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

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I support a legislated fair price for solar p.v with a guaranteed minimum feed-in tariff.

Coal is heavily subsidised and as a fossil fuel is hugely damaging both in environmental costs and health costs. P.v panels installed on rooftops are also effective roof insulation measures.

The only clean coal is coal that remains in the ground.

My financial investments in solar p.v since 4th Feb. 2009 have been worthwhile until this year's introduction of the paltry feed-in tariff well below 10 cents per kwh.

It is an insult to those who have invested in p.v to be given such a paltry feed-in tariff and to have to purchase the electricity you have fed into the grid at a charge of 31 cents per kwh.

The power generated from the sun runs the entire natural world on which we and our grandchildren depend on for our survival. Not to maximise its use as a renewable in Australia where solar power is readily available beggars belief. It appears to me that those who make important decisions on behalf of our nations voters and non-voting young children and all non-voting species, do not value their children and grandchildren as much as they value themselves. 3 decades ago a grade 3, 8 year old girl told me she thought We ought to treat each other and the environment on which we depend how we would like to be treated. Obviously many of our big decision makers either do not understand this little girl's reasoning or they are existing on another planet. All the best in the sunny future you choose for your own grandchildren.

Yours sincerely, Harry Johnson