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I want a fair go for solar and stop the unfair daily service fee price increases.

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To the Essential Services Commission - Inquiry into the true value of Distributed Generation to Victorian Consumers.

As a rooftop solar owner i believe I should be paid a fair price for the energy i create, and further that I should not be victim to huge fixed daily fee increases; (which my provider recently increased by 59%!)

The paltry feed in tariff and the high fixed daily fee means that my power bills have barely reduced at all despite having forked out over \$10k for rooftop solar and a range of energy efficiency measures in my home.

I feel good that I'm playing a small part in reducing greenhouse gases but I feel totally ripped off as a consumer! I might as well have direct deposited that \$10,000+ straight into my energy provider's bank account.

I am angry that average wage earners like me are willing to undertake greenhouse gas reductions at significant personal financial cost only to discover that we are being undermined every step of the way by the stationary energy sector.

It should come as no surprise that rooftop solar owners are openly discussing plans to save enough money to beef up existing solar capacity to meet winter needs, install battery storage, and leave the grid despite the added cost and despite the retribution energy providers will try to inflict.

The ESC should recommend to the Andrews Government to set a fair price for solar at 1:1 before further cuts to the feed-in tariff take effect at the end of 2016. Otherwise the electricity sector death spiral will continue.