-07-01 14:23:52	<p>I feel it is unfair that us solar owners may be charged for our excess clean renewable energy to be exported into the grid & then be charged full price for any energy we use from the grid, especially when the big power companies aren't paying to send their power into the grid. We are in our 2nd house where we have installed solar power which helps us greatly to keep our power bills manageable & to pay for the installation of our system, also we feel this is a large way for us to make a difference for the future generations & the earth as a whole.</p> <p>Thank You,</p> <p>Solar powered homes are not only economically friendly to the person who owns them, they are seriously environmentally friendly. Charging solar owners to put their own generated electricity on the grid is nonsense and totally unfair. This will bring less green energy to the grid as solar owners invest in batteries to save money.</p>
2017-07-01 11:28:44	<p>If one generates or makes a product one expects to be able to sell that product. You would not expect to produce a cabbage and pay the person who wants to have it, you would expect that person to buy it. Like producers of cabbages and any other product one expects to get paid for what one produces.</p>
2017-07-01 05:49:06	<p>Why should I be tax for Solar, I have to maintain my system at my cost and receive an absolute minimum for what I feed in to the grid. We get less than fifty per cent of retailers sell to us. We also installed our Solar like many others to assist in fighting global warming. Next thing you know the government will want to tax us each time we go to the bathroom.</p>
2017-06-30 23:20:04	<p>I should pay you to supply you with electricity which you are going to then charge others to use? talk about double dipping! Guys I only have access to one company where I live to supply electricity and now I should pay them because I choose to look after the world I live in rather than focus on how much money I can make while providing minimal service. Man the sooner I can get a battery the better!</p>
2017-06-30 21:41:37	<p>Domestic solar installations remove demand from the grid at times of high load/stress in the summer time. This is a service that they are not compensated for and will in fact be penalised should this supply charge go ahead. As there seems to be no plans to allow domestic solar owners to counter charge for the benefits of load mitigation it would seem that this charge is simply designed to support existing market players and to suppress/delay a competing technology.</p> <p>I think it totally against all semblance of fairness and common sense to introduce the fee proposed.</p> <p>People who have installed solar panels are people who are looking to the future.</p> <p>They are people who have expended significant funds to reduce their reliance on the traditional energy sources.</p> <p>We are very conscience of the environment and the need to look at alternative energy sources. This fee would only disincentivise people from attempting to deal with the green house issues.</p>
2017-06-30 20:32:03	<p>Please look to helping people who seek to reduce greenhouse emissions and not help those who do harm to the planet.</p> <p>To whom it may concern</p>
2017-06-30 20:12:13	<p>I understand that AEMC is considering policy that would allow homeowners with solar power generation to be charged for energy that is put back into the grid. I find the idea offensive under the current arrangements where households pay in excess of 20c / kw for energy purchased and receive 6c a kw for that generated and put back into the grid and on-sold. If such a tax were introduced it should be across the board for every household and business and solar owners should be paid an equivalent price for every kw produced as they are charged for every one consumed.</p>

Date **Your submission**

I am staggered by the suggestion that solar panels systems should be penalised with a great big tax on their socially good output of electricity into the grid when any sane policy framework would be creating incentives for exactly that outcome.
It is perverse to fly in the face of physics. Generating power near the place of consumption eliminates the transmission losses. And some greedy soul wants to be discouraging the technology that prevents this its nuts.
What is this an IPA policy?
Decentralized is in the interest of national security. These dinosaurs are prime targets for a terror attack. Our nation is less likely to suffer significant disruption if we decentralized generation.
Nor is there any reference to a similar tax on the incumbent filthy generators. They are not paying a cent to export to the grid?
Then there's the pollution
does noone have the honesty to admit that in addition to spewing heavy metals & toxins into the atmosphere there's the little matter of CO2. YOU KNOW CLIMATE CHANGE!
Over 1.5 million households have embraced solar panels on their roofs. We want as a matter of good public policy to encourage them all to stay on the grid. Respectfully the genie is out of the bottle and the people know solar panels should be on every roof.
We put 10kw on our roof for our house because it is the right thing to do. Why because I want to export to the grid. And yes panel should receive a higher rate for every electron pumped into the grid. At least 60% of what our neighbors get charged to use it. Or we should be allowed to sell it directly to our neighbors.
Future generations will look back on our society and say we were crazy to just set fire to these wonderful complex organic chemical compounds. There is so much we can do with them and we just burn them? Nuts
So do I think we should tax solar panels for the power they add to the grid, my Lord no, of course of course not.
This such a clearly gross unaustralian money grab. A greedy stork sighted one at that. It fails the pub test and stinks to heaven of special deals for vested interests.

2017-06-30 20:11:19 This is a monumentally stupid idea. Who came up with it?
As a previous owner of a roof mounted solar system, I am requesting that the lobbying of the fossil fuel generators be ignored in considering whether any charges should be placed on PV generators. There are no additional requirements placed on the poles and wires by small flexible solar systems. In contrast, the costs of fossil generators connection to the network is not being charged for why should small generators be charged for the connection to the network. In any case, consumers already pay for the poles and wires in the form of a fixed charge. That fixed charge is more than sufficient to cover the cost of causing electrons to flow in the opposite direction. It is illogical to claim that sending electrons in one direction should be charged another levy to drawing electrons in the opposite direction.

2017-06-30 19:04:43 PV systems all have sensing systems which disconnect the solar generation should any problems be detected. There is no case for yet another charge.
To all involved

As our energy regulator I expect you to adopt progressive policies that put the energy interests and welfare of Australians first and foremost.
If that is not your mandate, it should be. As a tax payer it is certainly my reasonable expectation.

I cannot afford my electricity bill now. Solar is now the only reasonable option for a huge proportion of Australians.

I expect you implement schemes that assist Australians to gain access to electricity at reasonable rates, not to plan for and implement schemes that unfairly discriminate against Australians doing their best to create a 21 century home and environment.

You want Australian tax payers to be charged for accessing power from the sun?
You want Australians tax payers to be charged for the privilege of providing electricity to the grid?
Implementation of such a blatantly coal industry biased scheme is economically flawed, unsustainable, and socially irresponsible.

Please act accordingly

2017-06-30 18:54:01 Regards

Although roof-top solar may require more intensive management of the grid than heretofore its uptake is already generating savings in reducing the need for expensive upgrades to the grid (poles and wires) and should be encouraged - perhaps with a discount - and certainly not penalised with additional charges.
Any additional impost on solar owners will only encourage consumers in the longer term to invest even more in pv generation backed up with battery storage and eventually disconnection from the grid altogether, possibly resulting in a death spiral for the centralised network. AEMO needs to face up to the fact that distributed generation is the wave of the future and should embrace it and ensure the grid is adapted accordingly. Adapt or die is not just a meaningless slogan.

2017-06-30 18:51:24

Date**Your submission**

We have had solar panels for thirteen years. This has had a significant impact on our electricity bills, particularly now as we are both retired and on a pension. We consider ourselves as entrepreneurs, investing in infrastructure that supplies renewable energy, which is lowering green house gasses and promoting a healthy environment . Why should people like us be charged for supplying renewable energy to the grid while big polluting power companies pay nothing? We feel there should be a feed- in tariff that acknowledges the environmental and health benefits of solar as well as the savings it provides to the grid system.

2017-06-30 18:04:37 Yours faithfully,

As a solar system owner, I am proud to be able to produce clean electricity and also be able to use public grid to sell excess production to other householders. We as a nation are blessed with abundant natural resources which also include favourable condition for production of renewables like solar and wind. It should be in interest of this nation to have strong renewable sector rather than rely on fossil fuels or even worse on imported fossil fuels. This will lead to dependence , risks and also environmental degradation. One case in point is current discussion about a threat of gas shortages due to mining companies not allocating its production to the domestic market.

Advent of affordable solar energy was a game changer for domestic electricity markets. Solar technology was capable to offer the only competition in electricity production to householders cornered by large electricity producers. These big companies are very happy to price gouge and lumber average citizens with grid costs. Profit is their mantra, or in case of state utilities they may suffer from inefficiencies and lack of vision. The regulators are also happy to deregulate top end of the electricity market and insulate big users from grid costs. Suddenly there is an alternative and competing alternative to take-it-or-leave it'offerings' of big energy producers which do not operate in a transparent and competing marketplace. Sun technology did , does and will be providing some protection against unchecked increases in electricity prices to average homeowners, mum-and-dads in every state of the federation.

Solar technology has been about innovation and about getting benefits to our pockets and make our nation richer. Distributed grids, battery technologies and relentless decrease in prices of solar panels, solar installation infrastructure , batteries looks more and more as disruption technologies of tommorrow (<http://http://oilprice.com/Alternative-Energy/Solar-Energy/Solar-Power-To-Threaten-Conventional-Power-By-2020.html>). I am hoping that Australia should harness this progress and use it to advance wellbeing of its population rather than stick head into the sand or even put road blocks due to interest of a tiny minority.

Overall, solar power is a green technology which offers benefits outside fighting global warming. It increases competition in energy and electricity markets, it makes our energy supply more secure, it allows average households to benefit from natural resources of Australia. It also position this nation in taking advantage of innovations in renewables which has been breathtakingly fast and caught a lot of state utilities and regulators unprepared. Any solar tax is step in wrong direction, against all of the benefits and will only benefit small number of people associated with ownership of energy infrastructure. This and next generation should never pay solar tax. It will hold them and whole nation back for years. Is there any nation which taxes sunshine and is not a scorn of this world?

2017-06-30 17:04:16

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. 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 two properties both with solar because I want to help the environment and reduce my bills. I shouldn't be punished to protect the profits of energy companies. If you charge me for exporting my energy, I'll just disconnect from the grid. My wife and I were early adopters of solar panels to help meet our energy needs. The basic drivers of our decision were firstly, environmental to help minimise our reliance on polluting fossil fuels, secondly, government encouragement to pursue this goal and finally the rising costs of power station generated electricity. Since that time the need to stop fossil fuel use in order to protect our planet, has reached critical urgency, national governments have dithered about energy alternatives and the costs to the consumers of coal generated power continue to be artificially raised to suit the desires of the generators. Your organisation is now seeking to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy to the big power polluters simply to enhance their profits at the expense of the environment and to the detriment of those people and families less able to cope with the already appalling price hikes for electricity.

2017-06-30 15:59:23

2017-06-30 15:30:16 What you are proposing is unconscionable and should be stopped.

Date	Your submission
	To AEMC
	<p>Please note the following points concerning proposed payment by solar generator owners to feed electricity into the grid.</p> <p>First, it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when the established fossil-fuel-powered generating companies don't have to pay a cent.</p> <p>Second, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar electricity, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>Finally, our household recently installed rooftop solar panels in order to contribute to the improvement of our environment by minimising pollution and environmental degradation associated with fossil-fuel-powered electricity generation. This proposal, if implemented, will discourage other households from installing solar generators.</p> <p>In conclusion, I strongly disagree with this proposal & will investigate the possibility of disconnecting from the grid entirely if it is implemented, especially in light of the fact that households currently have to pay high service fees to the retailer just to be connected to the grid. This issue also needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p>
2017-06-30 15:01:50	<p>One of the reasons our family invested in rooftop solar was to help decentralise energy production, as the big power companies are obviously profit-driven at the expense of social fairness and the environment. It is absolutely 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 idea is so backward in so many ways & will cost our family thousands of dollars over the lifetime of our system, let alone lost credits which were central to the contract we took out with our government and society at the time of our investment. Lunacy. Please throw this out.</p>
2017-06-30 12:14:21	<p>It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies do not have to pay a cent.</p>
2017-06-30 11:53:40	<p>I installed rooftop solar for two main reasons.</p> <p>One, and in line with many Australians, in order to contribute towards a clean energy source for our planet.</p> <p>Two, because I am retired and need to save on power bills. I should not be charged for doing what so many of our politicians fail to do and that is get serious about the reality of our warming climate and its effect on all our ecosystems and our own health.</p>
2017-06-30 10:19:27	<p>The impact will be that I use less of your power in order to save at least some of my money.</p>
2017-06-30 09:29:39	<p>We installed solar PV panels on our home in 2010 to demonstrate a commitment to renewable and clean energy. At that time the system was an expensive purchase and we have only paid back half of that purchase price so far. We don't believe that the current feed in tariffs reflect a fair price for the power that we supply to the grid and this would only be further eroded by the imposition of additional charges. Our contribution to clean and renewable energy is not a profit making scheme and deserves to be rewarded, not punished.</p>
2017-06-30 07:40:50	<p>We have spent good money installing Solar power on the promise of being paid for power being fed back into the grid. Now that there are large numbers with units on their roofs some money raiser decides to penalize people for their choice despite the promises made. Don't do it.</p>
2017-06-30 07:31:36	<p>We are already paying with the pathetic and immorally low buy back rates. If you think that this is fair after we have made not insignificant investment the system is morally corrupt. Think about that.</p>
2017-06-30 07:09:13	<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</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 house is well insulated making my energy needs relatively small.</p>
2017-06-29 23:16:00	<p>Solar cells provide a sizable proportion of my energy needs and the exported energy provides me with minimal reward</p> <p>Please stop continually making solar producers and users suffer with extra charges and costs. We do not deserve to be charged for exporting solar power to the grid... instead we should be praised for trying to help the environment and also helping keep our costs down.</p>
2017-06-29 22:42:12	<p>I understand that income I may get from exporting solar power to the grid could be considered taxable - so maybe it should be taxed at marginal rates. but if this happens, then I should be allowed a number of tax deductions such as depreciation on the solar panels and the inverter. Then, because the panels are roof top, I will need to claim some depreciation on the roof. But the roof needs a house, so better claim some depreciation on the house. the house has to sit on some land - so there's a capital expense. I think I should be able to negatively gear my rooftop solar exports against my salaried income so that I end up paying less tax. Much easier to make it simple and just not charge for input into the grid from rooftop solar panes!</p>
2017-06-29 22:38:17	<p>AEMC please don't contemplate the suggestion to charge, the solar suppliers a feed charge as we are already being ripped-off with unfair feed tariffs. Next you will be asking for a charge for those who save energy by turning off lights when not in a room.</p>
2017-06-29 22:15:42	<p>Please do not consider charging people for feeding solar back into the grid! This would be completely unfair! People with solar are providing power to the power companies, who then profit from it!! Instead, people with solar should be paid a much higher feed in tariff than they currently are, as they decrease the reliance on other forms of power.</p> <p>We would struggle even more to pay our electricity bills if we had this extra amount to pay. It seems a crazy idea that we should have to pay when we are actually providing something!</p>

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2017-06-29 21:26:45	I already pay a substantial amount for the grid that delivers energy to my home when the sun is not shining. As the grid owners benefit from any clean solar energy I export, I fail to see why I should incur a charge on top of what I am already paying them. In recent years they have over engineered parts of their grid which have actually had a declining use due to higher efficiency home appliances and lighting. They do not need more money to over engineer their grids even more.
2017-06-29 21:19:10	<p>Australian solar owners should not be charge a feed in tariff for solar energy the supply to the grid. We put panels on our roof for two main reasons which include taking care of the environment and two reducing our electricity bills. If the charges go ahead, the effort and expense would have been for nothing and I will still struggle to pay my power bills.</p> <p>1.Its bad enough that solar owners are not receiving a fair return on their feed in power yet you are now considering that solar owners should pay to export power to the grid. Do power companies have to pay to export their power. No! Do the right thing and withdraw this ridiculous submission.</p> <p>2.The tariff paid to solar owners should be fair and equitable and commensurate with the value provided to the power companies and should recognise the environmental and network savings that solar brings.</p> <p>3. have been a solar owner for 10 years and have been able to cut down my usage of dirty coal fired power for not only my benefit but for the community at large with a consequent reduction in greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>4.The charging of solar exports to the grid would render my substantial investment in my solar system worthless and would make it uneconomic to continue with the system. As seniors any additional charge would far out way the benefits we currently receive from our power exports</p>
2017-06-29 21:00:48	its unethical to charge individuals in this manner
2017-06-29 20:32:47	Dear Sir
	<p>I have solar pv cells on my house and export to the grid about 80% of what is generated. I also draw about 80% of what I use from the grid. I generate 4 time what I use from the grid, the difference being that most of the power we use from the grid is during the evening and mornings. The grid is important to us.</p> <p>However we already pay to have the electricity supplied to us (in Tasmania) and inded is the biggest single cost we have from our energy retailer. The idea that we should pay to export to the grid feels like we are being asked to pay for a service twice. I am already paying to have the power arrive on my property.</p>
	<p>I have heard that big energy companies do not pay to supply power to the grid. It is surprisingly easy to detach from the grid, BUT I actually believe that is counter productive, the grid allows power to be shared and redistributed and thus meet our collective energy needs. It would be better to create a conducive environment where power providers big and samll can contribute through the network. This is the policy the government should be following, with mandatory targets for renewables as part of the AEMO activities.</p>
	<p>I am dissappointed that the energy regulator should be pursuing policies that are detrimental to the overall grid. It is my belief there should be royal commision into the price gouging and slack policies around the construction of a very expensive grid, which Gillard told us was driving the price of power up faster than the carbon tax.</p>
	So please reconsider the case for the the grid and the idea of charging rooftop PV owners to supply their electricity to the grid.
	Thanks for listening
2017-06-29 20:30:33	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>How can you even be considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid? This is so unfair! We already have our clean, renewable power taken off us by big dirty power companies (who aren't charged to feed their power into the grid) for a pittance, and then on-sold to our neighbours for a tidy profit. This proposed change is just too much!</p>
2017-06-29 20:10:43	I've invested my hard-earned to make a difference to the environment, the least we should expect is to receive a fair feed-in tariff and not be charged for the benefits we are providing the wider community.
2017-06-29 19:16:02	<p>Not happy!</p> <p>TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO CHARGE HOUSEHOLD SOLAR PRODUCERS for supplying power to the Grid when Power Stations are not!</p>
2017-06-29 18:40:02	<p>The Grid is already getting cheap power & the construction of NEW POWER STATIONS HAS BEEN UNNECESSARY BECAUSE of household installation of panels!</p> <p>*THE CONTINUAL RISE IN POWER CHARGES WILL SURELY MAKE A BIG PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION DISCONNECT FROM THE GRID IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE*</p>
2017-06-29 17:54:30	<p>It cannot go on any more! A disaster for everyone on the power grid system in Australia seems inevitable!</p> <p>Rooftop solar electricity is the cleanest and most environmentally positive means of making electricity. It provides savings to the grid as it contributes power. This should not be a reason to charge the producers,i.e. the citizens paying for the equipment to generate that power.</p>

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	<p>I paid a substantial amount for my solar system, because it was becoming obvious that the companies were overspending on infrastructure - and charging me for it as part of fixed costs on my bill. And now the costs are about to increase again, way beyond any CPI or inflation or wage increase, and are a frightening extra burden on my family daily costs. The 20th century polluting fossil generators do not pay to input power, and the idea that I should pay to input (which is a positive help to reducing infrastructure costs anyway) is patently unjust. No, just don't do it!</p> <p>The current feed-in tariffs are an absolute rip off. How can anyone justify what you offer as a feed-in compared with what you have to pay. Given the value of the health and environmental benefits of the non-pollution generation of my panels, getting free from the grid is looking more possible by the day. Distributed power is much more efficient than macro dirty coal generation and long distance transmission losses.</p> <p>I have had solar PV for a number of years (and solar hot water before that). The very idea that you would even contemplate a retrospective change such as this feed-in tax astounds me.</p>
2017-06-29 17:36:53	I am available for further consultation at
2017-06-29 16:37:55	<p>My solar panels cost me almost \$25,000 and I still get electricity bills and now you're considering charging me for what I sent to the grid. What a ridiculous idea, what profit do I make from producing electricity. I only want to produce to be independent. I don't choose to supply, I would rather keep and store the energy for personal use. Don't act on this stupid suggestion. I consider unfair that as a solar owner to be charged for clean, renewable power to be charged while power companies do not pay a cent. Furthermore I presume the power I generate is only going as far as my neighbours.</p>
2017-06-29 15:47:41	<p>There should be some recognition of what rooftop solar owners are saving the electricity companies. There should be a fair feed-in tariff. At present they are receiving about 5c per k/w by the retailers which is being on-sold by them at up to 31c per K/w. We need to be moving urgently to a clean energy future. We should not be implementing policies which subsidize polluting energy and penalizes clean energy!</p>
2017-06-29 15:17:28	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.
2017-06-29 14:32:26	<p>WHY? WHY? WHY? do you continue to disadvantage the little guy??? We paid \$15000 for our solar system to help protect the environment for future generations!!! We wanted to produce enough energy to cover our usage and now you want to charge us for this ????? We have already paid for our solar, you have cut our tariffs and now you want to hit us again!!! It is UNFAIR. We export clean power to the grid which helps our environment but you continue to ignore these benefits. It is getting to the stage that having solar is of no advantage and we may as well pull it down. Come on !! Give us a go and reward us for our investment in the future of our world and make sure the feed in tariffs reflect this</p> <p>I was concerned for some time about the costs and reliability of energy supply, especially since I am a mature aged person, a pensioner with no extra income. My concerns also prioritize our environment and the need to develop and use clean energy resources, such as solar power.</p> <p>So I decided to have a solar installation for my home, which cost me several thousand dollars and it took me about 3 years to pay it off.</p> <p>It is about time that governments and decision makers recognized the environmental benefits of solar energy and the network savings that solar provides to the grid.</p> <p>It is completely unfair and dishonest for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies do not have to pay,</p> <p>At the present time I do not have to pay for my power although the cost effectiveness of installing and paying for the solar installation to my home, will take a few years to break even. To be charged for solar exports to the grid would be disastrous for my already tiny budget to live on, and like many others on benefits, I would have to suffer the consequences of harsh weather extremes.</p>
2017-06-29 14:10:22	<p>As I live in Alice Springs, our summers are very hot - last summer it was relentless 38C+ temps for several weeks. In winter, we have frequent 0 and -2, 3,5 C temperatures overnight. So we rely on cooling and heating all year around. That is the reason why I spent my last savings and paid of a solar installation. I do not want to go back to being charged for my usage of power now when my own household is contributing generously to that grid.</p>
2017-06-29 14:08:15	<p>I am appalled at the proposal to charge homeowners to put energy back into the grid. Homeowners with solar panels should be welcome and paid a reasonable rate for generating clean energy. Along with a growing number of Australians, I have invested a substantial amount to help overcome our energy crisis and the improve the health of our children. Please drop this unfair proposal that has no justification.</p>
2017-06-29 13:12:40	<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. Solar owners do not ask for costs service and maintenance of their systems and should be entitled for higher rates when they sell the energy. The proposed regulation shows that a lobby of the fossil fuel energy producers have high influence to AMEC. It suggests a corruption.</p>

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	<p>We already pay for the infrastructure used to distribute the PV power we generate via our supply charges.</p> <p>We installed solar panels to make a positive contribution to mitigate climate change. Even with the original feed in tariff of 30c / kWhr doing so did not make economic sense but we did it for altruistic reasons.</p> <p>We feel that we are being now being exploited at every opportunity by the cut infeed tariff and now a charge for exporting to the grid.</p> <p>If the idea is that we should get nothing or very near to it for the PV energy we export will the same rule be applied to the energy generators - a guaranteed zero return on the energy they feed into the grid?</p> <p>Clearly our "government" does not understand the depth of feeling in the public on the climate change issue and is hell bent on political annihilation and stoking public revolt.</p> <p>If AEMC wishes to ensure that as many as possible roof top solar installations go off grid - keep up the good work!</p> <p>As a minimum Solar Citizens and the rooftop PV owners it represents should be on par with generators in the decision process as Solar Citizens represents in total a very significant MWhr generation capacity and should be treated as a equal player in the market and treated as any other generator.</p>
2017-06-29 12:07:28	
2017-06-29 11:43:16	<p>It is time the government got serious about alternative energy sources instead of just talking about it. It is very unfair to penalise those citizens who are trying to make a difference</p>
2017-06-29 11:30:25	<p>By investing in solar panels we have put our own money towards a cleaner and more sustainable future. Treat our investment with respect for the benefits that it creates to the grid and the environment in regards to your pricing policy.</p>
2017-06-29 11:26:01	<p>Charging home owners to export power to the grid is totally unfair. We should be paid fairly for the clean power we generate, not be penalised for it. If this government increases the cost of living on struggling home owners who've have the courage to invest in renewable energy because the can see how the future is trending, you will be thoroughly punished at the next election. No doubt.</p>
2017-06-29 11:22:19	<p>I believe it is completely outrageous to suggest that owners of roof-top solar panels should be charged to export their CLEAN renewable power to the grid when coal power stations are not charged to export their DIRTY non-renewable power. I installed solar panels on my roof because, as a retiree, I wanted to try and have some control over my power bills into the future and because I am so very concerned that future generations will suffer because of my generation's tardiness in addressing climate change. We are already only paid a pittance for the energy we export to the grid and a further charge to access the network will deter others from installing roof-top solar.</p>
	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>The suggestion to charge domestic solar producers for exporting to the grid is outrageous and absurd.</p> <p>Every solar kilowatt that a domestic homeowner produces is one kilowatt which DOESN'T travel down the 132,000v distribution wires, DOESN'T use the 132,000v to 24,000v transformers, DOESN'T use the 24,000v distribution wires, and DOESN'T use the 24,000v to 240v transformers.</p> <p>This means that all production by solar producers uses the poles and wires 99.9% LESS than if the equivalent power came from a power station!!!!!! And yet there is this proposal that solar producers should pay MORE for the use of the poles and wires!!!!!! UNBELIEVABLE!!!!!!</p> <p>Add to this the fact that all domestic solar producers pay the normal SERVICE TO PROPERTY fee for the poles and wires to exist, and there should be no difference to this charge, whether the power is flowing in, or out.</p> <p>I repeat, that charging domestic solar producers for using the poles and wires 99.9% less would be outright criminal theft, and is comparable the totally inadequate Solar Feed-In Tariff.</p>
2017-06-29 11:09:18	<p>This stupid and unjust suggestion must be rejected with the contempt it deserves.</p>
2017-06-29 11:08:26	<p>Charging citizens for solar generation would be a brazen grab for money by the provider. It would also send entirely the wrong message about our responsibility to minimise emissions. It would be morally reprehensible</p>
2017-06-29 10:46:09	<p>We have recently invested in a solar system to ensure long term control of energy expenditure - two months on, our desperate state government decided to DOUBLE the service charge therefore eliminating totally the opportunity to be in control of costs. Further stunts like this makes us feel being ripped off as this would be a simple cash grab without reasonable justification. As low income pensioners we already have to live within our means on a limited budget.</p>
2017-06-29 10:13:41	<p>I believe that charging solar owners for inputing power to the grid is equivalent to charging people to pay their taxes. We have paid for a solar set up and now pay to have that meter read and of course receive a minimal buy back price for the power contributed. It would be a travesty to then be expected to pay the power company to accept our power. Looks to me like a way to abandon domestic solar altogether or else to plunder/steal the resource we create. Please don't allow this to happen!!!</p>

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	<p>I do not support the proposal to charge small scale generators for exports of roof top solar into the electricity network. This is blatantly unfair for small scale generators, especially when large scale generators do not pay to provide electricity to the grid.</p>
	<p>It is very clear that solar PV is here to stay and that it is necessary to modernise our electricity grid to reflect the future which will be significantly decentralised compared to the current design. Imposing costs for provision of clean energy to the grid is a backward looking proposal.</p>
2017-06-29 09:34:07	<p>Converse to the AEMC proposal there should be revisions to existing feed in tariffs that adequately reflect the environmental and health benefits of provision of renewable energy into the grid, no matter what scale of generation.</p>
2017-06-29 09:32:25	<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 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>
2017-06-29 09:20:56	<p>I think the suggestion of charging solar owners to export their energy to the grid is absolutely outrageous. I paid for my solar installation with the intention of doing my share to help the environment...i.e. clean, green & renewable. Solar owners should be recognised for their contribution & paid accordingly for their energy input</p>
2017-06-29 07:45:22	<p>They must be joking, we will cut them off if they charge us</p>
2017-06-29 07:42:54	<p>They should be paying us the same as they charge us for power, how stupid are they I have had rooftop solar installed since February 2009. My prime reason for my considerable financial investment is because I have 2 young grandchildren and my partner has 4 young grandchildren.</p>
	<p>Australia is the world's sunniest continent. Australia is an extremely wealthy country and knowing what we now know about mounting climate chaos, we should not continue to sell future generations down the drain.</p>
	<p>Why should solar owners be charged to export clean, renewables when coal-fired power companies don't pay a cent? Now is the time for a fair feed-in tariff that recognises both the environmental and health savings of solar as well as the network savings that solar provides.</p>
	<p>My partner and I receive a part-pension which has recently been cut by two thirds. The present miniscule feed-in tariff we now receive is an insult to those, like my partner and I, who value our grandchildren as much as we value ourselves.</p>
	<p>All the best in a sunny future I hope you choose for your own family. Yours sincerely,</p>
2017-06-29 07:27:33	<p>Charging solar pv owners to export to the grid is a very short sighted idea. It is simply going to accelerate the uptake of battery storage and withdrawal from the grid. Roof top solar pv is taking a lot of the load off peak periods, thus reducing the need to upgrade the network. Rather than been penalised, solar pv owners should be rewarded with a decent feed in tariff for our contribution to emission reductions.</p>
2017-06-29 07:24:58	<p>It is unfair to charge Solar owners to export clean renewable power to the grid when large power companies are not charged for their dirty power to the grid. Solar owners are helping the government by producing clean power and should not be persecuted for doing so. In this day and age we should all be more concerned about producing clean energy than burning coal.This is the reason I have instaled solar panels to help Australia cut down on dirty energy.</p>
2017-06-29 00:28:41	<p>I will not be paying for my excess power to go into the grid. The government can pay me for that power or I shall simply go off the grid! What penalty can the government possibly do.</p>
2017-06-29 00:03:39	<p>cut off my power! What is next to be charged for the water in our rain tanks & the air we breathe?</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>3. In the near future our family will be installing solar panels and storage battery on our home, this is our contribution to reduce our carbon foot print on planet earth and helping us to become self sufficient for our electricity needs and to supply excess electricity back to the grid. We are looking after our planet.</p>
2017-06-28 23:51:27	<p>4. Australians pay the highest charges in the world for every thing they do and have. Charging Australians for solar exports to the grid is another stab in the back by politicians and global corporations. This unnecessary solar export charge will create further financial stress to us and many Australians.</p>
	<p>If existing power companies are not charged to provide power to the grid, surely it is completely unreasonable to charge solar owners to do the same - particularly when this was part of the plan when most of these owners started in solar schemes.</p>
	<p>There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, as well one that rewards for their contribution to maintaining a stable network without the need for additional coal or gas power stations.</p>
2017-06-28 22:49:54	<p>My father put a solar system on his roof in the belief that he would be contributing to the network in a sustainable way. However since the scheme began the amounts he is getting for the energy he is producing have steadily decreased whilst his energy costs have increased. This just seems irrational.</p>
2017-06-28 22:30:13	<p>I figure I am gifting energy to someone. Why should some greedy hand reach in for the take? What's next? The air we breathe? It's time to get real. I want a healthy planet for my grandchildren -</p>

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2017-06-28 22:00:53	<p>How come big dirty power generators are not charged to put to put power into the grid whilst it is suggested home solar generators are charged for the privilege.we already pay a hefty supply fee.</p> <p>There should be a fair fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the the health, environmental and network savings that solar brings.</p> <p>Solar brings big benefits in that it provides a lot of power in times of heatwaves, when demand on the grid is at it's highest.</p> <p>We are already dealt with unfairly, feed in tariff 6 cents incoming power 27 cents. charging for feed power only enhances the discrepancy.</p> <p>What a senseless idea it is to charge solar owners to feed their excess power into the grid! Why penalise responsible citizens for the benefits they provide to the electricity network and the environment?</p> <p>I moved house from where I had rooftop solar earning 52c/kWh for excess energy to a new house where I oversized my new rooftop solar to as large a size I could afford but only attracting 8c/kWh feed-in tariff. I did this because I could benefit not only myself, but the world we live in. Now, you are proposing to charge me for feeding in my excess energy! I am deeply offended.</p>
2017-06-28 21:50:38	<p>The Australian electricity generation sector is undergoing a significant change from the traditional model involving a limited number of large fossil fuel companies to one with a significant number of new and very diverse suppliers. The new suppliers differ not just in the nature of the energy source i.e. from wind to solar to biomass to hydro; but also in scale, ranging from large scale wind-farms down to household photo-voltaic panels.</p> <p>This diversity is possible both because of new technology but also because, for the most part, new entrants are treated (begrudgingly) in a similar manner to established operators. All operators are able to connect to the grid and to supply power to the extent their technology and finances allow. In effect, the new entrants are responding to the market and aim to meet the demand for electricity.</p> <p>Now it appears that the AEMC wants to penalise some entrants - solar households - for daring to supply power. The proposed "solar charge" is specifically a tax on solar households which no other parties are required to pay.</p> <p>For the AEMC to turn around and distort the market place in favour of the traditional incumbents seems to defeat the purpose of a market place and suggests that, in fact, the aim of the AEMC is to play favourites.</p> <p>I remind the AEMC that solar households, myself included, have invested significant amounts of our own funds to bring about this change in the electricity sector. I have yet to achieve a return on capital and it is only the Feed-in Tariff that will allow for an eventual recovery of funds. Any solar charge will either delay a possible return or in fact negate the possibility altogether. To me, and no doubt many other households this unacceptable. It is the equivalent of going to a coal plant, determining its annual profit and choosing to levy an "entry fee" equal to that profit. I'm sure that if the AEMC were to try this with the fossil fuel industry in would be in court within days.</p>
2017-06-28 21:36:16	<p>It is exceedingly disappointing that the AEMC is not prepared to direct the electricity sector towards a renewable energy future. I ask that at the very least the solar charge not be implemented. It would be better yet if the AEMC were to adopt policies such as those to be found in the Homegrown Power Plan available from Solar Citizens.</p>
2017-06-28 21:21:42	<p>Small independent generators of electricity from solar installations distributed throughout the electricity grid reduce the requirement for large transmission lines and assist with the reduction of cost to consumers, take heed the public are awakening to big business and want to see a cleaner energy solution.</p>
2017-06-28 21:16:52	<p>this is complete madness.</p>
2017-06-28 20:49:06	<p>Energy providers make you pay a supply charge presumably for your share of the wire network to deliver the power to you. Well guess what the solar power electrons that our solar panesl produce go back through the same infrastructure we have already paid for once.</p>
2017-06-28 20:43:11	<p>I note with much bemusement that the Barrier Reef is facing unprecedented environmental stress which is causing overseas organisations to want to pressure the Australian government to implement measures to safeguard its future. I've done my bit by investing in technology which reduces the very danger which threatens the reef. I am not a latte sipping wealthy Australian and my capital investment was a struggle to attain. Why can't the government make the same sort of commitment to the environment as solar owners have. If we are to be charged than it is only reasonable to charge the big polluters the same. Stop taxing the little man every time capital is needed, time to share the load and burden.</p>

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2017-06-28 20:43:05	<p>I would like to make a submission against the AEMC to charge home solar exporters for the power we supply to the state grid. We invested in solar for several reasons (!) to reduce our dependence on price gouging of the grid due to State sell of a utility payed by us (2) improve the environment by reducing CO2 emissions through local action (3) give something back to others through our generated power. Currently we have to pay a meter reading fee, connection to supply and a key component of that is to replace infrastructure and generators, lastly energy consumed of the grid. Instead of AEMC proposing to charge us for exported power we should be getting a Connection to Supply charge from the grid. We had to purchase the system that the grid now enjoys, maintain the system, carry insurance against faults affecting the grid system, replace the system in 15/20 years due to reduced output and some were along the way we hope to make some money or at best cover some of our energy cost from the grid. If anymore cost are levied against us we will simply go grid free through the use on battery and other technologies available now. The result to the grid that solar exporters supply 30% of the Sates power would be crippling. So bring it on for we are starting to lose interest in supplying a utility that doesn't want us. Just give us a fair return by the way of a Connection to Supply charge to the grid for the equity we have tied up providing environmental sound, cheep, reliable solar power</p>
2017-06-28 20:32:38	<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. 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>
2017-06-28 20:29:44	<p>I would like to express my objection to the proposal that solar panel owners be subjected to charges by electricity companies. Large power companies do not pay and neither should those of us who are trying to do our bit to reduce carbon emissions in this country. Let's work towards a fair feed-in tariff that acknowledges the many benefits of household solar production. I consider it unfair for solar owners to have to pay to export their excess power to the network. The major power companies do not pay so it would mean that the solar owners would be in fact be being penalised for exporting their excess power. I believe that the AEMC should be concentrating on fixing the shortcomings that have accumulated in the electricity system through the neglect of the last 10 - 15 years. Renewable energy is always going to be intermittent. Surely it would be more rational to be planning network level storage using hydro or batteries or solar thermal than to be penalising solar owners for their investment.</p>
2017-06-28 20:22:27	<p>I believe the feed in tariff should be based not only on the average wholesale cost of energy and the energy that would otherwise be lost in transmission and distribution but also the positive effects that clean energy instead of coal has on the environment and on the health of Australian citizens. I understand there is a move afoot from somewhere to charge solar panel owners for exporting surplus energy to the grid.</p> <p>This proposal is utterly unacceptable. Australia should be producing more energy from renewable resources, not discouraging and penalising those who produce it. A fee should more usefully be charged for the greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel power stations: that would have the benefit of encouraging a move from that form of energy.</p> <p>It would be far more equitable if the feed-in tariff from solar panels was raised to an appropriate level to recognise the benefits of this power source. As it stands, the feed-in of 6c/kwh is derisory - come to a point, should this idiotic proposal of charging solar panel owners for feed-in be adopted, I would prefer to see my excess solar power sent to earth instead of feeding the profits of the energy industry.</p> <p>I think it is worth noting that a great many solar panel systems have been installed by age pensioners. We are notionally "deemed" to be earning 3.5% on any savings, while the "real world" best interest rates are more like 2.5%. On that basis, it makes more sense to have solar on our roofs to gain a "larger return on capital" through reduced energy use and costs. If adopted, the proposal to levy a surcharge on solar panel owners would adversely affect pensioners more than most other groups.</p>
2017-06-28 20:05:00	<p>Do us all a favour: reject the surcharge and introduce an equitable feed-in tariff for solar panels. Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I belong to Solar Citizens, and from them I understand you are considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.</p> <p>This sounds ridiculous to me, I was an early adopter of solar as a social good, compared to the usual burning coal which is both bad for health and the environment. The renewables industry employs more Australians than the coal industry involved in providing power, and is sustainable, so it should be encouraged and not discouraged.</p> <p>It seems to me that it is those with solar that are providing benefit to system stability on hot days and lowering peak demand, and not us that are causing the power price rises for all Australians.</p> <p>Thanks for your time and consideration.</p>
2017-06-28 20:01:47 2017-06-28 19:59:46	<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.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="401 293 596 310">To whom it may concern,</p> <p data-bbox="401 334 919 350">Firstly, I am appalled that I am even having to write this submission.</p> <p data-bbox="401 375 1818 415">The governments suggestion that solar owners should be charged for exporting their solar generated power onto the grid is simply criminal. We are already being extorted by being paid a tiny portion of what big energy providers sell it (back to us) for.</p> <p data-bbox="401 440 1787 505">So big energy providers aren't earning what they expect to earn from the polluting coal powered businesses as they did before solar ?. What on earth are you thinking, charging us for creating clean energy? These big energy providers pay nothing and destroy our planet whilst reaping huge profits and subsidies and tax breaks..... As if this system is not broken enough.....</p> <p data-bbox="401 529 1822 570">We made the choice of installing a solar system to reduce our carbon foot print and take responsibility for our impact on this planet we are so indebted to. Charging solar generated homes for creating clean energy is just not right.</p> <p data-bbox="401 594 1583 610">I am now asking for the government to cease this relentless and disturbing behavior. It is time for fairness and equality. You are otherwise sealing your fate.</p> <p data-bbox="401 634 478 651">Sincerely,</p>
2017-06-28 19:03:31	<p data-bbox="401 683 1818 740">I installed a solar energy system at my property in 2012 and it has supplied plentiful clean energy to the household and to the grid. It will be years yet before the system has paid for itself, especially with the simultaneous reduction of feed-in tariffs and rise in electricity prices. However, a large part of my motivation has been to contribute to the reduction of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions and to protect our children and grandchildren from global warming.</p> <p data-bbox="401 748 1808 789">I'm now astonished to hear that AEMC is even prepared to consider the idea of CHARGING solar owners to feed their clean, renewable energy into the grid. This is a preposterous idea on many counts - especially when big, polluting power generators are paying nothing for feeding in their unclean energy.</p> <p data-bbox="401 797 617 813">Please don't let this happen</p>
2017-06-28 18:48:25	
2017-06-28 18:39:24	<p data-bbox="401 837 1818 878">We have just installed solar primarily to help decrease our electricity bills but also with the environment in mind and I seriously object to any attempt to make the people like ourselves pay a levy for selling back to the grid. It is in my opinion a disgusting abuse of the power given to u.</p> <p data-bbox="401 886 1572 902">This should be an even playing field at worst or better any individual or company producing clean climate saving energy should be given every advantage!</p> <p data-bbox="401 927 1184 943">Stop eating our future and protecting large dirty corporations who have had the advantage for too long.</p>
2017-06-28 18:38:35	<p data-bbox="401 967 1801 1008">We put on solar to save money and the environment and the grid fees are unfair and make me wish batteries were better already so we could leave the grid easier! I would rather share with the community because together the grid works better but stop being unfair to solar owners small and large!</p> <p data-bbox="401 1032 1812 1073">I am outraged that the AEMC would even be considering imposing a charge for the feeding in on solar generated electricity into the grid. When you start charging fossil fueled generators for supplying their power to the grid then you will have a right to start applying such fees to solar households.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1097 1293 1114">I installed solar panels on my roof in order to make a positive contribution in the fight to combat CLIMATE CHANGE!</p> <p data-bbox="401 1138 1801 1154">May I suggest that the AEMC makes this its top priority as well. Time is fast running out to make the large reductions in CO2 emissions that are necessary for our survival on the planet.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1179 1793 1219">We will see how well you handle the anticipated peak demands this coming summer! You did not do so well last summer. I would suggest that you need all the help that you can get in meeting future peak summer demands.</p> <p data-bbox="401 1243 1205 1260">If you continue with this proposal I may have to consider keeping all my generated power for my own use.</p>
2017-06-28 18:27:40	<p data-bbox="401 1292 926 1308">I strongly urge the Commission to drop this shorted sighted proposal!</p>

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2017-06-28 18:27:14	<p>As a regular person with a family, job and mortgage, I am incensed to think that the AEMC are even considering charging small scale generators of clean, renewable power to the grid. As a nation and indeed as a race, we need to move away from fossil fuels as our source of energy.</p> <p>I made a conscious decision to install solar panels to set an example for my children, an be a socially responsible citizen. Why do we as small scale generators get treated like dirt, being paid a mere pittance of what the big companies charge for the very same energy we produce? It is unfair and un-Australian! There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar power.</p>
2017-06-28 18:22:50	<p>This is absolutely ridiculous, how can you possibly justify charging solar owners who are making an effort to reduce their impact on the environment when polluters like coal based energy don't? It's hypocritical and immoral. Given all the talk of an impending energy supply crisis, people should be encouraged to take on renewables such as solar power. By charging them for what they feed back in to the grid, it provides a disincentive as the costs just won't be worth it. We have just bought our own place and are planning on putting in solar but we definitely won't be if this goes through as we won't be able to afford the charges.</p> <p>Our solar panel installation reduces our usage of grid power at peak times, moreso since our home is well insulated - we're effectively subsidising homes with poor insulation. Meeting peak demand is what much of the electricity generation cost comes from. We rely on getting a feed-in tariff to make our investment in the economy and environment pay off in a reasonable time period.</p>
2017-06-28 18:16:46	<p>If energy companies wish to reduce rooftop uptake of solar panels, they should do so by making their own renewable generation and storage more cost-effective than home installations without trying to penalise home installations or trying to hold back the tide. Governments should support investment in renewables and storage by providing a stable investment environment much less unfairly weighted towards fossil fuels, rather than continuing the political paralysis farce that even fossil fuel companies say is bad for energy prices, and rather than asking households with solar to pay double for what governments have been unable to support with bipartisan policies.</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>To charge domestic solar panel owners to export electricity to the grid is insulting and inequitable. I ask that the AEMC bury this proposal once and for all.</p> <p>These owners have paid for an import/export meter and continue to pay to be connected to the grid (the supply charge). Their panels supply power to the grid at the time of highest demand in summer, middle of the day, and allow the retailers to not have to call on additional generation capacity, and a much higher cost to them.</p> <p>Except for South Australia, where a 44c feed-in tariff is legislated, the electricity retailers pay a trivial amount for the domestic solar electricity, an amount certainly well below the wholesale dollar value. To then demand that an additional fee be charged for supplying power to the grid to help meet daytime demand is appalling. Notwithstanding that they (the retailers) receive the domestic solar electricity cheaply and so make a significant profit selling it on to meet demand, the retailers now want to penalise the domestic suppliers for assisting their business. This is incredible arrogance.</p> <p>Finally, domestic solar power is treated differently from fossil fuel generated power. The latter is not required to pay to provide power to the grid for the retailers to sell on to customers, while the former is. Hardly equitable treatment for domestic solar.</p>
2017-06-28 18:15:54	<p>Please, no more of these stupid, unreasonable and unfair proposals.</p> <p>why should we have to pay to feed power back in to the grid</p>
2017-06-28 18:15:29	<p>What is the point of having solar panels then I will disconnect mine before I pay to feed back into grid</p> <p>I am disturbed that imposition of a fee to export my energy that I have generated off my capitol investment of rooftop panels is even being considered. Did Hazelwood pay to put their dirty power into our grid? I was an early adopter of this technology and I did it not just because of climate changd but also as a way to lower and control my bills approaching retirement. If you punish those of us whose rooftops have mitigated thr need for new power stations to be built we'll vote with our feet and go off grid to battery. This hurts those who don't have money to exert consumer choice and go off the grid. Early adopters should be rewarded not punished. Please reconsider.</p> <p>In hope for a zero emissions future</p>
2017-06-28 18:07:16	<p>It is unethical and unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean cheap power to the grid. My partner and myself had Solar Power installed To help the environment. We think it is very unfair to penalise people for trying to mitigate the effects of Climate Change.</p>
2017-06-28 17:55:07	

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2017-06-28 17:51:44	<p>I am a solar owner and I shouldn't be charged simply for exporting energy to the grid. You need to know this. Solar owners (like me) shouldn't have to pay to feed 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 by producing cheap sun-power for themselves and their neighbours to use locally. Don't make decisions about the future of solar owners in Australia without meaningful, ongoing consultation. I am making this submission so my voice can be heard and understood. I have made a serious investment in my family's future and I won't accept it being jeopardised by reckless decisions made that do not support the broader community's wisdom. We have taken positive steps to slow the effects of climate change. We ask you to consider and support us, not vice versa.</p>
2017-06-28 17:50:24	<p>It seems to me that it is grossly unfair to charge those who have solar rooftop to export the clean renewable energy that such a system makes to the grid. This type of electricity generation is carbon free as opposed to the electricity generated by the big dirty power companies who don't pay a cent. As a solar owner, I have chosen to invest my own money as a way of contributing to the transition to renewable energy, in spite of the lack of support and consideration from the policy makers. For the AEMC to consider charging solar owners is again an example of the lack support and consideration, particularly when private rooftop solar contributes so much to electricity generation. Being charged to export may make me consider my own battery storage sooner than I planned. I urge the AEMC to abandon this unfair idea.</p>
2017-06-28 17:48:04	<p>The proposal to charge domestic solar owners to contribute power to the grid is ridiculous. We are already charged a "daily fee" to monitor the amount of power we export. We are then paid around 6c pkwh for what we provide to the grid and charged 29c when we buy it back, "price gouging" at its most blatant. The power we provide is clean, the power provided by coal is "dirty" and yet these producers don't pay to provide it but it is proposed we pay even more than the exorbitant price differential currently imposed. If this is approved prepare to defend an indefensible position in the media and elsewhere.</p>
2017-06-28 17:36:27	<p>I am an aged pensioner and the thought that I will have to pay for my contribution to making cleaner energy sickens me .</p>
2017-06-28 17:34:07	<p>I would like to charge the grid owner for the services my solar system provides. Not only does it supply green energy, it allows the grid owner to delay investment in grid upgrades, it reduces summer peak demand which is expensive power and it improves the quality of the grid power when the distribution system is over taxed. Wake up grid owner. Annoy solar pv owners too much and you will find plenty of spare capacity on the grid as we assist the battery market to achieve economies of scale. Charging solar owners like myself is totally unacceptable as there needs to be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar. I have installed solar panels to contribute to reduction in emissions as well as to reduce the now outrageously high power bills we all face ! Charging me for solar exports to the grid when I have outlayed the cost of solar panel installation is outrageous also! As a semi-retiree aged 67 this would impact quite significantly on my budget !</p>
2017-06-28 17:27:23	<p>Big power stations don't have to pay to supply their electricity to the grid and solar households shouldn't have to pay either. I currently get paid 6c kWh for power supplied back to the grid but have to pay 29c kWh. I realise there is a certain processing charge and profits to be made but this reeks of price gouging already and now you want to add a new solar charge.</p>
2017-06-28 17:24:08	<p>None of these power companies are going broke. I've given a little thought to the AEMCs suggestion that it will charge those of us with PV systems to donate our surplus power to the national grid. There are 2 important aspects that the Commission should consider before proceeding further. 1. Without the additional surplus power that householders export to the grid, I suspect that the national providers i.e., Origin, Essential et al, would be in a far more dire position than they currently are in terms of their ability to provide a reliable, uninterrupted supply of electricity. Further, as more and more households turn to renewable sources of power in preference to filthy coal fired solutions, there will be an attendant significant increase in power storage solutions that will obviate the need for retail supply. 2. Since I have only ever received the minimum possible feed-in tariff of a few cents (the fact that I'm not actually sure what the amount is, should be an indicator of the paltry amount involved), rather than charging me for the power I contribute, I would rather adopt the more selfish posture of simply with-holding my surplus power. If we all insisted on that approach, the power companies would need to put a fair bit more of that nasty coal smoke up their chimneys.</p>
2017-06-28 16:49:10	<p>I had solar panels on the roof of my previous house and am in the process of putting solar panels on my current house because I know I am able to sell surplus power to the grid. This has got to be extremely beneficial to the power companies with the ever growing population so why should we solar owners have to pay to export clean energy to the grid. Seems like an unfair cash grab and should be acknowledged as such.</p>
2017-06-28 16:44:21	<p>UNFAIR SOLAR INPUT CHARGE Any proposition like this should (must ?) be considered by IPART in NSW. IPART recently increased the refund to domestic suppliers when this was found to be ridiculously low. IPART is independent and will make a fair and reasonable assessment of this sort of proposition. AMEC is opening itself to a great deal of criticism based on both science and politics, a deadly combination. There is no common sense reason for the imposition of such a silly charge. If there is, let me know. I am currently paying for the poles and wires which carry the electricity, so they are mine, not AMECs.</p>
2017-06-28 16:31:13	<p>We have spent a lot of dollars to install solar and feel this charge is most unacceptable and that the feed in tariff should be fairer. If we had known that we would be charged to feed into the grid we would have gone off grid</p>
2017-06-28 16:26:24	

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2017-06-28 16:24:47	<p>Re AEMC and charging for solar to the grid:- We are appalled by this suggestion. I have researched, in an attempt to find any justification for such a charge, and can find nothing that would portray it as anything other than an unfair imposition on solar owners, who are already exporting power at near no cost to suppliers. On the contrary, the IPART recommendation of a much fairer feed-in tariff to solar customers is what should be the standard. We have been prepared to be exporting our excess solar power to the grid at the current low tariff rate in order to help the overall state of supply, whilst feeling somewhat exploited, as thoughtful environmentalists, but this rerun of the charging-to-supply-cheap-power-idea appears to be another opportunistic try-on, especially as the dirty end of the power companies' supply chain pays nothing while they contribute significantly to global warming. If this counter-productive charge is allowed, we shall have to buy batteries, which we can ill afford, as we shall not want to waste our solar in order to be cheated by rapacious power companies, few of which are Australian owned.</p>
2017-06-28 16:23:09	<p>I will get my solar system installed next week and It is unfair to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay a cent. I hear that AEMC are considering allowing solar owners to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid. You've got to be joking! My household already pays a distributor a supply charge for being connected to the grid. And this company pays us just 6.8 cents/kWH, and sells it for 33.27 cents/kWH - a 489% profit ! On heat wave days, when my neighbours have their air conditioners on full blast, I would think we are actually sending the power straight to the neighbours, which would have to be saving the demands put onto the grid when it is under the most pressure.</p>
2017-06-28 16:07:41	<p>If solar owners are to be charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid then it is only fair that coal and gas fired power stations are charged a proportional amount, for feeding into the grid as well. And if this charge happens, we will be seriously thinking of getting battery storage and going off grid altogether, instead of bearing another rip-off, of the people who are trying to do the right thing by the health of the planet.</p>
2017-06-28 15:45:55	<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>
2017-06-28 15:31:33	<p>As a single aged pensioner, trying to do the right thing by having installed rooftop solar at a considerable cost some years ago, the impact now for charging me for my solar exports to the grid would be crippling to my extremely meagre pension received each fortnight.</p>
2017-06-28 15:18:03	<p>It seems like the AEMC hasn't got the message: Australians love their solar and they won't put up with unfair charges. 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. Dear sirs, any charges on solar owners for exporting to the grid will primarily have the impact of solar owners taking steps to stop exporting to the grid which will in turn impact on the cost of electricity to non-solar owners. The distribution costs of the network have already been met by the power sold by the major power companies so to then also charge the solar owner would be to double dip on a cost that has already been recouped. The reduction by solar owners of not exporting to the grid will impact on an already short power supply situation and will exacerbate the need to bring more power generation online sooner which, if it has to be coal, will only add to Australia's already poor emissions control record. Solar owners are already unfairly targeted by the low feed in tariffs and even though the FIT is being increased in July 1 it only reinforces the unfair treatment the solar owners have received in their pricing over the last four years to profit the power industry. Should such an impost be loaded on myself I will be looking to ensure that none of the solar power I generate will be fed back into the grid. As the cost of solar power storage decreases and the technology improves if any unfair costs are loaded onto solar owners there will be a large transition to battery storage and/or solar owners going off grid which again will only work to the detriment of non-solar owners.</p>
2017-06-28 15:14:13	<p>Yours sincerely,</p>
2017-06-28 15:09:53	<p>Stop swindling the general public. You should be encouraging solar energy not putting burdens on users. Pull your heads out of the sand</p>

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Approximately nine years ago, my husband and I installed a rooftop solar system at considerable expense to ourselves.

We did it:

1. to save money in the long term as it became obvious that electricity prices were going to go through the roof; and
2. because we felt that it was the environmentally responsible road to take.

I worked for many years in the landcare movement and this made me very aware of sustainability issues. The negatives of using coal generated power, and therefore supporting the coal generated power industry, have been of concern to us both for a long time.

The environmental and health benefits of solar power do not need to be explained.

We consider that it would be extremely 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.

A fair feed-in tariff recognising the multiple benefits of solar, and the contributions that people who have invested in solar have made, is essential if the Australian Government wants to meet its carbon emissions targets and to show the Australian people that the Government is serious about this issue.

Our solar contributions provide significant savings to the power grid.

If we were to be charged for our solar contributions to the grid it would cost us well in excess of \$1000 per year, which is a lot considering the initial expense of installing the solar system, and the fact that we are now retired and living on fixed income.

Thank you,

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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. At the very least it should be equivalent to what home owners are being charged per Kw by power companies.

3. I put in rooftop solar at considerable expense when no export charge existed. Penalising me now to export to the grid is moving the goalposts.

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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. Already the government has reduced our feed in tariffs from 60 cents to 6 cents!!

I installed my rooftop solar in order to be more energy efficient, environmentally responsible and reduce my costings. I have a disability and thought this was a wise move.

Not only am I now suffering from the new ridiculously reduced feed in tariff rate, but charging me to feed any excess back to the grid, would make it even worse.

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What was the point of installing solar if the government is just going to charge me for it at every turn!!!

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It is wrong to charge solar owners to export excess solar power back to the grid and any such charge will only discourage people to install solar arrays on their homes. We need more incentives and improved feed-in tariff rates rather than dis-incentives.

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	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Solar owners, be they domestic or commercial should not have to pay an export fee to send their energy into the grid. Power companies are not charged an export fee, so why should other Australians?</p> <p>I have recently put solar panels on the roof of my home, primarily to do my bit for global warming but also to reduce our power bills. An export fee might have deterred me from doing so and might deter others also. This fee in addition to the current low tariff rates removes incentive for everyday Australians to go solar. What a loss for our health and the environment that would be.</p> <p>I am looking forward to a time when I can get off the grid permanently and be spared miserly tariffs and the introduction of new fees such as the one proposed.</p> <p>In the current climate people should be encouraged to go solar and be rewarded for doing so.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully,</p>
2017-06-28 14:35:12	<p>I object to the plan for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. By comparison, 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 put solar on two houses, one off grid, one on. If you charge people for providing clean solar energy to the grid, more and more people will get a battery and simply leave the grid, as it is unjust. In a climate change world this is simply a stupid and retrograde step, one that aids climate change not hinders it. It can only be the brain child of denial elements who refuse to believe in climate change and hate solar energy. Please repeal this unfair and foolish idea!</p>
2017-06-28 14:21:42	
2017-06-28 14:11:19	<p>I have wanted to use solar energy and reduce my carbon footprint for as long as I can remember but it took until I was in my 50's and a move to Australia to do it. I believe this is the way forward for the planet and to make affordable power. I /we did this with our retirement looming to help us with our bills as we as knew we would be on fixed income. For the AEMC to now consider charging us for delivering green energy when clearly the dirty power companies do not, is grossly unfair! Pensioners in particular are losing out....I have just had by rebates from my seniors card cut by WA government and now this. When you are on a fixed income each cut means giving up something else! Please do not do this.</p>
2017-06-28 14:04:29	<p>Where do you think we got these solar panels from? The Fairy Godmother? No. We saved up and paid for them from our pensions and savings. The Company supplying them had a helpful scheme where we could pay fortnightly over 2 years at "No Interest". They have the Countries' interest at heart. YOU DON'T!!!</p> <p>Dear AEMC,</p>
2017-06-28 14:02:02	<p>I don't understand why you are proposing solar owners be charged to supply power back to the grid. It is clean energy helping to balance the grid, especially on hot days in summer. It does not cause environmental or health damage that is caused by coal fired power and to lesser extent gas.</p> <p>With climate change becoming a serious existential risk, every effort should be made to encourage solar power not discourage it.</p> <p>As a pensioner I spent so much to protect myself and the environment but putting in solar. I resent that Australian citizens are treated so poorly and our energy is going overseas, and we have to lose out. I cannot afford a battery system and ask that our energy measures are not penalised but the suppliers. 5cents back together grid has us paying twice. Please reconsider your actions.</p>
2017-06-28 13:26:13	
2017-06-28 13:24:14	<p>No to feed in tariffs</p> <p>I have paid for the infrastructure for solar energy that links directly to my energy supplier. Therefore to charge a fee for the export of this solar clean energy is extortion!!</p> <p>As a retiree all extra charges by the energy companies creates an unnecessary financial strain.</p> <p>Unclean & polluting energy companies are not paying to export energy, therefore it is discriminatory & unfair to charge local households who are actively engaged in reducing emissions & addressing climate change.</p>
2017-06-28 13:16:11	<p>Fair feed in tariffs that recognise the environmental & health benefits such as reduced pollution, and the network savings that solar provides to the grid must be enacted.</p>
2017-06-28 13:09:03	<p>I do not have sola but think the plan to charge sola owners for feeding power back to the grid is ridiculous. We need more people to go sola and suck a policy will act as a disincentive for people such as myself who may take up sola at some time in the future.</p>
2017-06-28 12:59:06	<p>Adelaide is aiming to become a carbon neutral city. Solar panels are a significant contribution to this aim. Charging solar owners for their inputs to the grid undermines this goal.</p>
2017-06-28 12:45:07	<p>If they want to charge us for delivery to the grid, maybe then we should receive the 'retail' value for our submission of power to the grid.</p>

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2017-06-28 12:43:22	Their should be a fair feed in tariff! Solar generated from my roof should receive the same \$/kw hour as electricity supplied - we haven't had any losses between the generation and the use next door! The planet needs us to support solar!
2017-06-28 12:35:53	I am an aged pensioner and had 16 solar panels installed on my roof several years ago at great personal sacrifice to my meagre aged pension income because I am a long term convinced believer in the realities of climate change and the need to change to renewal energy sources and I want to see a healthy world for my little 5-year-old granddaughter. At first my panels covered the entire cost of my electricity use and since I have the same energy supply company for both electricity and gas, I had sufficient credit from my solar panels to pay half of my gas bill as well. Now, in 2017, only part of my electricity account is met by my 16 solar panels although I live alone in a small 2-bedroom house and am vey careful not to waste my power. To think I could also be expected to pay YOU for the privilege of transporting the power I have paid to generate to the grid is absolutely OUTRAGEOUS!!! I feel so angry about the prospect of this that I will have my panels removed and smashed to pieces. HOW DARE YOU!!!! This is theft. To the commissioners of the AEMC
	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. 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 family has installed a 4.2kw solar system at home to reduce our carbon emissions and to reduce our electricity bills.
	Introducing charges for solar exports to the grid will increase our electricity costs and negate the benefits we currently seek.
	Further to this, the difference between what we pay for consumption to what we receive for the feed-in tariff is a charge to us already.
	I do not support solar owners being charged for feeding their electricity back to the grid.
2017-06-28 12:31:36	Regards
2017-06-28 12:30:21	I wish to make a submission to the AEMC to say that charging solar owners that feed renewable power back into the grid is outrageous. Especially 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 be putting on solar power in the next year as I'm sick of paying such high bills for the little amount that I use and I want to contribute to not causing unnecessary carbon pollution from dirty coal and gas. I want a clean future for my children and their children. This would be a bad impact on my budget as I am a widow and have been for the last 18 years with 3 boys as I raise as well as working part time. I hope you will take into consideration my valid concerns and do the right thing by ordinary people who wish to do the right thing for the environment and for the future of the planet. To whom it may concern,
	It is ethical to provide clean energy only! Support those whose intentions prefer green energy like solar power to be unhindered in obtaining and using this energy, including freely exporting excess solar energy back to the main 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.
	The impact of charging for solar exports to the grid from private owners of solar power is at a loss to their individual household incomes and this is not fair nor just.
2017-06-28 12:28:21	Kind regards

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2017-06-28 12:27:51	<p>To impose an input tariff on the owners of rooftop solar is, I believe, quite regressive and unfair. As an ordinary Australian who has installed panels both to decrease my own billing and to help the overall environment I feel that being penalised, when the coal-burners of the power generation industry are essentially left alone, is unconscionable. Existing contracts aside, a generalised feed-in tariff for all solar in-feed is a recognition of the benefits to the community-at-large of clean, renewable solar energy.</p> <p>I respectfully request that you reconsider your plan to place a tax on this activity. To the Australian Energy Market Commission. I wish to submit the following points to you regarding the question of charging solar energy customers for feeding electricity back 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> <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> <p>I am a pensioner and have had reduced electricity bills due installing solar panels which has helped me manage my expenses. Charging me for solar exports to the grid would have a very bad effect on my ability to manage my expenses, whilst being indefensibly unfair.</p> <p>Not something I would have thought would happen in the Country of " Giving a Fair Go."</p> <p>I urge you to please cease your consideration of this unfair charge.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
2017-06-28 12:25:02	<p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission.</p> <p>I am a solar system owner and I find it outrageous, totally unfair, and a money-grabbing ploy by the Government to consider charging solar owners for feeding electricity back into the grid!</p> <p>We provide clean, renewable electricity to the grid and are paid a pittance, by the power companies, as a feed-in tariff. In other words, solar owners are providing electricity to the grid, for next to nothing, and power companies are selling that same electricity back to consumers at exorbitant prices...and making HUGE profits! Then the Government and the AEMC wants to charge solar owners for providing that CHEAP electricity to the grid!</p> <p>As I said earlier, this proposition is outrageous and I am absolutely against such a tax or charge! I spent a lot of money to install solar panels, so that I could lessen the strain on the electricity system, while at the same time lessening my power bills. Such a charge will only put further pressure on my household power costs and cause me stress and anxiety.</p> <p>What is needed is a fairer feed-in tariff for solar owners, to encourage solar installation right across Australia, which will provide low-cost electricity to the grid.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
2017-06-28 12:20:03	<p>Solar is a key element of the renewable energy drive we need. Stop punishing us delivering clean energy.</p> <p>My solar energy is used a few meters down the road by my neighbours. Why should we pay for this where we actually relieve the grid from having to transport my neighbour's energy for hundreds of kilometres from a power station to his home. We should actually be rewarded for this, not punished.</p> <p>Having very low feed in tariffs, this will finally kill the solar case for most Australians. Is that what you want?</p>
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	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I am very concerned to hear that the AEMC is considering charging householders who have installed rooftop solar with a feed in tariff.</p> <p>Are you kidding me?</p> <p>We have paid a large amount of money to install these rooftop solar systems and are increasing the amount of available electricity to the grid for supply.</p> <p>We are making CLEAN electricity, are the DIRTY electrical companies being charged for their dirty supplies to the grid?</p> <p>We as a family installed the solar with the environment in mind before any monetary gain (because there is none).</p> <p>The power suppliers are not even paying solar suppliers a fair price for their supply anyway and are also charging fees for various things like supply charges and connection.</p> <p>So it beggars belief that not only do they not pay a fair price for our energy but may also add yet another charge.</p> <p>I hope that for the sake of our world, wildlife and population health into the future that organisations like yourself do more to protect our environment rather than deter.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
2017-06-28 12:09:21	<p>In WA the government wanted people to put solar on their roofs.</p> <p>This would in fact save them the cost of building a new power station.</p> <p>The immediate response was that solar panels, about 5 years ago, were equal to that of a 250mw power station.</p> <p>The cost of a 250mw power station would go into the 100's of millions.</p> <p>Now because of ridiculous contracts and unwise spending and budgeting, we are being asked to pay again to get the government out of it troubles of its own making.</p>
2017-06-28 12:06:14	<p>Very unfair and I will vote against any government that pulls this on.</p> <p>It is unfair to charge solar panel owners to export clean energy to the grid. I get only cent per kilowatt hour as against 66 cents previously and the government is not keeping its promise to solar panel holders who trusted the government declaration while installing it. Now I cannot undo my solar installation. So please change the rule. Instead solar power generation should be encouraged by providing more incentives. Thank you</p>
2017-06-28 12:02:58	<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</p>
2017-06-28 11:40:39	<p>Like thousands of other Australian I invested in a PV system that is connected to the grid.</p> <p>I did this to 'put my money where my mouth is' with regard to reducing my dependence on fossil fuels and to increase the amount of clean energy available to other users. My feed in tariff is 8c/kWh - a fraction of the 44c/kWh I received for a similar sized system installed at my previous address.</p> <p>I'm astonished and outraged that AEMO would even consider a tax on people like myself who are doing the right thing!</p> <p>In my opinion, taxes should be applied to discourage undesirable / unsustainable behavior, not to penalise those who are doing the right thing!</p> <p>As far as I know, large power generators are NOT taxed on the energy they feed into the grid - in spite of the environmental and health costs entailed in the burning of coal and gas. So it would be inequitable to tax small suppliers of CLEAN energy - an undisputed public good!</p> <p>In spite of having 'done the right thing' my electricity bills continue to rise, mostly due to ever-increasing fixed charges. It would add insult to injury to add a tax to this.</p> <p>I strongly believe that in view of the environmental and health benefits to the wider community, a fair and equitable feed-in tariff is needed across Australia.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>
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