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Submission: I am a householder who is concerned about climate change impacting our lives. In 2004 I paid \$14K after rebate for 1.5 kw rooftop solar and 2009 around \$2k after rebate for same. Power from rooftop solar greatly reduces damaging greenhouse gas emissions but it seems to me that the true value of rooftop solar for a healthier environment is overlooked in government evaluations . I have continued to use power saving practices as part of my lifestyle responsibilities despite generating many times over what I use. Until December 2016 when the feed-in tariff in NSW ceased, I was receiving good payment for power fed back to the grid which mostly went to paying off my considerable initial investment in solar installation and the utility fee of being connected to the grid. The most important principle of this transaction was that at a minimum, I was paid as much for the power generated as the power I used. It cannot be argued that a tariff price of less than one-for-one is anything but fair economy of scale. The feed-in tariff should not just be a benchmark range, it should be regulated so retailers have to offer it as a minimum. To add to this, it should also be noted that I alone carry the cost of feeding back to the grid. This means that power companies are able to pay a tariff for my power without having to contribute to the cost of the grid system that enables them to receive the power. In country NSW, the connection fee is a disproportionately large part of a power bill where roof top solar is installed. It should also be noted that the grid providers allow no compensation for blackouts, dangerous and inconvenient situations resulting from storm damage, or for routine maintenance, all of which are periods when neither the draw down or solar feed in mechanisms function, but regardless the connection fee continues to tick over.