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

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I strongly support the NSW government inquiry into a legislated fair price for solar in NSW.

I have had a solar panel system operating for the past two years. Until recently I was appalled at only being paid 6 cent per kWh feed in whilst paying 29 cents per kWh from my electricity supplier AGL. Now it is 11 cents, but still less than a third of the price it sells electricity to me. On top of that there is a fixed supply charge to cover the network connection. I see the supply charge covering infrastructure cost and maintenance.

To prevent the electricity suppliers reverting back to a lower feed in tariff, by increasing their rates and leaving feed-in tariff fixed, we need to legislate a minimum feed-in tariff that is a fixed proportion of their selling price and fair.

The feed-in tariff should represent the true value of solar, this means recognising the environmental and health benefits and the network benefits of rooftop solar.

I believe in rooftop solar as a viable source of energy. I acknowledge the need for base load and the next step here is battery and other environmentally friendly and renewables sources. not old polluting sources of power.

I have personally committed to extending our home roof top solar system and we are adding battery storage. This is at a personal expense, but I am doing this for future Australians (that includes my children and grandchildren). NSW needs to invest in the future even if it is an intangible financial benefit.