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Comments: At present my solar infeed is not controllable from a central location, and if it were, either directly or indirectly by isolating that part of the grid to which I am connected, would be a strong incentive to go off-grid completely. Even though I am a pensioner I could buy the necessary batteries and controller/inverter on credit and it would be worth it to be done, once and for all, with the increasing demands of the privatised supply/distribution network.

A brilliant alternative is the proposal by the current opposition party to use the 'excess' power generation to produce hydrogen as a way of usefully storing the energy and stabilising the grid, without penalising the existing PV generators in any way. If this were implemented by either the public or the private sectors, I would be much more inclined to keep my grid connection.