

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

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Dear Sir

No-one objects to a commercial operation making a profit. However there needs to be a balance between that and what is fair and equitable.

There also needs to be acknowledgement of the environmental impacts involved in providing clean energy from solar power.

Is it fair and equitable for electricity retailers to pay solar producers only 9c/Kw for clean solar energy, and then charge 29c/Kw for their coal-produced energy? That profit margin is not only excessive, but it is price gouging at its worst. That what Origin Energy pay me!

It is no good expecting the retailers to be self-regulating - their vested interests will not allow this. They have to be forced to pay what is fair, with recognition of the clean environmental impacts of rooftop solar. The only way to do this is to make a fair regulated price mandatory through legislation.