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Submission: Thank you for the comprehensive work towards your draft recommendations for the Solar feed-in tariffs, 2017-18.

I absolutely support your recommendation that the solar feed-in tariff should be in the range you determined - 11.6 to 14.6 c/kWh. My support is for the 14c tariff.

I installed a 4.4kW solar array in 2011 with a view to making my property energy independent and at best a new energy producer. I agree that the 60c/kWh feed-in tariff was unsustainable in the long run. However the 7c/kWh we are now getting is a bit of a joke, particularly as I export power to the grid far in excess of what I use.

Rough calculations using your figures indicate Momentum energy, my retailer, has made a net profit out of my power production of \$168.25 and I still pay \$1.25 daily grid access charge. A 14c rebate would be a fair price and would be cost neutral for me.

It would be interesting to examine the number of net solar producers like me who have attempted to mitigate their carbon footprint only to find they have been seriously disadvantaged by the now artificially low feed-in tariff.

Please also make a recommendation that power retailers are required to pay the 14c feed-in tariff. This would support the renewables industry and allow people who are thinking of getting a solar array installed some security around its cost effectiveness.