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

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As a solar panel owner I am entitled to receive a feed-in tariff from the NSW Government that offsets the value of electricity my panels generate. Without the contribution of solar panels, the Government would be in a far worse financial position.

The current feed-in tariff is about half the amount that I have to pay for power from the grid. Why?? In addition the Government should take account of the savings in health costs and costs of the increased severity of fires floods sea level rise etc that solar power enables.

I recently decided to switch to a community owned electricity provider but I am still subjected to the high cost of poles and wires which make up half my bill. I have recently changed from gross to net metering and if costs from the grid don't come down I will invest in additional panels and a battery or take up Local Energy Trading option as this becomes available.

I urge you to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuel and increase investment in renewable energy. The AEMO Demand Control initiative is a low cost effective strategy to ensure an affordable and reliable solution that will also obviate the need for fossil fuel based electricity.