The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: Access, pricing and incentive arrangements for distributed energy resources

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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

i hope I have selected the correct drop down for the subject I am concerned about: Proposed changes to Solar Input to the national grid by members of the public. If not please advise.

I am writing to register my concerns over the draft proposal to change or amend the rules around a home owners solar system input to the grid. I am concerned as my home roof top solar system (5kw) cost me $13.500 approximately and has not yet paid itself off. Initially we as home owners were told by government that everyone should all get on board with a home solar system for the good of the environment and to reduce costs to our homes from electrical prices.

In opposition to the proposed changes I would like to highlight the following:
1) I bought the 5kw system in good faith based on the governments assurances that the generated power would attract an input credit until at least 2028 and considered this as a part of my retirement planning to balance house hold costs.
2) Electricity costs have increased substantially since I had the system installed and the "pay back" projected on the initial cost of the system has been substantially eroded over recent years. It appears government is not concerned about these price rises or has no power to control this issue as nothing is done to stop the increases through legislation.
3) I am advised that the input of a system at peak times will be a governing factor in costs that I will incur as a part of the proposed changes and feel this is grossly unfair as I have no control over the input of my system to the grid and I am reasonably sure no other home owner would have control or understand thier roof top solar systems feedback to the grid

I urge you to consider my concerns as I am a home owner with limited resources and this proposed change seems to me to be just another cost imposed on individuals.

Regards

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