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INQUIRY INTO ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, DEMAND AND PRICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I consider that NSW needs a legislated, minimum feed in tariff that is fair. Looking at my recent electricity bill, I see my price has risen to 28.3 c/kwh whereas my solar feed-in is now receives 9c/kwh. Thus, even though I exported 380kwh and imported 430 kwh over the past quarter, I still have a substantial bill. Note I pay \$83 per quarter for supply charge so the connection to the grid is already paid for. Thus equity would suggest I should be paid for solar power at a similar rate as I am charged for the power. At the moment the current payments can only be described as a rip-off.

Of course, as the cost of batteries fall, the potential for customers such as myself to go off-grid rises. Thus the supply companies face the prospect of customer loss driven by their own greed. Its all pure economics - screw the customer and they soon go elsewhere.