

Submission to AEMC regarding Distribution Market Model project:

I understand that the AEMC has proposed a rule change (in the draft report on its Distribution Market Model project) that residential solar panel owners should be charged for feeding their electricity back into the grid.

I would like to object to this proposal.

Why should solar panel owners be charged to export power to the grid when large generators are not ?

The electricity retailers and distributors already profit handsomely from solar owners who feed back into the grid due to the huge difference between current feed-in tariffs and the retail price of electricity. Why should we have to pay them even more ?

Solar panel owners are making a positive contribution to reducing global warming, reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and providing a buffer against power shortages on hot summer days. Why should we be charged for this ?

The AEMC should be encouraging greater uptake of small scale solar due to the above benefits which it provides to the national electricity system, not be trying to discourage it with proposals such as this.

Regards

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