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

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I bought solar panels at great expense a long time ago because I support clean renewable energy.

For the Government to keep focusing on fossil fuels is foolhardy, outdated and will continue to pollute. The pollution from fossil fuels (coal, coal seam gas and gas) is not just in the form of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases, but drilling and fracking risk our water supplies which are crucial, and the consequences could be catastrophic and long lasting.

Renewables engage more people in jobs than capital intensive mining, can help slow global warming and with battery development can be a relatively quick solution to energy supplies.

Accordingly the feed in tariffs should be equal to what we are charged for our energy; otherwise there will be a flight to install off the grid and the old energy sector will be left high and dry.

The energy companies have known this is coming for decades.

There is no excuse to delay adoption of the Finkel Review recommendations including the Clean Energy Target.