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

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I and other residents have taken it upon themselves to produce their own power via solar panels. We have done this for our own personal use, but as we also produce excess electricity, a significant amount of power is provided back into the grid for the use of other households. The amount of money that is provided to me as a producer for this excess power back into the grid appears to me to be substantially less than is sold by the retailers to other households. As an electricity producer, I believe a fair price should be provided to me for the power that I provide. The electricity that I produce is clean - no emissions for the environment or health issues. The electricity market needs to be fair to all producers, including individuals who produce their own power for themselves and others. As a collective, individual electricity producers, such as myself, provide a significant amount of power for the greater good of all their communities, thereby reducing the need for the construction of other larger powerplants/infrastructure. Individual solar panel installation will continue to increase over time and we need to be considered seriously as legitimate electricity producers.