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Solar Enquiry Personal Submission

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Dear Committee,

I would like to propose that solar exports from domestic premises be credited at at LEAST the same tariff as electricity is charged at when drawn from the grid at the time of export. (5c/kWh is simply inadequate - I am in Victoria, no electricity can be drawn from the grid at any time for that price).

My own system exports most during 'peak' time, with highest exporting rates around the time families come home and turn on their air-conditioning and cook dinner. Solar systems generate electricity during times of peak demand - they offset the need to build additional centralised power stations to satisfy this additional, but temporary, load.

As there are national benefits that also accrue - carbon emission reduction, which helps Australia meet its obligations under Climate Change mitigation, reduced pollution etc, perhaps a flat premium could also be paid in recognition of that shared benefit?