

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

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Dear Representative,

The NSW Upper House are holding an inquiry into the electricity system and energy retailers gouging consumers. This is a critical opportunity for change. I write as an environmental scientist who has fully considered the impact that climate change will cause in NSW, which is huge. Hence I submit the following:

- * I support a legislated fair price for solar;
- * I now live on solar, not connected to the grid, as power prices just go up and up. The problem is not renewables it is greedy retailers and a government who does not regulate to encourage renewables and control greedy retailers!
- * NSW needs a legislated, minimum feed in tariff that is fair; as this sends the right signal to renewables so that NSW can make the urgent transition to a fossil fuel free electricity system.
- * 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. If one adds the health and environmental costs of coal-fired electricity then it costs twice as much as renewables, see <https://theconversation.com/not-so-cheap-australia-needs-to-acknowledge-the-real-cost-of-coal-26640>
- * I support rooftop solar and renewables, not old polluting sources of power.

Yours faithfully, Dr Haydn Washington
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