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Energy Victoria Submission

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As my partner and I have solar panels on the roof of our home, I am keen to make a short submission to let you know that 5c/kWh is nowhere near to solar's true value for the energy fed back into the grid.

It's not fair that retailers are able to buy cheap, exported solar from one house and sell it to a neighbour at an inflated price. Rooftop solar power is more valuable and delivers more benefits than dirty, polluting fossil fuels, like for instance Hazelwood, and the price should reflect this. Rooftop solar owners like us want a fair go.

The costs that networks –the companies that own the poles and wires—charge for solar power should be minimised as ROOFTOP SOLAR PUTS LESS STRAIN ON THE GRID due to its decentralized structure. Solar power helps reduce the costs of the grid by averting the need to build more expensive poles and wires and minimising of electricity.

Battery stored solar power that is exported to the grid should attract the same price as solar power.

ROOFTOP SOLAR POWER CREATES NO CARBON POLLUTION and does not create other environmental and other health problems such as those associated with the mining, transportation or burning of fossil fuels.

It's time we cut our dependence on fossil fuels and began to get serious about energy efficiency and started fast-tracking renewable energy.