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**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

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**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

We should be encouraging all forms of renewable energy. A tax is not going to do this.

Wake up!

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**Submission:**

Submission to the AEMC "Consultation Paper" Distributed Energy Resources Integration "Updating Regulatory arrangements.

The Commission is proposing to use the following assessment criteria to assess whether the proposed rules are likely to promote the NEO and NERO:

• Regulatory clarity and certainty. A lack of clarity and certainty in regulatory arrangements can affect confidence of stakeholders to invest and participate in the markets. Similarly, the framework needs to provide clear rights for customers to allow them to make optimal consumption choices and investment decisions in behind the meter devices.

o There is no clarity or certainty in this proposal, apart from the proposed complexity, the SVDP, TEC and ACOSS proposals exhibit no understanding of the reduced pricing effect or research such as that from Professor Bruce Mountain from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre that shows the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives (solar owners) down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. (<https://www.vepc.org.au/>).

The AEMC paper explicitly recognises the worth of domestic solar export to the grid (p21) whereby a possible reduction of domestic export energy to the grid would "degrade" the return to both "domestic customers and the community".

The proposed regulatory arrangement will unjustly discriminate against domestic solar power by charging to export excess energy given:

- o Big multinational power companies don't have to pay to export their power to the grid.
- o The proposal that only solar owners be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid apart from the clear discrimination exhibited; demonstrates a lack of research and understand by the AMEC itself. Indeed, research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simpler ways of enabling more solar.
- o There is no recognition of the capital cost of installation of roof top solar in this proposal. Where is the acknowledgement of depreciation and maintenance costs with respect to the proposed export charge?

• Efficient provision of electricity services. The regulatory framework should facilitate the efficient provision of electricity services. A key consideration in the Commission's assessment of the rule change request is whether the proposal is likely to contribute to the lowest possible total system cost.

o Given the discrimination evident in the proposal to only charge domestic solar users to export to the grid, there must be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

o It is more likely that charging domestic solar owners to export into the grid will cause more disruption as domestic solar owners turn off their solar power at a time when the majority of energy production is old and increasingly being retired. This proposal does nothing for the longer term efficient provision of electricity services.

â€¢ Efficient pricing. The prices should signal to consumers the costs of providing network services. Price signals can provide opportunities for consumers to adjust their usage patterns in ways that can reduce their own cost of using the network as well as contribute to reducing future network costs more broadly. The Commission seeks to consider whether the proposed rules will provide for efficient pricing outcomes.

o How it is efficient pricing to charge solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid that has demonstratively benefited all â€œenergy consumersâ€ (ibid) particularly when big old and close to retirement power companies don't have to pay to export to the grid. The proposal is nonsense. It is the AMEC being opportunist here and not to the benefit of the â€œenergy consumers. Complaints to the ACCC is assured if the AEMC continues to promote this highly discriminatory proposal under the â€œsocial serviceâ€ banners of ACOSS/TEC and SAVP, this proposal erodes the credibility of those very organisations.

â€¢ Regulatory burden. The Commission intends to consider whether the implementation and administrative costs arising from the proposed rule are proportionate to the benefits. Where possible, Rules should minimise additional regulatory burden or the increase in administrative costs.

o The regulatory burden will end up being carried by the AEMC as most solar owners once they realise the AEMC is now charging them to export to the grid may: â€œUnintended consequencesâ€ (p23);

1. Look to move off the grid entirely
2. Increase or add battery storage capacity to negate such a charge
3. Indeed, with battery capacity full solar owners may use their ability to switch off the solar cells to avoid the export charge.
4. This action may create be particularly difficult â€œregulatory burdenâ€ for the grid in times high energy usage such as heat waves, and
5. Unjustifiable discrimination against solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big multinational power companies don't have to pay to export their old energy.
6. Complain and involve the ACCC and/or take legal action against this discrimination.

Robustness to climate change mitigation and adaptation risks. In order to make decisions that promote the NEO and NERO, the Commission considers whether its decisions are robust to any impacts of climate change, or climate change mitigation or adaptation measures, on the price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of energy or energy services.

o This proposal was put forward in the past and rejected. There is nothing new or robust in this revived proposal to charge domestic solar owners to export to the grid. It does nothing for

climate change, in particular imposing export energy costs on domestic solar owners is most likely to reduce and most certainly stop any further climate change mitigation related to domestic solar export of clean renewable energy into the grid. It has not been explained how such a charge will support adaptation measures.

o The argument for charging domestic solar owners by SAPN to amend the definition of terms applicable to 'distribution service', so that these terms explicitly recognise that the distribution network not only conveys electricity to customers but conveys electricity from customers; is reliant upon the flawed position put by TEC/ACOSS it does nothing to balance any sort of 'Fairness and Equity'. subject to the same regulatory incentive mechanisms as existing services that customers request and receive. (at 4.1 pp16/17). The rule specifically targets domestic solar owners and no other distributor of energy to the grid. The same regulatory incentive mechanism logically must include a fair price for the energy exported to the grid and be based upon current time of use charges. If 'Fairness and Equity' is to be applied then that 'Fairness and Equity' must equally apply for a fair price based on time of use charges for exported domestic energy. It must also include the ability to depreciate and write off maintenance costs in accord with normal business practice.

o In addition, at page 17 'Definitions such as ~distribution system~ and ~retail customer~ affect how services are classified and subsequently form the basis for which regulatory mechanisms apply to services. Open a complex ~can of worms~ as noted in the following chapters.

#### QUESTION 6: PRICING ARRANGEMENTS

1. Should DNSPs have the option to propose to the AER charges for export services? NO
2. What are the potential benefits and costs of enabling export charges? CONFUSION AND COMPLEXITY
3. If customers can already negotiate 'deeper' connection agreements, is a 'supplementary' connection arrangement required to allocate DER-related costs as proposed by TEC/ACOSS? FAR TOO MUCH COMPLEXITY AND DISCRIMINATION
4. If NER clause 6.1.4 is removed, and DNSPs are able to develop tariffs for export services:
  - a. What are the implementation issues? POLITICAL UPROAR AND MORE DISCRIMINATION, POSSIBLE LEGAL CHALLENGES, CERTAINLY ACCC INVOLVEMENT.
  5. b. Should the existing tariff structure statement process and pricing principles apply? For example, is a principle required to guide DNSP decisions on cost allocation between consumption and export services as proposed by SAPN? UNWORKABLE
  6. c. Are transitional or 'grandfathering' arrangements needed and, if so, should they be prescribed in the NER? MORE NONSENSE AND COMPLEXITY
- 7.
8. Should the regulatory framework better recognise the benefits DER services provide to DNSPs? For example, does SAPN's proposal to allow for negative prices address the issue? NO.
9. Should these reforms only apply to small customers? NO DISCRIMINATORY. THESE REFORMS WILL BE A DISASTER.

This proposal is unjust, discriminatory and just another grab for the consumer dollar, it will do nothing for fairness and equity or for the grid. This proposal is rejected; on the basis it is far too complex and will not address "Fairness and Equity", it also singles out and discriminates against roof top solar owners against all energy providers. There must be no export network fees for domestic roof top solar users.

In closing, the Three Minor Amendments proposed by SAPN are complex, unworkable and highly discriminatory; there is nothing that reflects current research on the benefits already provided to all consumers by solar owners. (Id. <https://www.vepc.org.au/>). Likewise, the SVDP suggesting DNSPs charge DERs and set specific prices for specific sub-stations is adding a layer of complexity that will create confusion and political uproar should such a proposal be instituted. Like all the proposals to charge domestic solar users to export to the grid the TEC/ACOSS proposal supposedly aims for "fairness and equity", which it does not. TEC/ACOSS do not address the research that evaluates the benefits roof top solar to all energy consumers by keeping network costs down including the clean renewable energy being exported supporting climate change objectives.

Note: I am a pensioner.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMC's submission to effectively tax us for the Sun will cause me to vote against any politician involved in acceptance of this proposal.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Most disappointed with Minister Angus Taylor and the Lib/ Nats overall.

At every opportunity they seek to undermine renewables and the move on Sun Tax is unacceptable.

Just get on and do the infrastructure work to accommodate a transition to clean energy.

People who have installed home solar care about the planet and the consequences of continued use of fossil fuels. The move to gas is abhorrent!

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**Submission:**

Research has proven that the impact of solar on networks has been over estimated. There are cheap and more sustainable ways of powering our country than expensive to run, dirty coal powered plants. In a country that has an abundance of sun and wind it just doesn't make sense on an economic level. Solar will create hundreds of thousands of new jobs which we definitely need right now to resurrect our economy. Time for change as it's going to happen anyway.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is so not the Australian way.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Rather than proping up energy companies that have been artificially driving up prices for profit. This is the way of the future we need to work with this.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I believe home solar producers should be paid a fair Tarif for, and allowed to provide their excess power to the grid and that the grd should be adapted to accomodate this. Our nation should be taking best advantage of any way to reduce nonrenewable power. It is completely wrong to consider charging home solar exporters to do this.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**Submission:**

Please consider what you are about to do with the Sun tax proposal. Energy from the sun should not be taxed in this manner. It puts many people at a disadvantage ( especially retirees). Having paid to have solar panels installed ( from a growing industry that provides employment and taxes to the community) I now find I will be disadvantaged by large business( the power companies). Although they are making record profits they are gauging for more. I am paid about 11 cents for selling back to the grid, which is then turned around and sold back to me at 27 cents or more. I see this present situation as a major win for the power companies. But they want more! Please think more deeply about this proposal and do what is fair and right. This proposal disadvantages many people, is unfair and taxing people who have already paid dearly for their panels and solar set up. We have already contributed greatly and should not be taxed more.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

How dare you! We have paid over 10k for our system, we did the RIGHT thing by installing the solar for the environment and to ensure we arent contributing extra to carbon emissions (you know, that big thing called global warming).

To now want to tax us is immoral and unethical. Why not reduce politicians salaries, charge tax to huge mining companies, anything but kicking the little people when they're already down. We have been hit hard by first the bushfire and now covid. We are pensioners, hard working aussies, stay at home parents, and now you want to drive the final nail in the coffin?

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**Submission:**

To the AEMC, People with rooftop solar are supplying CLEAN energy to the grid and also helping to reduce the cost of electricity. I would have thought that should be encouraged rather than penalized. The feed in tariff is too low as it is and now you're considering placing another hurdle in the way of prospective rooftop solar purchasers. In short, we do not need any more charges aimed at us! Regards, [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am an age pensioner with rooftop solar. I do not want to have to pay a tax for any excess energy that I produce. It goes completely against the concept of encouraging action against climate change to impose an unfair levy on anybody trying to do their part in reducing climate change. Also the cost of grid electricity is already testing my ability to pay.



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**Submission:**

Stop exporting power to the grid and see what happens

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Passing the cost on to the little guy is truly poor form. We don't have deep pockets, and we're trying to do good by those around us by investing in a long term solution. Can you turn towards us instead of away? Can you choose to invest in us, and in solar, rather than continuing to support those with deeper pockets investing in finite solutions that benefit no-one but themselves.

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**Submission:**

I have solar but I'm disability pension bringing up my granddaughter I don't need extra expenses.

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**Submission:**

Expanding and deepening the economic and social benefits of an increasing renewable energy sector by encouraging excess solar power exports to the grid:

Holding back the growth in grid connect solar power with punitive measures such as is being proposed by the Australian energy Market Commission (AEMC) with the intent of penalizing and discouraging solar enabled households feeding excess capacity into the grid will deny the wider community substantial economic and social benefits of a more equitable energy grid in addition to the obvious environmental benefits for all. The AEMC should work with legislators, regulators and network operators to engineer the grid to accept higher levels of solar input. Excess solar input could be on-sold to households/ businesses who for any number of reasons may not be in a financial position to afford their own system or where there are practical issues prevent installation of adequately sized system, such as multi-storey accommodation blocks and certain commercial buildings. In some cases where buildings are not in the correct orientation for a solar system to be an effective energy alternative it seems the AEMC should be pursuing these consumers as opportunities to add to the demand side of the energy equation.

A more equitable energy grid would be engineered to supply excess solar generation at affordable rates to lower income earners, pensioners, charities, local councils, remote communities, schools, hospitals and aged care and the not-for-profit sectors for example, to improve quality of life at minimal costs. Prosumers of solar energy should be rewarded not subject to penalty for feeding excess power to the grid. The AEMC should include the notion of developing a more equitable energy grid as part of it's charter.

Other opportunities the AEMC should be pursuing instead of narrowly seeking to install punitive measures that will be counter-productive to the nations environmental goals and largely inequitable on a number levels includes: actively supporting growth in the national electric vehicle (EV) fleet. Excess solar power from grid connected EV charging stations can both assist with stabilizing the grid at periods of peak demand and at other times be on sold at discounted rates to encourage the uptake of EVs in urban areas and as well as remote areas.

The AEMC should reconsider the proposal to penalize and discourage further growth in grid-connected solar power. As a matter of urgency the AEMC should instead pursue initiatives to encourage prosumer solar power generation.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We are paying increasing daily access charges, feed in tariffs are decreasing but Cost of kWhrs used from the grid are increasing (including at the time of day when Rooftop solar is at a peak). The answer to increasing daylight input from rooftop solar is clearly more investment in storage of renewable energy - batteries, pumped hydro, clean hydrogen/ammonia production.

The only winners from taxing rooftop solar input will be the power companies and their backers... the people and institutions already gouging the ordinary electricity users.

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**Submission:**

I do not support a tax on feeding solar energy into the grid. We need more solar and less fossil-fueled energy in the Australian market-place. If there is an economic issue here, then lets tax the oil and gas energy suppliers and not the solar energy providers.

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**Submission:**

The proposal to charge consumers for exports to The Grid is destructive. Australian citizens have invested in solar power to help reduce Greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs. While this does change Grid behaviour and provide challenges for operators, those challenges need to be tackled for the common good. The problem is governments have sold-off parts of the Australian electricity network, paid for by Australian taxpayers, to entities motivated only to maximise profit. The owners have no incentive to invest, keep pace with technological developments and adapt to the needs of the future. The proposal is contrary to the needs of our environment and the future for all Australians. The old one-way street power grid requires judicious investment to adapt it to competently handle diverse and multidirectional supply from sustainable sources. Discouraging consumers from investing in sustainable power would hold Australia back and perpetuate the old model of centralised supply from unsustainable sources, with the consequential environmental harm.

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**Submission:**

I understand that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. As a long term solar owner, I strongly object to these proposals, which I consider are grossly unfair. Why should solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large, polluting power companies can export their power, generated from non-renewable fuels, for free?

Research shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. It also shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy, so it should not be unfairly penalised to subsidise the big dirty energy generators.

We need to quickly transition away from coal and gas-fired electricity generation to clean, renewable sources of energy. This will happen if the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid, are acknowledged and supported by fair feed-in tariffs.

Any proposals to charge people like me for feeding clean energy in to the grid will result in us moving to battery storage that will take us off grid forever. This will not benefit other energy users and will not bring about an orderly transition from non-renewable to renewable energy sources.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not agree or Understand why a tax on the sun is being considered. I paid for my solar well before any subsidies were available it cost me far more than solar costs now. We all get a pittance for feeding into the grid. I would tread warily if we all go to battery storage we don't need your poles and wires. Considering all subsidies and government incentives that go to coal and gas frackers this is nothing more than a grab of tax for nothing. The Tax based fossil fuel subsidies cost the Australian people \$12 billion annually and you want to tax us. UNBELIEVABLE What has happened to Australia when these types of proposals can even get off the ground. I put up solar because I want my grandchildren to know that I did all I could to leave them a better world. Unfortunately there are still organisations like the AEMC that have no regard for growing a sustainable future for the generations that follow. That is what is rotten in Australia there is no vision, no plan no long term thinking. If there was real leadership in the AEMC this ridiculous notion wouldn't have gotten this far. What do you people do?, wake up everyday and think of ways to screw the average person. Who thought this was a good idea should be sacked. If this is the best you can come up with we are in big trouble. Making the national electricity market fit for purpose?? How? By clawing money from average Australians and killing the future of solar. If I'm being taxed for my feed in solar then I also want the perks of the mining, fuel subsidies, reduced tax, write offs for capital works, deductions for exploration and depreciation. STOP the subsidies for coal and gas and reinvest the currently wasted money into renewable energy, a far better strategy. We are an island with majority of the population living along the coast, where is the wave power? We live in a dry hot country where is the geothermal Power?

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**Submission:**

This seems a bizarre proposal - home owners who have invested in solar systems are providing the grid with clean, renewable energy. Feed in tariffs in recent times are half what the commercial buy rate is, so the grid gets a lot of cheap power and the home owner maintains the cost of their systems. It's a blatant cash grab to discourage solar ownership and a deliberate ploy to keep dependence on the coal industry alive. Australia has rapidly been becoming the dumb country, not clever, due to the lobbying of industry groups who have no genuine desire to act responsibly on issues such as climate change and renewables. Shame that this proposal is even being considered.

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**Submission:**

I paid to have solar installed. I object to any person, company charging me for something I paid for .  
No One has a right to do that.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam

Solar energy, putting solar panels on houses, needs to be encouraged. The more we use solar energy instead of burning fossil fuels the better for our environment. Alongside households, governments need to invest in solar energy so that we transition to renewal energy as soon as possible.

What a wonderful gift solar energy is, lets make it available for everyone, promote it, and encourage its use.

Yours sincerely

Sue Kingston

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Absolutely and totally counter intuitive to tax solar generated electricity and furthermore its an insult to those of us whoâ€™ve invested in solar systems in an attempt to move the country away from using fossil fuels to power our lives.

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**Submission:**

you want us to pay for donating to the community????

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**Submission:**

Considering Solar panels are already expensive to install for households yet Solar energy feeds back into the Grid the energy and more, it seems that it seems illogical to tax this renewable energy and will possibly discourage people from moving to renewable energy p, which is an imperative for the future of humans and the planet

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

why are you taxing mum and dads for helping to cut green house gases in this time of  
the and of the fossil fuel erra



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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is a stifling, retrograde proposal to charge solar roof top owners to export electricity they generate. To do so is to pander to the motives of the fossil fuel electricity generation companies and provides them an incentive to continue developing fossil fuel electricity and a disincentive to designing a reticulation system that can utilize dispersed generation of solar power

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**Submission:**

The coalition overnment is sure going to love this policy when over 2 million housholders with solar panels start to riot in the streets over this lunatic idea.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To whom it may concern,

I will NEVER support a tax on exporting to the Power Grid, don't go taxing the sun!!

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Regards,

Daniel Francis

Postcode:2153.

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**Submission:**

This proposal, namely to charge solar power owners for doing the right thing

- -supplying clean energy - is wrong/immoral. These owners should be rewarded NOT punished.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To AMEC ,

As a home solar owner I am disappointed to hear that the AMEC is considering charging solar home owners for exporting their clean energy back to the grid ! This is surprising considering rooftop solar actually drives down the wholesale price of electricity as well as providing benefits and savings to the network by supplying local energy to the grid. Considering that big dirty power companies are not charged when they export their energy to the grid , it's really preposterous that clean renewable energy is being disadvantaged in this way . Really the feed in tariff should take into account the environmental and health benefits of solar energy as well as the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Perhaps you should be charging the big dirty power companies instead .

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I strongly oppose to any levy charged by the Government or any electricity provider for feeding the solar energy back to the grids.

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**Submission:**

I can see nothing at all that can justify a tax on sunlight. Private individuals or companies with solar installed are providing green energy to the grid and should be encouraged, not discouraged.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

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There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Why are you taxing people that are generating power from the sun ?

What about taxing polluters of our water and air like Coal powered Generators or is that too hard because you have no courage to provide a better future for children of Australia ?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

stop the sun tax ,bureaucrat thievery

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

All people connected to the electricity grid, including Solar Producers, pay for the wires outside their homes within their normal electricity bills. Whether electricity is flowing in, or flowing out, the wires have been paid for!

Suggesting that Solar Producers should pay twice for their wires is outrageous!

Solar Producers reduce the capital costs of building Power Stations, and reduce the cost of Building Transmission Lines, thereby REDUCING everybody's power Bills already. Any charge for exporting Domestic Solar would be just THEFT!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners have invested in infrastructure, removing that burden from the Power supply companies. That power can be bought from the solar community, and resold back wider community as green power.

Seems crazy to me to discourage community generated power in favor of fantastically expensive and mostly polluting fossil fuel power.

Instead dear AEMC force the power companies to invest in changes to the grid to allow them to cope with surges in supply when the sun comes out.

The rise of electric powered vehicles is a great opportunity for power companies to incentivise charging during the day when solar power is plentiful probably with time based charging.

The new technology should be seen as an opportunity, not a threat.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I wish to make a submission against the proposal that rooftop solar be taxed by the energy network.

As a country we are trying to move to low emissions as quickly as possible. Ordinary citizens are doing their share by putting solar panels on their rooftops to reduce emissions and boost the availability of green energy. The concept of charging them a fee for contributing energy to the network is totally counter intuitive.

Solar power is driving down the cost of electricity, as well as helping people cope with ever increasing expenses in a difficult world. Why would the AEMC want to tax these people, to make more money for a network with the providers have been making large profits. I would suggest they want to make greater profit for themselves, and not consider the good of the whole nation.

Rather than tax solar providers, the AEMC should be looking at creative ways of using this solar power and supporting the move to a low carbon economy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

I absolutely reject the new proposal for a tax on P/V feed-in to the grid.

I find it hard to fathom that polluting fossil fuel generators can continue to

spew forth significant amounts of not only CO<sub>2</sub>, but other air quality pollutants such as mercury, lead, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulates, and various other heavy metals. These emissions may be monitored but not taxed. These emissions produce negative health outcomes for many people. In addition CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are sending us down the path of irreversible global warming.

How is this fair for your typical P/V owner? To be taxed for a clean energy source and discouraging others from investing?

The only way forward to improve our future is renewable energy. For all of the Federal Governments speak on technology neutral investment in energy sources, it is showing its true colours by doing the opposite. A clear favoritism is being shown for fossil fuels by taxing a clean energy source.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I'd like to voice my opposition to proposed changes to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, for the following reasons:

- Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.
- Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and provides network benefits by supplying local energy.
- Power companies don't have to pay for exporting, why should solar owners?
- Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

I have rooftop solar, and the financial impacts of charging my household for solar export would hit hard, especially at this time.



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**Submission:**

We are self-funded retirees, and we have invested our own hard-earned money to install solar panels and benefit from energy from the sun. When we have a surplus, we are happy to donate it to the common good.

It will take us a number of years to recoup our investment in solar panels, and it's completely outrageous to now suggest charging us for uploading energy to the national grid. This would make recoupment of our initial investment, for which we have very carefully budgeted, a distant possibility.

Furthermore, research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Rather than charging 'ma and pa investors' for their generous contributions to the grid, there should be a FAIR NATIONAL FEED IN TARIFF that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Please have a good look at the example set by Germany.

Thank you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I have had solar for 10 years now and encouraged friends and family to have the same as I believe in the future of renewable energy. I am a teacher and hope that my students will learn about the positive ways they can look after their future interests, economically and environmentally. We also sell clean energy to the grid and help Energy companies promote their Green energy credentials. This will actually harm both home solar energy providers and companies in the long run as people are dissuaded to take up solar energy by buying solar panels. Please listen to Australian citizens for the future benefit of Australia.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Do not tax solar panel owners!

Instead, the government must remove the tax and other incentives that are provided to gas and coal miners. Then let those diverted funds be used to upgrade power transmission and management to allow more effective decentralised power.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

Households with solar already pay the daily connection fee to pay for infrastructural costs.

It is also unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

The sun tax proposal is not the way to encourage as many households to stay on the grid and help cover the costs of maintaining the grid. We don't want a situation that the more well resourced go off grid and leave the less well off to cover the cost of maintaining the grid.

We had enormous public investment in an electricity network run with coal power. We now need public investment to facilitate the switch to renewables.

As you would be aware electricity is the biggest source of emissions in Australia. Your energy clients need to take it on the chin (financially) and assist with the transition to renewables, not put up barriers.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. In many areas it has made the grid more stable by reducing the dependence on energy produced far away - for example the South Coast of NSW relies on energy produced in the Hunter (well over 500km away).

We ask that the AEMC, given the absence of a carbon tax, put fees on coal and gas power plant producers to cover any shortfalls in infrastructure funding. If the share price and dividends in recent years is anything to go by, there is capacity to take on this extra expense to continue to provide electricity that has such a big environmental externality (carbon emissions).

Kathryn Maxwell

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**Submission:**

As an owner of a solar system and a person who wants to reduce my carbon footprint I object to any policies that undermine the stands that ordinary people take to reduce carbon emissions. A significant and realistic tax should be placed on electricity companies that use fossil fuels ( a non-renewable and polluting fuel) to generate electricity. Australia should take a lead in bringing in an energy market that truly reflects all the costs of fossil fuel generating and the wide ranging, long term and significant benefits of using renewable solar energy.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is a very bad idea to charge any additional fees to households with rooftop solar who export power to the grid. Due to the declining cost of batteries, this is likely to result in large numbers of households disconnecting from the grid. This would have two bad effects : Any excess power generated in these households would be wasted rather than helping to reduce the reliance of other customers on fossil fuels, and may also result in the need to install higher capacity cables to handle peak load on summer afternoons when air conditioning loads are highest. Furthermore the cost of the electricity network would have to be spread across a smaller number of remaining customers on the grid, leading to higher network charges per customer. This would in turn lead more households to disconnect from the grid. This death-spiral would disproportionately affect less affluent households unable to install their own solar panels and batteries such as renters in flats. The unprofitable remnants of the grid may then have to be nationalised or maintained out of government subsidies paid by taxpayers. This is undesirable.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Are you aware:

- 1) Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.
- 2) Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
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- 5) There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
- 6) If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

People who are taking responsibility for trying to mitigate the effects of climate change should not be penalised. Power companies have to change. Governments should be legislating to enable them to do so as smoothly as possible.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am shocked at the possibility of having to pay to sell my excess solar electricity to the grid. This is a ridiculous idea!

The grid providers have had decades to prepare themselves and the grid for increasing solar, wind and other renewable inputs but appear to have done nothing. Well, nothing but complain to the government and try to make everyone else pay for their inaction.

We already sell to the grid at a reduced rate (feed-in tariff of 7-12c/kwh) compared to their sell price (14-20+c), hence a margin for them.

If you do introduce a charge to sell to the grid many people will simply install batteries (as it will become more economic to do so) and some will go off-grid altogether - increasing the cost to those people who cannot afford to leave the grid and many renters as well.

I understand that the grid needs investment, as any asset does to maintain its value. But charging those who are supplying to the grid will just not work for anyone - except the companies who own the grid of course.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

There is a compelling need to continue the encouragement of greater distribution of energy generation capacity, as a long term and sustainable alternative to overly centralised, polluting generation. Individual households are clearly in a different situation to major commercial suppliers of energy. To begin with, many invest in rooftop solar energy out of a sense of contributing to wider social welfare and a sustainable future - to 'do their bit', rather than purely driven by commercial or financial considerations. And the benefits are overwhelmingly positive - from the point of view of sustainable supply of electricity, reducing the load on centralised generation capacity, and for wider health and environmental concerns. As regulators charged with the broader interests of society, the AEMC should take account of these wider considerations, and not seek to regulate individual households as though they were short-term profit-seeking atomistic economic actors. I, for one, am investing in solar energy production not in the hope of profiting but as a contribution to the emerging generations. Nonetheless, to create an unnecessary financial burden on individual households would have an obvious deleterious effect and would almost seem calculated to apply a brake on the very welcome momentum towards long-term sustainability in distributed energy production that would bring production and consumption progressively closer together. At a time when many families are suffering from dramatically reduced income and yet obliged to spend more time at home consuming power, the idea of imposing an additional regressive tax is particularly inappropriate.

Overall, rooftop solar generation provides benefits for all consumers of energy and not merely their immediate owners; the general public interest necessitates this transition for the benefit of consumers, the economy and the ultimate well-being of the nation. This is not the time to roll back positive gains.

There is a clear longer term benefit from distributed household power generation that is free from emissions, and it is plainly poor policy to impose charges that declining traditional polluters are spared.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

After many years of paying for expensive power I felt it my duty to eliminate contributing to the degradation of our planet and utilize the sun for the good of all by installation of Solar Panels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

As the owner of a rooftop solar system and a passionate supporter of effective action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, I strongly oppose the proposals to charge solar owners for exporting energy to the grid.

Rooftop solar owners are already disadvantaged by the very low rates paid for the energy we export to the grid, even though we are delivering significant benefits to society by producing this renewable, clean energy.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that solar owners provide far greater benefits to all energy consumers than they impose through added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay for exporting. This would be an extremely regressive approach at a time when we need to be doing absolutely everything we can to drive down emissions. In relation to rooftop solar that means encouraging as many people as possible to install PV systems by making it financially attractive; charging solar owners for the energy they export would have the opposite effect.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. This is the way forward, whereas a 'sun tax' on solar owners would be a thoroughly regressive policy that does not reflect the urgent challenges of our time.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

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There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Now is the time when it is the non-renewables that should be taxed/discouraged in every possible way and that large scale battery storage should be invested in by the energy suppliers. This is where AEMC could show leadership and bring this kind of forward looking, future proofing proposal to the table.

Kind regards,

Hayden smith

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Kind regards

Fabio Cavadini

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I put solar on my rooftop to save energy, emissions and money.

I cannot believe that someone is actually proposing to charge me to feed clean energy back into the grid.

Studies show that the money generated for the grid outweighs any costs involved.

Do the right thing.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Marion Crooke

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We installed solar panels to save on power bills and to reduce our emissions. Research shows that domestic solar benefits all energy consumers and drives down prices at a nominal cost to the network, It is completely unfair that we should now be taxed. The Government encourages personal responsibility and should not penalise this who seek to contribute at their own cost. Australia has the potential to be an energy superpower and domestic consumers are demonstrating the cost effectiveness and benefits. We should not be penalised, rather every effort should be made to ensure that all schools and public institutions are solar powered and benefit as we have.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

My energy provider credits me 8 lousy cents for every kWh I provide to his net. He then sells the same kWh to my next door neighbour for 25 cents. How can that be fair?

And now on top of this, you are considering an export charge, only because the energy providers were found sleeping at the wheel when solar power suddenly hit them and their networks couldn't cope.

Does the owner of the coal fired power station incur an export charge for supplying the 'dirty' energy?

All this charge, if implemented, will do, is to push solar generators to set up their own supply and the community as a whole will suffer by a) higher network charges through less customers and b) not getting access to clean energy.

This is a rotten idea!

Regards

[REDACTED]



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To Whom It May Concern, (AEMC),

I live in Hazelbrook, NSW (the Blue Mountains) and we have a 3kw capacity PV and a SolarHart hotwater system. It works wonderfully for us and there are very few days when the hot water system is not functioning, and the PV cells are not producing electricity. It is my understanding that our having these systems installed have saved the NSW government, or energy producers, from having to construct one or more coal fired power stations, or dams for hydroelectricity. Both of these options are contrary to our obligations to reduce our carbon emissions, and the dams have a negative effect on wildlife and their habitats, as well as indigenous heritage (rock art, carvings and caves.)

We installed our solar systems, as well as signed up to Green Power, because we feel very strongly that we must do everything we can to reduce Australia's carbon emissions, and to comply with our international obligations as a nation that has signed up to treaties such as the Paris Agreement and the Kyoto Agreement. Already our Federal Government is an international delinquent, refusing to commit to zero carbon emissions by 2050. Already scientific opinion is that this deadline is insufficient and will still lead to a 1.5-2 degrees increase in global temperatures, with disastrous consequences. Rather, Australia should be following the Green New Deal proposal by Adam Bandt of the Australian Greens (which follows scientific opinion) which would lead to net zero carbon emissions by 2035-40.

Imposing a solar tax on householders (and schools and businesses) will make it less attractive for people to sign up to solar. This is madness when renewables are so plentifully available in Australia, and produce zero carbon emissions. It is internationally the act of a delinquent nation. In my opinion this solar tax is immoral, it lets down our young people who will have to live with the consequences of climate change, not to mention the endangered species of flora and fauna of the planet which have already suffered so greatly due to the intrusions of the human population, clearance for agriculture and pollution by industry. Australia is one of the greatest offenders, with the highest per capita rate of carbon emissions in the world. Please drop this immoral tax and do everything possible to adjust the grid so that there is a smooth transition to renewables.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Just don't do it they get the power so cheap 11 cents selling it back for 38 cents what a ripoff C E  
O taking huge bonus, Not caring for our grandchildren It's all about the money. Don't  
enable them cheers Edward

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

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8September 2020

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â€¢ This cheaper power when exported to neighbours helps to lower household prices and wholesalers also benefit from the reduced need to bring this power over large distances.

â€¢ The benefits for all consumers is made clear by research in Victoria in 2019. This study by the Victorian Energy Policy Centre examined 48,677 electricity bills. They concluded that rooftop solar reduced wholesale prices by \$217m according to Bruce Morning.

â€¢ Why would you introduce an impediment to an industry which is of net benefit to the community and is helping us to achieve our Paris commitments. Solar and renewable energy is vital if Australia is to halve emissions by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050. This so called "sun tax"™ will hinder our efforts to develop renewable industry while allowing the big polluters to continue.

â€¢ There is an inherent unfairness to this proposal where cheaper smaller players are taxed to export to the grid while larger more expensive providers are not. It makes no sense, either economically or environmentally.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Greetings AEMC,

I do not support charging or restricting in any way, apart from network, grid and supply security reasons, the generation, self use and export of any electricity from renewable energy sources, in particular solar panels.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Therefore more rooftop solar in the system should deliver cheaper electricity prices for all consumers, even those who have no solar panels.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Sadly, the grid is not fit for purpose in a decentralised, distributed electricity future of the 21st century. The grid several years ago, failed to address a time when stationary, large scale fossil fuel generated electricity would become less prevalent in a decentralised, distributed renewable energy future.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

My household exports clean electricity from our solar panel array. This displaces the polluting and costly electricity generation from fossil fuels. Neither I, nor any solar panel owner, should be penalised for moving Australia into a CO<sub>2</sub>-e constrained future.

I urge you to reject any costs on the export of electricity generated by clean energy sources, in particular solar panels, at a domestic and small scale level.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Don Baker

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have two massive problems with the AEMC proposal. Firstly, it's all very well to say that switching off household solar would only be a 'last resort control'. But once an authority has the power, the pressure to control solar systems more regularly would be enormous, and unchecked. Secondly, why should I be charged to export clean energy to the grid when big dirty generators don't have to pay anything.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am writing this submission to voice my opposition to the proposed tax on solar power fed back to the grid. Key points: Residential solar generators provide clean energy at a fraction of the price of dirty coal generators: Residents invested private money to purchase the solar system and receive a far lower price for energy exported than for energy they purchase: We have an existential crisis because of carbon emissions private solar should be encouraged NOT penalised so we can provide a safe future for our planet and all inhabitants.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Brian Edwards

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Having installed 10kw of solar late in 2018, we were motivated to do our small bit to help save the planet & also become more self-reliant & sustainable with or energy use.

Solar credits for our power supplied to the grid was/is a welcome incentive. The thought that they will be taken away & that we might actually have to pay to feed our surplus power to the grid is unjust & hardly fair, undercutting our ability to recoup in part the substantial 2018 installation costs.

We ask that you maintain the existing system of solar credits & fashion a national grid that can adequately absorb, store & apply all rooftop solar like ours. Thank you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is ABSOLUTELY UNFAIR for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid, while already being charged by electrical companies.

I inherited rooftop solar panels from the previous owner when I purchased my property six years ago, and had the government rebate slashed within a year simply because I wasn't the one who installed the panels. Yet, they were included in the price of my property. Then the rebate got slashed even further, so now I'm receiving a miserly 11% of the energy I generate and export back to the grid, while my electrical company kept raising rates every year. Perhaps I should go OFF GRID altogether??? Except then someone will probably come up with yet another tax for off-grid properties??? Where does it stop??? Why are small people always the ones to suffer, while big business gets away with whatever they want to get away with??? Just some food for thought...

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Andrea Ebsworth

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I cannot believe the government is considering a 'sun tax' on those of us that have made an investment in solar power generation to support the move away from fossil fuels and be part of the solution not the problem of climate change. This is an appallingly regressive and punitive tax!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Purchasing a solar system was expensive, however we thought overtime it would pay for itself with a reduction in electricity bills via the feed-in tariff. With the decrease in the tariff from 33 cents to 10 cents it now provides only a small reduction I our bill. As we have now become pensioners and our income is limited an our bills are quite large we have not recouped our original investment.

Paying for feeding into the grid would make our investment worthless.

It electricity companies at present pays very little for the feed-in amount and they do not have to outlay money for additional infrastructure to generate additional power it seems extremely unfair if solar owners were charged to put energy into the system. It would make having solar useless which is probably what the energy companies want, so they can make additional profits.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If a tax is stolen from me I'll just go off grid!

Easy!!!

I can't believe you are even thinking of a sun tax considering all the benefits that come from clean cheap renewable energy.

Yet another sign of government following the fossil Fools agenda.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jan Mitchell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

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There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

We put solar on to help the environment. Why should we be penalised for that.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Fran Maddock

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

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There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have rooftop solar, and charging me for solar exports would have a detrimental impact on my household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Nancy Lang

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To whom it may concern,

At a time when my husband and I had very little money we installed solar panels because we believed that it was one of the main ways we could participate in making a better future for all by moving, even in a small capacity, away from our dependancy on fossil fuels. However, now years later, I do despair of the proposed tax to the renewable energy we produce and export to the grid and the obvious double standard that we would have to pay while large dirty power companies don't have to. This is not the future we need to embrace as a community! The Victorian Energy Policy Centre research has shown that we were right and that the power we provide reduces the wholesale price of electricity and that the benefits from local solar owners like us outweighs the cost to networks. This is the future and there are many of us who have acted on, and are going to act on, creating a more sustainable future through solar. Rather than tax us the networks need to enable this change to occur. This is backed up by the Energy Security Board (from research conducted by UNSW) that the networks need only make simple and cheap changes to accomodate the continuing rise in local community solar production. Let us embrace and encourage the future of a changed energy grid because it is going to happen, it is happening.

Best regards,

Nancy Lang

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I invested in solar power to make a difference to the environment. It cost tme a great deal when I did it and I think I should not be penalised for making a postive contribution to the planet when large, dirty energy companies are subsidised to continue to provide energy that damages our planet furher.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't penalise solar producers who are doing the job our rent seeking gentailers should be doing to decarbonise the grid.

Network issues are not caused by rooftop solar - they are underlying voltage and frequency issues that have not been managed by DNSPs. Instead, AEMC should be incentivising DNSPs to work with households to manage network issues through storage and smart energy management.

In addition, solar installers should be required to install systems to capture morning and afternoon sunshine where possible to flatten the solar curve caused by most systems being installed with just a north orientation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Paul Golstajn

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not support sun tax

Would not support government who is pretending to be green but do exactly the opposite.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Doug Mein

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



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**Name:** Mason Pillars

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not support this proposal. It would be a disincentive to those who are considering installing solar systems and a yet another financial burden on those who have a system during a particularly difficult period.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I strongly oppose the Australian Energy Market Commission's proposal to charge solar owners for exporting energy back to the grid.

My solar panels were purchased with intent to mitigate my carbon footprint given the need to act against the increasing threat of climate change. An added benefit was the consideration that I could reduce my energy bills during retirement.

At present, I receive a rebate of 11 cents per kilowatt for energy transported to the grid but must pay 42 cents per kilowatt for power I use at night or in the early mornings.

As morning and evening meal times require unavoidable energy use, I pay far more in energy bills than the paltry amount paid for my energy input.

Additionally, I still pay ever increasing service charges for the use of wires and access to the grid.

I find it grossly unfair and cynical that your commission would seek to further increase my energy bills for providing free, clean, renewable power for the power companies to sell off to other consumers.

Research completed by the Victorian Energy Policy Centre has shown that solar owners provide a benefit to all energy consumers by driving down the wholesale price of electricity.

It is an unfair financial burden that solar owners are to be charged for exporting clean renewable power to the grid when large dirty power companies aren't required to do the same.

Research conducted by the University of NSW for the Energy Security Board demonstrates that the impact of solar on networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple methods of enabling more solar.

I urge you to reconsider this faulty proposal which unfairly disadvantages solar owners and amounts to a tax on the sun.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Elliott

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**Submission:**

My reasoning is that for every 5000 rooftop solar contributors, that represents a power generation facility that the energy suppliers do not have to build, so the costs to stabilize the rooftop generation is only a tiny fraction of the cost of a new major generator, The AEMC is just trying to screw rooftop solar owners out of a few dollars. If allowed to proceed, the end game is to destroy the solar industry so that we, the consumers of electricity, will be grateful to them for the electricity they will supply to us at an enormous cost, and the science and technology so far put into solar generation will be wasted.

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**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

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**Submission:**

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. It is totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable energy to the grid when big, dirty power companies pay nothing for exporting.

There should be a fair tariff for feed-in that recognises the health and environmental benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Pascoe

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Robert Harris

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**Submission:**

I paid for my solar panels when they first came out and back then we were only permitted to around 8 panels, in this I get next to nothing for the amount that I have paid for them.

So if you are going to charge me tax on this very small amount that I get for my system, then you should let me make a claim on the amount that I paid for them in the first place.

In the 77 years I have been on this Earth in SA the Liberal Federal or State have not once looked after me, this also goes for the pittance that I get now as a single aged person on the aged pension and now you want to take even more from this very small amount that I get compared to the amount of tax I had to pay when I was working. Under again a Federal Liberal Government run by M Frasier I was paying more in my tax on my earnings that the people that employed me it was between 55 to 58% of my weekly earnings as a long distance transport driver, also I that time I carried Australia Post run by the Federal Government, from Adelaide to Perth every Saturday, picking it up at around 7am Central time and had to be your Governments ruling had to have it in Perth by 6am on the Sunday morning breaking every road rules in the book doing the work for the Federal Government and at no time did I get any money back for the fines that I got for breaking the road laws for doing the work that you stated a time limit on it and that was against the Laws of every State. Stating that no one could place a time that you had to be in to be unloaded.

So overall I believe that I have paid enough to your Liberal Federal Government.

By the way this liberal Federal Government is working you are to me nothing but blood suckers, just like the leaches we had to burn off of our bodies when I was in the Army, in the jungles of Malaysia also Vietnam and I was not conscripted? How many of you have served placing your life on the line for your Country, I would go as far as to say NOT ONE OF YOU.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A sun tax is a crazy idea, we need renewable energy to be a very big part of our future energy and solar is a great renewable energy. So many countries now use solar as it has proven how well it works. The other power producers don't have to pay to export their power to the grid so why should household solar be charged.

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**Submission:**

Why?



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Having invested in solar with a view to reduce reliance on fossil fuel generated electricity for myself and for users of the grid as a whole I would be furious for being penalised for trying to move towards a decarbonised system.

I appreciate that the current regulations and systems were put in place before the decarbonisation was considered but the priority should now be to update these and make any changes that allow more renewable energy to be utilised efficiently rather than supporting an outdated system.

Experiments are taking place into the benefits to the network by community batteries and locally generated clean energy and this is one opportunity for householders to support the grid.

The emphasis needs to be on encouraging and facilitating more renewables to feed into the grid in ways that also provide services to the grid rather than penalising them.

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**Submission:**

It's not bad enough that people have to take on the burden and expense of installing rooftop solar in order to try and help the environment and air quality for the future, the little benefit gained is now to be taxed!!!??? How about double taxing the over polluting coal mines and coal power stations that are not abiding by the air pollution regulations and have not bothered to install filters that would eliminate 85% of the pollution they produce??? Energy prices have skyrocketed over this decade without due regulation by the government. Now in times of crises and massive treasury funding to save our economy the government looks to fleece the conscientious public instead of the the overly wealthy, immoral and uncaring energy companies. Disgusting!

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

sloping a charge on feeding in electricity to the grid is out rages. Seems to me that this is just another government ploy to continually erode away the current solar energy status. The Australian Federal government isn't fully committed to renewable energy, which is a disgrace... Mark my words, this will be reflected in the next election results. Momentum for the renewable energy is growing!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a rooftop solar producer I am writing to comment that taxing solar is not a good or productive idea.

Surely those who produce solar and feed into the grid are bringing energy prices down for all by contributing clean renewable power. It seems outrageous that dirty energy companies are not being taxed for their energy production.

Surely at this time of climate crisis Government should be encouraging those producing clean renewable energy rather than taxing them for their efforts.

Sun tax is a bad idea that only benefits those invested in old dirty energy.

Act for our future!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am extremely opposed to a so called sun tax' on residential or any solar energy generation. We are already taxed with the small [8c] amount paid for the energy we send to the grid! I don't accept that it is fair to tax small generation but not large generation particularly when we who have invested in solar are benefiting not just ourselves. See below:

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This potential policy would be a disturbing hit to an incredible industry that supports so many Australians. Luckily a broad sweep of Australians from all political denominations with oppose this.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Commissioners,

I object to the proposed Sun Tax on rooftop solar for the following reasons;

1. I have rooftop solar so that I can lower the amount of green house gases that are produced by our household's energy consumption.

The average global temperature has already risen by 1.1 degrees since pre-industrial times. Every effort should be made to lower the production of green house gases. A tax on the export of household solar energy would discourage households from installing solar panels and lead to the production of more greenhouse gas emissions and the acceleration of climate change because most household energy would be coming from fossil fuels.

2. Fossil fuel power companies do not have to pay a tax for exporting green house gas produced energy. It is unjust to charge a tax on clean produces of energy. It would be much fairer to charge the fossil fuel energy producers a tax on their green house gas emissions.

3. House holds with solar panels are already disadvantaged because of the low payment we receive for exported energy. We receive 13 cents per unit and pay 25 cents for peak usage and 16 cents for controlled load usage and \$1.88 per day for supply charges.

My last account for 89 days was \$303.87 for peak usage,

\$94.02 for controlled load usage

\$16.48 for supply charge

\$56.54 GST

I received \$60.58 for solar energy sent to the grid

Thus my electricity account was \$561.34

4. DNSPs and energy providers can use tools within their demand management programs to intergrate solar energy into the energy network very efficiently.

Please do not tax household solar energy producers as we need to reduce as much greenhouse gas as possible if human beings want to continue livig on this planet.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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**Submission:**

The govt needs to urgently upgrade the infrastructure so it can manage and store renewable power sources. They have know it was coming for years.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We put solar panels on our roof many years go. Since then we have received little payback but have tried to use our electricity when we are generating it. We are not interested in a monetary reward, but are more concerned with reducing carbon emissions. If we are forced to pay to produce our own power, we may well consider disconnecting our solar panels. We consider this proposal is simply 'a bridge too far' and an insult to people's intelligence!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

As a pensioner and owner of 12 solar panels i am shocked by the proposal to tax power my panels supply to grid.

We face catastrophic climate change due to greenhouse gas emissions, yet carbon remains untaxed, and a plan such as this proposes taxing renewable energy. How could this be?

One impact of this proposed tax will be for people to go off grid with private batteries for storage. This is not a desirable outcome.

I urge the proposal for this tax on people's efforts to help our planet be rejected.

M. Sainsbury

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

As the world shifts towards clean energy, I believe it is important that all levels of Australian Government step up and support the future generations. Clearly to tax or place financial barriers on the average Australian citizen selling energy back to the grid (generally at very low prices) is the opposite of this.

Why place a disincentive to people going solar rooftop when the benefits for all is blatantly clear:

ï,§ Clean air – getting the coal particulates out of the air while saving tax payers millions of dollars that otherwise go to the health systems treating people with asthma, lung disease from pollution.

ï,§ Reduced Green house gasses to slow global warming (surely you know the benefits).

ï,§ Reduced environmental damage of coal mining – just look at the visual / environmental nightmare that is the Hunter Valley open cut mine, that borders with and contaminates local farms and causes the highest rates of asthma in NSW (i.e. in Singleton).

ï,§ Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Solar ramps up when the sun shines and millions turn on their Air conditioners.

ï,§ It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

ï,§ Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

ï,§ There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Lets not repeat the previous debacle when energy companies were gold plating the grid? We saw wholesale rorting with seemingly no handbrake. Energy executives on huge salaries, ramping up unnecessary infrastructure then charging it back to the consumer. Followed by Government blatantly blaming the massive electricity price increases on solar energy. Outrageous, lets do it better this time.

Sincerely Martin Keil

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners are already effectively taxed for exporting clean energy back to the grid. For example in Tasmania I am paid only 9c per KWH for energy I feed into the grid. To buy energy from the grid I pay between 26 and 29c per KWH. This is already too high a tax on clean energy people feed into the grid. Imposing a further tax is unfair and crazy. This is especially unfair when we hear of massive public subsidies being given to fossil fuel industries such as gas.

Do not impose a further tax on feeding solar energy into the grid, we already pay one!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Caroline Richards

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As an aged pensioner I have responsibly placed 39 solar panels on my roof to futureproof my future ability to afford electricity. I have yet to afford the installation of batteries to store backup. I am currently being paid a pittance of \$0.08 a kilowatt for selling back to the grid. The electricity company sell on for \$0.17 a kw whilst I am charged \$0.26 for power and am receiving bills now each quarter with the increase cost of electricity. Now I face the potential of being charged a Sun Tax. This is a disgusting threat by a profit motivated government to destroy an individual's efforts to be independent and save the planet. The Wind and Sun and Water are god given. Please examine the lack of moral compass being shown in trying to tax renewable and lifegiving natural resources.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I oppose the proposed new charges to solar power owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid for the following reasons:

- Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
- It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
- Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I have had solar panels on my rooftop for over 20 years as part of my opinion that a lot more renewable sources of energy should be added to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This move for the sun tax would only stand to prove the government's commitment to fossil fuels. The support of solar power owners is helping Australia to achieve a more sustainable and cost-effective future in energy.

This sun tax goes against the majority of the world's people attempting to safeguard and improve our environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I would like to express my strong disagreement with the proposed sun tax.

This proposal is not appropriate at a time when climate change is becoming increasingly visible and tangible, and disregards the positive impact that solar and other renewable energy sources make to society. Instead of taxing clean renewable energy technologies that are aiming to mitigate climate change, the tax should rather be on polluting energy technologies such as coal and gas.

The proposal seems to be aimed at those who try to make a positive impact while shirking your responsibility to provide a stable grid. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It works in other countries, why not in Australia?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

It is disturbing to hear about your proposal to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, and it is unfathomable that you are even considering it.

Over many years the sharp rise in electricity pricing has often been justified by the extra investments that was needed to upgrade and safeguard the distribution networks, rooftop solar has been around for many years now and the upgrades should have anticipated that, if not, are the distribution network owners doing their job?

If an export charge is introduced, (probably the wrong word calling it export, should it not be called electricity producer) then a fair price must be put on feed-in tariffs that reflects the market value, and at the same time, all exporters/producers must be charged fairly.

A point to remember is that without solar on people's homes the electricity grid would be worse off, and without electricity producers, there will be no grid.

You can't have the cake and it it too.

I urge you to do the right and only thing for the environment, health and the future of all exports to the grid and reject this proposal in full.

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**Submission:**

Hi. You already will have all the reasons not to charge individual owners a fee for exporting excess power from home solar arrays, so I am just here to urge you not to go ahead with it. Right at a point when home solar is Beginning to have the positive environmental impacts that was always forecast, it seems hugely shortsighted to impede on that.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

**DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES INTEGRATION - UPDATING REGULATORY ARRANGEMENTS  
SUBMISSION**

Greetings AEMC,

I do not support charging or restricting in any way, apart from network, grid and supply security reasons, the generation, self use and export of any electricity from renewable energy sources, in particular solar panels.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Therefore more rooftop solar in the system should deliver cheaper electricity prices for all consumers, even those who have no solar panels.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Sadly, the grid is not fit for purpose in a decentralised, distributed electricity future of the 21st century. The grid, several years ago, failed to address a time when stationary, large scale fossil fuel generated electricity would become less prevalent in a decentralised, distributed renewable energy future.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

My household exports clean electricity from our solar panel array. This displaces the polluting and costly electricity generation from fossil fuels. Neither I, nor any solar panel owner, should be penalised for moving Australia into a CO<sub>2</sub>-e constrained future.

I urge you to reject any costs on the export of electricity generated by clean energy sources, in particular solar panels, at a domestic and small scale level.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have a solar system originally installed many years ago. We use as much self generated energy as possible, but still export some. My generation is voltage controlled, so reduces when grid voltage increases. My system is also designed to maximise generation in the late afternoon. I feel it would be unfair to not pay for my exported power, or to not allow reasonable exports. My energy retailer, Enova wants to have access to my green power.

The energy system needs to encompass solar generation by soaking the excess into storage (such as pumped Hydro). With computer technology now, it should be possible to design a system that can forecast likely generation so use is enabled.

Also by designing active use of excess power & load shifting, excess generation should not be a problem. Why cannot we look to Aluminium smelting with variable loading (or other industrial processes) to soak excess power up at an advantageous rate instead of penalizing small generators? It seems that we Australians are not using our historic problem solving idea to make use of this power instead of wasting it by either penalizing generators for excess power or by generation shedding. Please let us become innovators again!

There is a need to move to 100% sustainable power to save our planet for our children.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I'm lost for words! This is yet another money grab by power to fleece the poor (the rest of us) again. You will NOT 'consider' this outrageous, make the rich richer scheme under any circumstances. Is AEMC getting a kick-back??? I guess the answer is clear.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

If you take the wholesale price of vegetables and compare that to the retail price, the markup is 50% or thereabouts. Now , make the comparison to electricity at \$85.00 / megawatt or 8.5c /Kwh . Even on the cheaper scale of 34c /Kwh peak rate and off peak 28c / Kwh, off peak rate markup is 329% . Added to that the daily supply charge of \$1.00 per day is a disgrace ,opportunistic at best. Talk about a lack of corporate ethics . These same people are now suggesting that to install a smart meter which was necessary for meter reading automation, requires an on going service charge.

At one stage the electricity lobby was asking for a higher rate for customers who lived further away for the power stations due to transmission losses. Now when the generator is local ei. rooftop solar, the charge is to feed in not take out. The industry should be encouraging rooftop solar not penalising it.

In conclusion I urge you to not adopt this ill considered tax on domestic solar systems.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Dick Crompton

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A sun tax is a ridiculous idea. I fully realise it is an issue for grid authorities but we need more solar energy and incentives for batteries. A battery per household would go a long way to solving the issue of solar at night and cloudy days. Surely this is obvious....

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ann Harben

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am a pensioner and my solar system makes it more affordable to use my airconditioner in the extremes of winter and summer.

If I have to pay a tax to sell my surplus then I most likely won't use my air conditioner in those extreme times.

I am 67 and have an underlying medical condition.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I feel, and this is backed by research, that there is benefit to all with rooftop solar adding to the energy supply.

It is unfair that clean solar energy export would be charged when dirty power (coal, gas) is not.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Better getting rid of subsidies than taxing export. May be tax income instead. Why do you always come after little guy. If a power company owned a solar farm u would not tax what they export. Only the profit after they have artificially reduced it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Surely there would be an incentive for having solar and connecting to the grid -NOT a tax!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Hello,

I am writing to let you know that I oppose any charges on individual households for exporting solar energy back into the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

There is no reason why individuals who are doing their best to create a carbon-neutral economy should be forced to pay, while huge companies that spew carbon dioxide into the environment and destroy the environment and sacred sites receive our taxpayer money as subsidies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am concerned by reports that AEMC is considering the introduction of a charge for export of residential PV power to the electricity grid.

That power companies and government agencies in California, with its power grid under severe strain from the heat wave and fires over the past weeks, called on residents with rooftop solar and batteries to release stored power to the grid presents a vital message for Australia.

With low feed-in tariffs, and falling costs of installing batteries, exporting surplus power from residential PV systems is becoming progressively less attractive. Introduction of a charge to export power to the grid - in addition to the service availability charge that is levied already - would act as a significant disincentive to export power.

As more residential PV system owners move to install battery storage, such disincentives to export would greatly diminish the capacity for power utilities and government agencies in Australia to call on the distributed power stored in those residential systems to support the grid in the event of challenges such as those being faced in California now, and indeed in Australia last summer.

Rather than introducing a charge that would act to reduce access to that stored power, AEMC should ensure that the capacity to integrate distributed stored power with the grid management system is maximised.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We need more renewables, not less.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Sir madam,

I am writing to let you know I oppose the proposed AEMC sun tax.

This is extremely unfair and only panders to the big business's who are lobbying hard to keep their profits from fossil fuels high at the expense of the community, individuals who have made an effort to contribute to the carbon issue and the environment.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Yours faithfully

Alistair Coulstock

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**Submission:**

Youâ€™ve got to be kidding! Weâ€™ve paid for our solar, weâ€™re doing our bit to save the environment and the economy. And you want to slug us more!

Listen to the scientists , listen to the people. Do the right thing , take the longer view and you wonâ€™t need to tax us more because it will cost less to achieve a better result anyway.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Christine Simons

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think it is very unfair to charge people to put power from solar panels back into the grid. Talk about favouring the big companies against ordinary people! It's exploitative and undemocratic.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This proposal is total anathema for any informed individual. The responses required to the existential threat of anthropogenic climate change must encourage and support the adoption of clean energy technology.

This suggestion is so utterly inappropriate it seems like something one of Rupert Murdoch's lubricious employees would formulate.

Thoroughly disgusting and despicable.

Thanks for your consideration.

Cheers,

Chris

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on solar power generation penalizes clean energy providers and would be a setback for greenhouse gas reduction

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I installed solar many years ago to reduce my household running costs as well as sell clean energy to the grid. I consider the idea of charging me for my contribution the nastiest, biased piece of legislation and unfairly designed to make going solar unattractive and boosting the cause of dirty coal

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have just paid over \$6000 for solar panels and so far have only received a \$20.00 subsidy. How is it fair for AEMC to charge a tax on this miserable amount. I feel it is a greedy money grab.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I paid tax in the form of GST when I got my solar panels installed. I pay tax to the ATO on my earnings. These are fair taxes on man-made products and services. But YOU did not make the sun. It's rays are free from God for us all to enjoy. I am tired of greedy corporations and CEO's and politicians motivated by greed and self serving regulations. If you want to charge for solar energy being put back into the grid, then pay me for the infrastructure on my roof that enables that to happen. Oh, that's right. Charge the ordinary person, but don't pay them! Give us a break. No tax on the sun.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Michelle Murch

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair to consider charging households/clubs etc for power exported to the grid. This power that is generated via rooftop solar is cleaner and greener than most other commercially generated power and has been installed at the owner's expense.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a very long-term proponent of solar energy...my first project was the first grid-connected solar system in Victorian 1993, I put forward that any kind of cost associated with transmitting solar power through the distribution/transmission network would add impediment to the current speedy roll-out of this very effective and clean technology. My interest to promote solar energy came from concern of the effect of Greenhouse gasses on the environment, plus currently it is a very attractive economic proposition for residential customers and it would be good if this was to continue. I note that fossil fuel electricity generators do not have to pay to export their electricity. also I note a study by UNSW for the energy security board that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar on the network.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

There should not be a tax on exporting solar power. The grid voltage can be easily managed by DNSPs who require export limits and power factor correction through inverters. Using fleet control systems to turn systems down/off is also an option for large commercial systems. This is currently being implemented through a scheme in South Australia. Charging for exporting solar lowers the ROI on solar installations and will result in lower private investment in the grid and higher power prices

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do the right thing...Do not charge for clean solar energy. Solar citizens only do what is right for our universe by installing solar energy to make a difference .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not think it is fair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Please consider a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why should we pay a tax on something that the power companies are getting for a minimal cost and are yet getting huge profits from selling in bad to us when we need it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Don't really understand why people giving their excess solar power to the grid should be charged for it!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 04-5610-9138

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

you've got to be kidding, charging a tax for the clean energy we produce. I have installed solar as a way to reduce the the use of fossil fuels. this is a cost that I was prepared to make to reduce my carbon foot print.. we have a government who I am so ashamed of who does not give a damn about the future if the planet. as a private citizen I made the choice to do something that supports sustainable energy and now you want to punish me. shame on you.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not think that home owners who have already made a significant investment in clean energy should then be punished by being taxed for their efforts. I should not be punished financially for trying to reduce our carbon footprint Tax the big carbon producing instead

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I should be able to sell my solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In an age of dwindling natural resources and rising greenhouse gases, why is it that the fossil fuel industry gets a carte blanche to pollute the environment and solar rooftop owners have to foot the bill for producing clean energy? Shouldn't it be that polluters pay and clean energy providers get an incentive to produce more clean energy? As a public entity, you have an obligation to perform the will of the people. Which people want you to disincentivize solar power? Certainly not a majority of the Australian public. As a voting member of the Australian public, I am making it clear to you that I don't want solar power producers to be charged for providing power to the grid.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Are you seriously taxing people for sunlight? My bill has not changed since I got solar power, do I get paid for not making you import from me?? Getting stupider every day.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Michael Guerin

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No tax on solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not want to pay a tax on the sun.

I have a contract for 25 years with AGL for my feed in tariff at a set price.

This is pure greed.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Renewable solar energy exporters to the grid should not be charged because

1. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
2. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
3. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun tax is the final proof that democracy only works if we have an educated electorate and confirms that our politicians are morally bankrupt :

The Dunedin study is right, the apple never falls far from the tree.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**[REDACTED] to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The feed in tariff should be fair and recognise the environmental and other benefits provided by households who have rooftop solar at no cost to the energy networks. By using sunshine we will have a much cleaner energy source that is cost effective unlike the use of coal as an energy source. Please NO SUN TAX!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Given that the power exported to the grid by solar owners is then, in most cases, effectively on sold by the distributors at a significant margin, perhaps the distributor should pay the solar owners for that exported power, as the solar owners are effectively making money for the distributors.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sirs

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

It is an reactionary and cynical proposition to even consider taxing solar owners for returning energy to the grid, particularly if it is supported by political interests that consistently expound a policy of no new taxes. It seems that the real intention of this proposal is to facilitate monopolistically-inclined commercial energy suppliers to increase their hold over a captive market by intimidating or discouraging domestic consumers who might wish to install solar panels or add more panels to their houses. However, it should be noted that not only domestic consumers will be disadvantaged: a large number of both small and large commercial premises, including supermarkets, factories, and office buildings have factored the returns from solar panels into their overall business plan. The proposed tax will not only be disruptive to their business bottom line, but could potentially affect their future viability which has been made more precarious by the impact of the Corona virus.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging solar owners for exporting to the grid is totally unfair. I am a solar owner. I spent \$10,000 on my panels to protect the environment. This energy, along with the electricity generated by other homes with solar is making electricity cheaper for everyone. We have already forked out thousands of dollars. Why should we be charged again?

My solar panels feed energy into the grid for which my tenants, yes, tenants, not me, get only 15 cents feed in tariff back, yet energy they buy costs more than double that. So the system is already unfair.

And as a landlord, my \$10K investment doesn't benefit me at all.

1. Tenants do not pay more rent for homes with solar panels.
2. My tenants are benefiting about \$100/month on reduced electricity bills. If I lived there, I'd pay my panels off in about 9 years.
3. I get neither the benefit of lower electricity nor of feed in tariff. I will never recoup this money.

So, what about me? I did the right thing by spending \$10,000 to help the environment. I receive no direct benefit either in lower bills or tariffs. Am I still going to have to find the money to pay a sun tax? From where?

A much better idea would be to charge a tax on electricity created from sources that harm the environment, such as coal and gas. Taxing only electricity from damaging sources and investing it in research and development could fund despatchable clean energy storage and help us transition quickly to a sustainable, energy secure future.

And fix the grid. We should be storing, not wasting clean energy. The AEMC should be rejoicing in an oversupply of renewable energy supplied by infrastructure basically donated by the public. Charge the companies who are making a profit by polluting the environment. Don't charge the public who are doing the right thing.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Some years ago I paid \$6,000 to have solar panels on my roof. Then and now, I did this because I wanted to contribute to reducing carbon emissions, and helping make a cleaner Australia.

It is most unfair to make me pay again - it is time for the Government to play its role in addressing climate change.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not support the idea that solar owners should be taxed when exporting energy to the grid. This is a bad idea. A feed-in tax would disincentivise people from investing in solar energy systems. Installing roof-top solar panels is the quickest and easiest way to increase Australia's energy production without increasing CO2 output. It doesn't require any form of planning permission and lengthy development costs as does other forms of new energy production. It would also be an inconsistent tax as other forms of energy are not taxed when they export to the grid. The large gap between current feed in tariffs and supply tariffs charged by energy retailers is more than enough to fund and modification to be made to networks to allow for increased solar feed-in.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I paid a substantial amount of money in the early days to install Panels and to tax the export is ridiculous. I provide energy into the Grid for when demand is needed especially in Summer for a modest rebate to cover my install cost. It would not be worth keeping Solar if it is Taxed. Electricity in South Australia is expensive when compared to the rest of the world already and we struggle to pay for it even with Solar propping up the dated Coal polluting stations.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

A solar tax is a horrible Idea

We need to be increasing solar and renewable uptake as fast as possible to avoid the worst of global warming.

Batteries and other grid stabilising technology needs to be urgently invested in to fix any issues, not taxing solar.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Thanks

[REDACTED]



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is so unfair. We are giving them free power and now they want to charge us for a free item.  
It's time they paid us.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

With the effects of climate change becoming evident & the facts adding up to the urgent necessity to clean up our act. Evidence is showing that for us to possibly even survive as a species at the rate we are consuming the nature resources & nature itself is that we must act now. The incompetence of even putting forward or suggesting this tax shows hidden agendas & corruption. LOOK AT THE FACTS... The neglect in the industry for coal & power retailing to be profiteering is obvious. Don't be the one whom is labelled by there grand kids as giving them no future... billions is being siphoned off.. Disgraceful

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I cannot believe that those who have spent thousands installing solar panels are going to have to pay to supply the grid, what a scam . I vehemently disagree with this proposal.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To the Australian Energy and Market Commission,

Please drop any new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, It is time to move forward towards a bright future reliant on sun and wind for energy. CSG and coal are heavy contributors to climate change, which is increasing at an alarming rate now.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Thank you for your time,

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I urge the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) who is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid not to do so. It is clear that we need clean energy. Climate science continues to warn us of the need to reduce carbon emissions so that we do not experience severe and abrupt climate change. The government needs to support reducing carbon emissions by supporting clean energy such as solar and wind. As a citizen I strongly urge government agencies to support the widespread community call for climate action. Please act to protect the environment and fulfil your roll as public servants who are entrusted to uphold the call by the majority of citizens of this nation who have requested prompt action on climate change.

Sincerely, Dr I.J. Coghlan

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is bad policy's to expect rooftop solar modules to have to pay some company to upload their power into a power service

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is a deliberate money grab by greedy people. When these solar panels were installed, people were led to believe that they could expect cheaper electricity, help the grid and the environment. Now, many of these same people are pensioners who can not afford to pay more for basic necessities.

Shameful to even consider doing this.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging household solar owners specifically to export energy into the grid is a retrograde step.

The solar feed-in tariff that I receive in Victoria is now around half the off-peak tariff and one-third the peak tariff that I pay for using electricity from the grid. Surely the energy that my solar system provides to the grid, mainly at peak times, is worth more than this. To further reduce the value of my energy by charging an additional feed-in fee is unfair and ludicrous.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy, reducing the strain on long distance transmission wires. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

It is also unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay for exporting.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

At this moment in history, Federal, State and local governments should be encouraging it's citizens to adopt solar panels whenever and wherever they can. Solar, wind and other forms of renewable energy should be embraced, in fact required on all new buildings, domestic and commercial. Coal is on it's way out and look at the saving on the National Health System with the reduction of respiratory illnesses associated with a dirty polluting fossil fuel industry. A Sun Tax is the most draconian and regressive idea I have ever heard of, obviously the fossil fuel industry can see that their massive profits are under threat. Stop this nonsense and knock it on the head right now.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Surely this is not a country that is going backwards. This will be the case if the AEMC goes ahead with the proposal of charging solar owners for exporting CLEAN energy back to the grid. One might assume that the AEMC has vested interests in Coal energy!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am writing to protest against the proposed move to charge a fee for solar households to sell unused power to the grid..will make only one point.. We who got on board with solar performed a vital role..we got the whole momentum thing happening..later converters helped to create the critical to allow solar to demonstrate that

it is the cheapest way to generate power.. We got the ball rolling ..don't penalise us.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

My solar input to the grid is actually saving the energy companies dollars ! Mallacoota is at the end of the line the power drop over such a large distance is not insignificant! My input into the grid is sold on by the energy retailers they charge retail prices to other consumers, essentially the generation costs are nill ! Energy retailers are on the gravy train, charging as much as they can , not charging a fair price ! Absolute greed!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar owners should not be charged for exporting to the grid!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have a small array of solar panels on my rooftop. It seems the AEMC intends to punish me for my foresight in having done this. They are old and I have considered upgrading them with up-to-date technology, but AEMC's plan to charge me for my solar exports is a major disincentive.

The feed-in tariff should recognise the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I export clean, renewable power to the grid. The added network costs are not major. In fact, research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated.

There is no justification for the proposal to charge solar owners for exporting their clean energy to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Exporting clean energy without penalty is one important step in encouraging people to do the right thing. I do not agree to my tax payers money being spent in encouraging dirty energy, and especially if it is not fair and equal to ALL forms of electricity and energy generation. You should be spending OUR money discouraging the use of dirty fuels not the opposite! I paid extra to ensure I can export electricity for the benefit of all, to be charged for doing the right thing is both morally and environmentally wrong.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** James Moran

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar roof panels, that have batteries and an computer control to feed electricity, when itâ€™s needed; it a form dispatch-able has power. Much better than the billion dollar handout to the coal companies!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Come on cobbbers you have got to be joking, you honestly believe that taxing people who have put their own money into helping supply electricity locally (ie a tiny part of the grid) at the same time helping to pushdown prices and postponing the need for new centralised generation capacity is fair. I can not believe that integrating domestic solar into the grid is an unsolvable problem in this day and age so give us break and pull the the other one so instead of taxing us give us a reasonable export price based on all the benefits of supplying renewable energy. thankyou for giving these thoughts consideration.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We have a strong opinion that is backed by scientists across the world that burning fossil fuels for energy is causing climate change and will ultimately destroy life on this planet sooner than later. Like many people we have installed solar panels and batteries, at our own cost, to reduce our consumption of fossil fuel based energy.

We are aware of the recent by UNSW research that shows the opposite to the argument that changing to solar power will cause those who cannot afford solar panels to pay more for their electricity.

It is inconceivable that the government continues to support dirty coal energy, and now wants to allow the big fossil fuel companies to charge people who are in fact freely providing solar based energy to the grid that can be used by all consumers.

Please scrap this proposal as it is unfair and will benefit only the big coal based energy companies. It is not in the interest of the Australian people or the environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why am I, as a rooftop solar customer, to be charged a sun tax for my clean energy? I am already subsidizing the grid due to the low feed in tariff I receive. My surplus energy is resold to other customers at triple the price I am paid!

Why are big dirty coal and gas power stations not taxed? Is it because they donate to powerful political parties?

Surely the AEMC can innovate & use our growing clean energy to benefit all Aussies without imposing an onerous & unjustified sun tax?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

And... â€˜you have got to be kidding, this is very unfair !â€™™

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Keep your greedy, grubby hands off our solar

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 04-0044-7742

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is a pretty stock sbmission but I want to d my voice o those concerned about being lumped with a solar tax which is, in my opinion, a truly regressive step when it comes to Australia being a smart, energy and environmentally smart country.

I note the following:

- Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
- It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
- Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
- I have rooftop solar and it was a high-personal-cost investment for me to enable me to reduce my long term energy bills and contribte to the world global energy consumption reuction in aid of reducing global warming. A tax on my solar would significantly negatively impact my energy financial viability.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This proposal of charging owners of solar panels for exporting energy into the grid, is frankly pathetic. I have solar panels, I am proud of the contribution I make from a small 1.5kw system. This proposal shows how afraid the big companies are, of people having control over their own power. It's also why the fuel companies are so afraid of EVs. I say, power to the people! I think, instead of dreaming up this mean, vindictive proposal, more attention should be paid to providing solar to public housing, to investing in battery technology, and to distributing the grid. Solar power is the future, and this proposal does nothing to encourage its growth. Shame! on AEMC for such lack of innovative thought.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Why should the small solar (renewable) energy producer pay tax, if the big polluters don't? If you drive through the suburbs, you see on the majority of houses some solarpanels, But some politicians can't recognise solar panels are peoples preferred options!? From whom do they get the money??



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No tax on solar

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners like ourselves to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Veto this garbage, solar energy should be encouraged by every means possible, not punished.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Initial high feed-in tariffs some years ago were a necessary and effective tool to create sufficient scale to significantly lower the cost of domestic PV. I appreciate that, with that vital goal now achieved, overly generous feed-in tariffs are no longer appropriate and solar owners should only be paid a fair commercial price for power they export to the grid.

But to punish solar owners with what amounts to a solar tax in effect through inflated grid connection charges is going much too far.

Domestic PV continues to help lower emissions and electricity prices for all consumers, as well as reducing peak system loads, so it should not be actively discouraged.

While solar owners must be willing to pay their fair share of the cost of the necessary upgrades and changes that are required to build a modern, less monolithic and renewables-adapted generation, storage and transmission system, they should not be punished for taking an action that is beneficial to the whole community as well as themselves.

The need to transform our entire energy system in order to reduce the harms of climate change is so urgent that any retrograde step, such as excessive charges for PV owners is poor policy that is likely to have perverse side-effects. Surely we can do better than that.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Hello AEMC.

I understand that your organisation is considering a charge be applied on those Australian households and businesses that have invested in solar energy supply for the grid.

I strongly ask you to not recommend that any financial impost be put on those who have made a commitment to support clean green energy from the sun.

Why add a further cost and disincentive to renewable energy production at the private and business level? People should be encouraged to support a sustainable energy system. The existential danger we all are already grappling from fossil fuel induced global warming and climate change requires very urgent investment in renewable energy systems.

I have been a supporter of solar energy for 35 years. While not supplying energy to the grid I have had an offgrid solar system my entire life as a homeowner. Everything should be done to encourage green energy, not the adding of another hurdle.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

NO SUN TAX. NO COAL FIRED POWER STATION DONATTION

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 04-2728-4889

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. Solar owners should be given every encouragement not disincentives.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Guy Metcalfe

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have just spent my own hard earned money to try and reduce my electricity bill and carbon for print.

I paid tax as well so why are you favouring companies that pay little to no tax and send profits overseas to drill for dinosaur farts to power our houses.

The sun is free and hassle free.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging to export to the grid and provide Clean renewable energy to the community is not fair. Charging for nothing is ridiculous. Why. !? To make more money? For the government? Are you not collecting tax for the well-being of your people? If we are providing clean energy to stop digging up dirty energy, should we not be rewarded? Not charged!?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. It's about time that you stop penalising solar owners, and start subsidising solar power and electric cars. The rest of the world has moved on with solar, why aren't we, technically we are lagging behind the rest of the world

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Just as the large energy generators can offer their "product" to the electricity market without paying the distribution cost currently borne by the end user, I expect I am part of a commercial, level playing field where my SEG output (product) HAS to be offered to the market (my choice of retailers' feed-in offers) in the same way, without any form of separate surcharge for delivering it into the network.

The ACCC would, I believe, regard such additional financial burden to my personally capitalised cost base and unfairly diminish my returns.

I note the "costs" are sought not by retailers or even large generators, but the distributors, i.e. the carriers. Any distribution cost recovery is legislated to require business case submissions to the regulator/market operator for assessment to determine any, across the board, price rises that can be justified and applied to the distribution charge. In all cases those charges have been applied to the consumers (via competing retail offers), and to change that method of application the regulator/operator may need to deal with a class action ACCC complaint about disruptive market interference and cartel influence which may then involve, unwittingly, the retailers as co-defendants as fellow cartel participants.

This "tax" proposal cannot pass the AEMC without bringing the attention of the ACCC to its anti-competitive behaviour.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No where in the world has any government considered such as measure . This a punitive tax to maintain the coal industry and reduce the efforts by Australians to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce our contribution and effect on climate change. This is a typical example of government and Coal industry to lock this country into an energy system which is now more expensive to deliver and damages the enviroment. We submit the following points.

1. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
- 2.It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
- 3.Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- 4.There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
5. A tax on Solar .. mean a tax on the households that have made capital investments to reduce their energy bill. Considering such a tax during this corona virus epidemic and a recession is moronic .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It would be a total disregard for the environment if a sun tax was introduced anywhere or anytime in Australia. Total destruction of the solar installation small businesses would be totally unacceptable in these times of huge unemployment also.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Network providers have had many years to prepare the grid for the impact of rooftop solar and now want to charge solar owners to do what is providing benefits to the whole community. Solar owners should not be charged for the lack of foresight and planning by network operators.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

People should be encouraged to use renewable clean energy and not be taxed for doing what's right! Energy produced from fossil fuels should be taxed to discourage it's use and switch to clean energy!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Dorothy White

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxng solar power providers sounds like a cynical proposal to me. Solar doesn't harm people's health like dirty coal-fired power does,and it is not taxed, is it?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

As pensioners who, at our own expense, had a small rooftop solar system installed to help save money on our electricity bill and to help reduce our carbon footprint, we are most disturbed at the thought of having to pay a 'sun tax. We consider that we are helping the environment and the energy system by the few bits we export to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

We believe it's totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

UNSW's research for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

The environmental and health benefits of solar should be recognised, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid, with fair feed-in tariff's rather than being punished.

Instead of a sun tax perhaps a carbon pollution tax should apply to help support a fair transition away from fossil fuels usage in favour of renewables.

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I put on solar power back in 2002 to try and limit the amount of power I imported from the grid thus reducing thus reducing my greenhouse gas emissions to try and limit the effects of climate change. Even with a reduction of price of around \$7500 due to subsidies I had to pay about \$13000 dollars for a 1.5 kw system. I get paid the 66c feed in tariff but electricity retailers have been able to increase the price of electricity and the supply charge while I am not allowed to increase the size of my system or add battery storage. I therefore think it is extremely unfair to add an export charge to my bill as in reality it is people within my own neighbourhood who gain the benefit of any export from my system. My system is only small and so I do not export a lot of power so an export fee would nullify the feed in tariff I currently receive and make me reconsider whether it is worth sticking with my current system or enlarging the system and adding battery storage to get more value from my solar. I hope you take these thoughts into consideration before making your decision. Thanks Michael O'Meara

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Investing your own salary to install solar and generating your own energy from the sun should be compensated by the government, not taxed by it. Federal government needs to recognize what state and local governments already know, that switching to solar generated and renewable energy is one of the fastest and most efficient ways to switch to a zero carbon emission Economy and stop the decline of our climate that will impact human life on the planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What gives government or energy suppliers the right to tax energy from the sun. Next they will be taxing air.

If this happens the Government will rue the day and have the the biggest revolt that has existed in this country.

The peasants will be revolting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging people because they are using clean energy instead of dirty coal is a disgrace. whats this world coming to no this is so wrong, if you charge people for having solar we will all get it you guys will go broke

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I strongly disapprove of taxing people for feeding their electricity back into the grid. It is a product we should be paid more for. My payments for the electricity I export to the grid have fallen from a slightly excessive 60cents per kwh 11 years ago to a measly 12.7 cents. If this falls any further, my intention to buy home battery storage will be triggered. If a cost to me is introduced for putting electricity into the power grid, I will consider cutting off from the grid altogether.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging people a tax for exporting their solar power is so unjust. Already we are charged high daily service fees. We in Victoria gain a meagre 10.2 cents per kWh that is exported, but are charged 31 cents per kWh.

Choosing to have a solar array is a big decision and one of the reasons for having solar power is to lessen the need for fossil fuel consumption. Solar should be encouraged, NOT TAXED.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No tax for supplying energy back to the grid

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

My AEMC Sun Tax Submission

I believe that it is unfair to charge solar owners to export the clean, renewable solar power that they produce to the grid. Especially when big dirty power companies do not pay to export their power.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff paid that recognise the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides the grid.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Finally, Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers, far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Sun Tax!

Are we that desperate that we have to tax ordinary people, who are trying to do the right thing. The AEMC are not interested in making this a better world, it's all about Money. The AEMC don't care about climate change, it's all about big business and it's someone else problem, they just don't care and don't give one.

If this goes through, I'll be disgusted with the AEMC, I just switch off my solar and invest in a battery but I'm sure you'll find a way to tax that as well, so your friends can keep on making more money.

Thanks for nothing AEMC.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We have spent \$7500 on panels and a system and did so on the basis of expecting a return. Since then, FIT has been reduced a number of times and now you want fees as well to do us the privilege of taking our power. In my view solar owners need to group together and withhold power at critical times as in rolling strikes, and we can fight back. For heavens sake surely as a nation we want to encourage renewable energy, not punish people for helping the environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Why charge people for doing the right thing for the environment. The Gov needs to wake up and support solar

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We struggled to buy our solar panels, but thought they would be an investment and off set our power bills. Only just recently have we paid the investment off. Now the suggestion of an input tax is a form of stealing. Not only would the tax eat into our power bills, but the electric suppliers are charging more an more per unit. Shortly there will not be any difference between what we get for the feed in and the price of power. to us. Also our contract has only a few more years to run, so then what happens? Would we be required to pay twice for our power? NO SUN TAX - NO WAY. If it were t come in - we would seriously consider disconnecting the panels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not tax any clean energy production. Tax those producing 'dirty' energy and encourage clean energy production, wherever it's produced. Charging households for supplying clean energy is a gross betrayal fo tax payers trying to do the right thing.

It is an unbearable impost on household economies trying to do the right thing. There should be more encouragement for such efforts.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It's just insane that the AEMC is considering this "solar tax". Surely after our Black Summer we should be 100% focused on tackling climate change and a major aspect of the solution is promoting renewable energy. This proposal seeks to do the opposite. And report after report is showing that renewable energy investments, like rooftop solar, creates more jobs than policies that keep the status quo of fossil fuel derived energy. We need to #buildbackbeter.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging solar owner's for exporting energy to the grid is ridiculous. Please note the following:

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

It makes sense that solar input should be encouraged not discouraged.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is a preposterous proposal that is discriminatory against solar homeowners and counter-productive.

I'm guessing that it does not apply to commercial solar farms and wind farms.

If it goes ahead it is likely to see more and more home owners go off grid pushing more and more costs to those that can least afford it, and it is possible that it could lead to a class action by all those with solar to recover some of their costs.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I'm a young Australian, who sees the consequences of pollution caused by coal-fuelled power daily. A tax on solar power, causing even more damage to the environment, shouldn't even be considered anywhere in the world, let alone in a supposedly developed, forward-thinking country like Australia.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. I have invested in Solar and electric vehicles to reduce my carbon footprint. Due to lack of government funding I have already paid a premium for both. There should be great support for Solar not more taxes.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not support the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid which in effect would be a tax on the sun.

Such a tax would be a disincentive for home owners to install solar which has environmental and health benefits.

It would also be unfair to charge solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Other research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Therefore I implore the AEMC to abandon any proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid and instead look at developing fairer feed in tariffs that recognise the benefits of solar to the wider community and the network savings that it provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I cannot see how a case could be made to subsidise the installation of solar panels to then effectively tax the output of those panels - a clean, green alternative power source

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We as solar owners already pay higher charges to retailers, if your proposal goes ahead will AMEC then stop retailers from adding these additional charges

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Three years ago I purchased a solar system for my home - not to reduce my bills but in order to do something positive for the environment. The excess power produced by my system is then exported to the grid from which it is on sold for more than double the payment I receive. For the government to propose a tax on clean energy and reflects the outdated views of the government and its support for obsolete technologies. Australia is in sad contrast to forward thinking economies such as Germany which actively support and encourage household production of solar. I am strongly opposed to this proposed tax.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We have a solar array on our house. We export a small proportion of our output to the grid. The majority powers our house and charges our electric car. Part of motivation in installing our array was to help the transfer to renewables. To now be taxed for our outlay and forward thinking is to be punished for it is absurd and counter to the needs to deal with climate change and save the future for future generations. We totally oppose such a move.

Dr David Ellerman and Annette Brock.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar power producing should encouraged as much as possible.

No charges should be imposed on solar electricity access to the grid.

It is the polluting electricity producers that should be charged on an exponential rate.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Citizens with solar are adding to our power and should be compensated. Large generators have a vested interest in eliminating anyone or company that takes any of their pie.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

You should be encouraging renewable energy production not discouraging it by taxing people who are able to contribute further (in addition to producing electricity for their own homes) by reducing the amount of electricity required by the common grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To whom it may concern

Please do not introduce a tax or charge on households who produce rooftop solar and feed it into the grid. This would fly in the face of supporting and encouraging clean renewable sources of energy. As a mother of three I am deeply concerned about climate change and the role of fossil fuels in the warming of our climate. I am concerned about the resultant harm to the earth and the terrible impact on plant and animal life.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Please please find a better, more sustainable, more strategic and climate friendly solution to whatever this proposal is designed to address.

Thank you

Carolyn Loton

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am a health worker and believe strongly that solar energy should not be taxed. Solar energy is clean, and does not cause the generation of emissions which are harmful to people and the environment. In contrast fossil fuels, including gas, coal and petrol, cause emissions which are damaging to health and the environment. Yet the companies producing these emissions are given subsidies. These companies should be taxed adequately to cover the costs of damage to health and our earth.

Rather than being taxed solar generation should receive higher payments to encourage higher uptake.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

What we need is a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. What we don't need is a tax on solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. That is in no way a road to a green recovery

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Australia is already not doing enough to lower our carbon footprint, and charging solar owners for Feeding clean energy back to the grid may put people off having solar. There should only be incentives for being a solar owner!

It is really unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have 6.5Kw of rooftop solar. The money saved on energy is repaying my investment over 5 years. I am a Centrelink pensioner and could not afford a Solar export charge

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Garry Bolt

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why are we, who are being progressive and helping the problem of greenhouse gas release, being sluggish with a charge to export clean energy. Surely the opposite needs to be done to encourage more clean energy. I understand that excessive solar can cause problems when there is inadequate storage. Rather than reducing the incentive for solar, surely it makes sense to be increasing the storage capacity through batteries, pumped hydro or hydrogen production and storage.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please no tax on power generated from solar going back to the grid. We need incentives for everyone of all socioeconomic statuses to be able to use solar. For the sake of our planet; for the sake of beautiful Australia and for our children and grandchildren. Thank you!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

How can a sun tax be considered fair by any stretch of the imagination. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. This is called DISCRIMINATION. If households have to pay - then big Corporations should have to pay equivalent rates. How can the individual house owner, who's trying to do the right thing by the environment & to help themselves cope with the exploding costs of electricity be further penalized by ANOTHER TAX?

I say NO. This is unfair & discriminatory. It is not looking out for the constituents - which is polities number one responsibility.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

When I made the decision to purchase solar panels for my new home, little did I think a new tax could come along, how dare that this should happen!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I would like highlight that it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean energy into the grid. There should be fair feed in tariffs that recognizes the environmental and health benefits of clean energy. As we are facing a climate emergency it would make sense to recognize the positive impacts of installing solar panels and make this part of a healthy economy that supports people and the planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is outrageous to be taxing people who are trying to reduce green house emissions and having to pay a significant investment up front for you to then penalise them for recouping some of that cost.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The government need to urgently be doing everything possible to encourage and subsidise renewable energy options, not taxing them to make them less attractive. This proposal is absolutely abhorrent... please drop this ridiculous idea!!!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Small households and community organisations as well as small business should not be penalised for sending their energy back to the grid. I oppose the introduction of a suntax especially when large companies will not be penalised.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The entire concept of charging solar generator owners for the energy they supply to the grid is bizarre - the buyer charging the supplier is the inverse of normal trade. If it can be shown that power supplied to the grid has a deleterious and quantifiable effect on these assets, some charge to offset damage could be justified. However, as the big fossil fuel generators are not being charged for their effects on the grid, the proposed 'sun tax' is not justified. Clean energy needs to be encouraged and the proposed charge could discourage people struggling with strict budgets considering rooftop installation from doing so. This is a step in the wrong direction.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We need to be increasingsubsidies on solar, not introducing a solar tax. we are in a climate emergency!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi, I do not support a tax on Solar. How ridiculous. We should be rewarding people who invest in Solar not penalise them . Like SA the Federal and State Governments should be investing in larger batteries to strengthen the grid and increasing Australia's overall use of renewable energy .  
Thanks for your time Angela Swan

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

THIS IS, PIE IN THE SKY PURE GREED!! MAKES ME WONDER, NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, IF COMPANIES HAVE A ROOM FULL OF PEOPLE JUST THINKING UP THESE LUDICROUS IDEAS TO GRAB MORE MONEY FROM US ALL? IT MUST STOP, NOW!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

DeAr AEMC,

I do not support the concept of taxing the sun and disadvantaging a renewable resource. A few points to consider:

\*Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

\*It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large power companies don't have to pay for exporting; how is that competitive.

\*Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

\*There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

\*If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Large power companies are not charged export power to the grid why should small Domestic homeowners be charged. Australia should be leading the way in Solar instead of funding less clean less effective power solutions. We could be completely solar powered and it's often the domestic homeowners who are leading the way at expense to themselves. We chose to put in Solar when it was not cost effective because we felt it was our community duty. The benefit we provide to all energy consumers is enormous. Solar can be provided cheaply and effectively and needs to be encouraged.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

In 2012 I bought my first Solar System and with the subsidy started to pay it off, then they dropped the subsidy but I was still getting paid about a half as much for my feed-in clean green solar as the wholesalers resoled it and still I was breaking even in winter. Now their greed has gone over the top as I now only get 7 cents a kwh while they on-sell it at 45-50 cents a kwh, the result I have now used the NSW government subsidy \$200 and look like I'll still be in the red by the end of winter with the latest greedy grab by the wholesaler/retailer. This theft under the guise of a notional (no objective fact based justification) claim that using our clean green energy to and from the Grid has an overhead that isn't covered by the now 4 to 500% mark-up on reselling our solar energy, in no way can be justified. When will the government pull these greedy and or incompetent, or both, cartels into line and make them pay a fair return on this 4-500% gouging they take from reselling our energy. Also there are devices - in use since 1966 (in Victoria - Synchronous Condenser) that solve their problems at relatively minimal costs. These greedy cartels have a one track mind - put the price up, we're a monopoly and a price giver. Time is now, to update or resurrect the Uncompetitive Activities Legislation and get it into action please. Please note; the numbers above are approximate and conservative.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I have recently invested in Solar to cut down on my carbon footprint. This has been a considerable investment which will pay back after 5 years. I think introducing this tax will deter other people installing solar to save our planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Some of us have already paid very highly to install solar panels, eg my 18 panels cost over \$16,000. They were purchased just before the big drop in prices of solar hardware. Then we were hit by a big drop in the price we were paid for the power our panels produced. Please be fair and don't make people like me pay even more.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I find it absolutely astounding and unacceptable that consideration is being given to penalise all solar homes with an additional tax, especially that it will be retrospective. The conditions that I had when my panels were installed, was no tax. As some two months passed before the meter was changed, which I also found unacceptable.

Regards,

Michael.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Cooper

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Energy providers have, with the aid of appalling Gov't energy policies been ripping off consumers ever since our lazy and incompetent Gov't's privatised them.

Fossil fuels are almost obsolete and highly damaging to our priceless world.

Our future survival depends on new thinking re how we obtain energy, and that solution is, already proven, cheaper than fossil fuels renewable energies that we are being denied by corrupted Gov't ministers who are trying to destroy Australia's future by impeding renewables uptake.

This is clearly not what Australians want as proven by the huge number of people who have invested their own money in rooftop solar and battery storage.

So do the right thing by Australians and invest in a profitable future not more of a loss making past.

We can create a huge number of jobs designing new technology, installing it and manufacturing it.

Plus of course it would lower energy costs for consumers and make energy hungry manufacturing more competitive.

Why should mainly foreign owned companies have more rights than the people of Australia?

They shouldn't and they don't.

Please, Think smart not greedy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is exactly what is NOT needed at a time when there is a climate emergency and the generation of renewable energy should be encouraged ! Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Additionally there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To whom it may concern,

I believe a Sun Tax would be detrimental to the future of community solar energy. The community should be encouraged to instal rooftop solar. I agree with the statements below:

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Thank you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not agree with the new tax plan.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi,

I am writing with regarding the proposal to tax solar feed in. This is grossly unfair to those who have paid to help our environment.

We should stop the billions in subsidies paid to the fossil fuel industries each year if we require extra money.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Steve Kostoff

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It makes no sense for the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) to consider new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. Householders and businesses have made a commitment to purchase and install solar to help reduce exorbitant power bills, reduce their carbon footprint and help the transition away from using fossil fuels. We also support a growing solar-sector that provides jobs and business opportunities. Why are you now proposing to tax us? We've paid the gst, we've paid the installer and there is no great reward for our feed-in-tariff, so another tax is just that - a sun tax! Instead, go tax the oil and coal and gas companies instead of pandering to them and their like-minded politicians. Finally, you are spurring a backlash not just from the mums and dads and grass-roots solar organisations, but from industry-led cooperations that will fight the 'sun-tax' and what you are doing.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We have experienced the catastrophic effects of climate change, both from the fires and now the pandemic, the latter probably the result of land clearing and animals, like bats, living more closely with humans. To avoid even more frightening and disruptive effects, we must transition to renewable energy rapidly.

We should be supporting every technology that contributes to that transition. Putting a tax on rooftop solar would send exactly the wrong message. It would suggest that efforts to replace fossil fuel generated electricity with solar panels is wrong. It would inhibit Australian households from installing solar power in the future.

It is interesting that the coalition government spoke so forcefully against what they called a carbon tax but now want to put a tax on renewable energy.

We have had solar panels for at least ten years. While they were far more expensive than they are now, we decided the future of Australia was more important than the cost. Ours is a small system which reminds us to be frugal in our energy use. It would be discouraging to find savings from our frugality was obliterated by a tax.

It isn't clear to me why a Government would choose to put a tax on its citizens' positive actions, while not taxing coal-fired power stations. Why does the government lose millions of dollars on diesel rebates for fossil fuel companies that are endangering life on earth but want to tax rooftop solar? Surely taxation should be based on helping to create a safe future for all life.

I urge you not to place a tax on rooftop solar.

Patsy Asch

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It was at great expense that we installed a very large bank of solar panels on our rooftop to help the environment and the States power supply. A tax on what energy we can supplement the grid with would be a breach of the original agreement. We were happy to supplement the energy available in our State but am absolutely furious that the Govt would be considering imposing a tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not agree that people who have paid to have solar panels should be taxed. Solar panels are so important for our environment and our budget (especially older Australians). This tax will also make people very apprehensive to go ahead and have panels put on their roof. It makes no sense at all.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ben Murphy

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The grid is not yet saturated with solar, we need more solar not less.

In the absence of federal government investment for renewables, the AEMC must not disrupt the mum and dad investors by imposing additional costs onto rooftop solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Colin Lambie

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rooftop solar systems are part of the new energy system, they should not be inhibited by an unfair tax. As a source of green energy, rooftop solar should be paid more than non-green, ie coal & gas sources of energy. As a distributed source of energy, solar rooftop systems can save some investment required to upgrade the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If this proposal proceeds, it will accelerate the decision of people like myself to leave the grid and go battery and generator. This move by thousands of people will result in the price to remaining grid-dependant consumers increasing. Clearly this is the end game of the big generator/distributor companies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** William Leadston

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC, please do not charge solar owners for exporting solar derived energy back into the grid. Power companies producing electricity from Coal, gas and Oil/diesel are not charged so it is grossly wrong to consider charging me. Even now home solar producers are paid 10.20c/Kw and have to buy back at 20.67c off peak and 32.02c peak which is a real cheek!

I was part of the BP Solar PV 100 Household Pilot Program in 1998 and have had rooftop solar hot water since 1995 indicating my commitment to the change to renewable energy production. Nine months ago I purchased Battery backup to allow more autonomy and am part of the Community VPP to support the grid in times of stress.

I strongly believe that our Federal Government and your Commission should be supporting and encouraging Solar energy electricity production.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Ownership of the sun does not belong to governments. No government has a right to tax the sun.  
How dare any politician go so low.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

The impact that charging my household for solar exports from our PV solar system would be negative and would put pressure on our household budget. We have installed solar not only for the environmental benefits, but also the financial benefits.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To whom this concerns,

It is not a fair deal to all those who have invested their own money to install solar systems in their homes and businesses, who have done the right to assist in helping the planet, and then charge them a tax on the sun. It does not make sense to tax the sun which is a natural gift from the Creator, and is this legislation would be grossly unjust and also amoral to do so.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Submission to the AEMC.

For years households who have installed solar panels and inverters have provided assistance to the power grid and lowered the cost of energy. In the early years the providers of that solar energy were paid a fair fee for the electricity they provided. Unfairly that fee has been cut back and cut back. Now comes the next stage when the proposed charge laid on providers of energy will discourage households from contributing (and not so incidentally ensuring that the big, old, inefficient and out of date corporate power generators are guaranteed control of and maximum income for electricity provision). AND they are not going to be asked to pay a fee for contributing power to the grid. WHY NOT? This reads like just another rort by which the government and its regulator cozies up to their corporate mates and gives them unfair advantage and allows them to maintain an effective monopoly control which will allow them to maximise their profits without cleaning up their foul generators or making necessary adaptations to take account of future climate issues.

Restore a fair payment to households providing clean energy to the grid and encourage green energy generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It s not reasonable to be charged for exporting electricity into the grid. The incentive to get solar paneling was to decrease my electricity bills and now the tariff has changed so I am not seeing the benefit as originally sold to me and now you want to charge us for doing the right thing?? Why would people be interested in helping the environment and doing the responsible thing when there is no incentive to. DO NOT punish Solar Panel owners.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jennifer Fitzgerald

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

With only 10 years to solve the problem of climate change, the AEMC should be promoting solar roof installation to reduce our carbon emissions in compliance with Kyoto protocol. Australia is one of the highest emitters of greenhouse gases due to our reliance on coal. Scientists tell us to stave off the worst impacts of climate change we need to keep global warming under 2 degrees and as close as possible to 1.5 degrees. According to the UN, the World is on track for a 3.2C temperature rise.

Future generations depend on our leaders supporting clean energy for their very survival .

It is unfair for solar owners to be taxed for exporting clean renewable power to the grid while fossil fuel power companies don't pay.

The question has to be asked , WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT TRYING TO DISCOURAGE SOLAR HOME INSTALLATIONS ?

We should be banning dirty political donations from big business influencing politics

Coal is the Number 1 cause of climate change, we need to transition as quickly as possible to clean renewable energy.

AEMC know this and support rooftop solar for the sake of our children.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It beggars belief that this is even proposed. I would like clarity on who made this proposal???

Solar energy adds to the national energy supply. Why ask a payment for something that costs governments and energy companies nothing to make.... they are given this by the people that have invested their hard earned savings.

We also felt it was something we could do to make a difference, a small contribution to help change our approach to constant degradation of the land and the First People's country and rights.

We are doing our best to reduce the dependence on polluting fossils fuel emissions that are driving climate change for the whole planet not just Australia.

Why are we ignoring the science that is being presented?

We can do it for the Covid-19 pandemic! Why not climate change?

We are becoming pariahs amongst our friends and neighbours in our lack of commitment to driving down our use of non renewable energy sources.

NOw this? Unbelievable!!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please maintain the current feed in tariff arrangements and no not charge solar owners for exporting. I invested in solar panels based on a business case estimating a credit for exporting. It would be unfair to change the rules.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do not charge us for putting solar on the roof It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jacqueline Bulwinkel

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Penalizing home owners and citizens for taking positive action against pollution and non-sustainable energy is only going to further inhibit innovation and investment in alternate energy. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Plus charging us for the solar that we export will cost us significantly making it harder to pay for our electricity use with our growing family.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

My investment in a solar system was partially predicated on the basis that I would be paid a feed in tariff ( albeit a pittance) to offset my investment. My and thousands of others supplying power to the grid saves the power companies from investing in infrastructure and gives them power at a vastly reduced rate to on sell to other consumers at a greatly increased rate. What the current proposal is doing, is asking small power providers to not only give their excess power, but pay for the privilege of giving the excess power to the huge companies: how is this fair? This is just pure and unadutered greed by big powerful operators. If anything, we should be getting an increased rate for our contribution.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am particularly concerned about the continuing development of fossil fuel sources and strongly support an enhanced shift to sustainable energy sources. However, the suggestion of imposing a tax on owners of solar generating systems will act as a retrograde step and will discourage people from pursuing sustainable solar power. I am fortunate to have the old rate for the buying of excess power that we generate, but there are those for whom this does not apply, so that a tax is more likely to become regarded as a penalty rather than a contribution of some sort.

Better to properly tax the big energy providers who are creating the problem of CO2 and leave those of us who have tried to lessen our footprint on the planet well alone.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar Users are helping with reducing emissions and should be rewarded not punished

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Leave solar as it is now



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Firstly the Government allows our power station to be destroyed, power prices rocket, people cannot afford the outrageous prices, power company's make millions ripping everyone off.

Then we are told, you must have solar panels to save the planet??? So we spend more money buying them. Power companies pay a fraction of the price for power sent to the grid compared with the cost of the power we get from the grid.

Now the same power companies want to rip us off again by not paying for the power we return to the grid.

It is dishonest.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It's totally un just that people pay tax on the power we into the grid when the price of power is about 300% over price and is foreign owned and pay no tax

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Considering that research shows the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs, and that rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy, I am appalled that the AEMC is considering placing a tax upon home owners.

I consider it totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

As the owner of a rooftop solar system, the impact that charging me (as a pensioner) for solar exports would be detrimental to my well being as I would be stressed about paying twice for something I bought that not only benefits me, but the community at large by helping reduce other people's power bills, and ensuring that my carbon footprint is much smaller than if I had not installed the panels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity. In addition, the supply of local energy can also benefit the network. The benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

We also need a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. This is particularly important because of the substantial cost of air pollution from power stations. Official estimates are that at least 620 years of life are lost annually in the Sydney Metropolitan area, costing an billions of dollars per year.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Charging solar owners might also encourage them to install batteries and disconnect from the grid, resulting in increased network charges for everyone else and increased greenhouse emissions if solar power is wasted. The cost of the added global warming must also be factored into the cost of the proposal.

Charging solar owners would therefore be a very bad and counter-productive move that cannot be justified.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

All fossil fuel generators large and small should pay a levi to support new grid construction so that renewable generation (large and small) can be integrated into the grid and managed by NEM. This levi could also pay for local area networks to balance RE generation and demand management, including local storage.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We invested in solar hot water and solar panels well over a decade ago. We have continued to expand and upgrade our systems. Successive governments have eroded the value of our investment by making us export to the grid for almost nothing, while paying energy suppliers an inflated tariff for electricity drawn from the grid.

Within a year, we intend to go offgrid with solar, a battery and an electric car. We will use no gas, no coal fired electricity and no petroleum. I am sure we are not alone in that ambition.

Climate change is a war we have to win.

Yours faithfully

Sascha

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Electricity companies already have a 500% plus markup on solar feed in tariffs. Which is excessive. A charge on feed in solar electricity is day light Robbery. This government needs to be more responsible like the people with solar panels !!!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I consider the proposal to levy a network access charge on owners of roof top solar systems to be grossly inequitable. I can foresee that it would be disproportionate to the amount of power an individual PV system would feed into the grid. And why should home owners have to pay such a charge when commercial generators will not?

It is highly likely that any access charge would completely eliminate the modest sum I receive from the low feed in tariff given by my supplier.

There are many arguments which other submitters will have put forward which I will not trouble you with by repeating.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not charge solar contributors such as myself for contributing clean renewable power to the grid. I believe that the impact of solar on grid network performance is overestimated and more likely reflects the need for modernisation and improvement to the grid infrastructure, not charging contributors.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Russell Kaaden

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think we have already done our bit for AUS Renewables. We paid over \$10,000 to get our 18 panels in 2011.

Changing us (NOW) a tax to have our electricity enter the grid when we have been sending it to you for the past nine years at no charge makes no sense. This Morrison Government is sending AUS backwards.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The idea of making people who do the renewable energy right thing by having solar panels on their roof then the government wanting to charge them YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS my guess is more and more people are doing the right thing by choosing renewable energy I think government is concerned about losing a market for coal.

Naturally if people choose to do the right thing and have solar panels on their roofs they should be paid a tariff for whatever they send back to the grid

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

How van you push Solar Energy on one hand & take with the other. How disgraceful, these people are trying to make this planet a better place & you want to penalize them. What a bloody disgraceful wonton act of greed..

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

For the past 7 years we have exported a considerable amount of power to the grid at our capital cost with very little return from our solar array. Currently we are being paid 20 cents per kilowatt less than what we buy our power for from Aurora so I would consider we are already paying a sun tax for the privilege of contributing to the rest of our community. It seems to me to be unjust and illogical when other sources of power are not being taxed for providing power to the grid - gas or coal powered power generators or Hydro generators. All these other generators are as much responsible for the stability of the grid as solar generators as surely that is why we have power transmission companies separate from the generators. If a coal, gas or water tax is considered then perhaps a sun tax could be considered, otherwise it is illogical to even consider.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have roof top solar but no battery to store power. The rebate has dropped consistently In the past 4 years so the benefit I receive is decreasing ! Our Solar was installed as an environmental , sustainable gesture. It is NOT viable if I have to pay a solar tax. This is NOT fair play!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I disagree with a tax on solar, as we have made an investment in the nations future, by installing solar panels on the roof and to allow any excess we don't use to be put into the grid for the electricity company to use.

We pay for all equipment and are responsible for any maintenance that is required. we are allowing the government to then be able to invest in solar and batteries for public housing and on other government buildings.

Please consider this before looking at a tax on people who are putting the country and environment first.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No sun tax for solar power



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Tell me, who has put you up to this? I don't suppose it could be the energy suppliers by any chance? We, the common buyers of energy are only trying to be environmentally responsible and many of us have made large investments in clean energy and we're not going to be happy if you take away our chance to recoup some of our money! This is an outrageous proposal and I absolutely oppose it!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I set up solar to save a little on my peak load and do the right thing by the environment. I altruistically supported the Government initiatives and purposely did not take part in the monetary initiatives. I have lost faith in the power industry and our politicians to do the right thing for the environment and ultimately the people they serve. I'm not sure I can trust the AEMC from being influenced by political pressure. It is treacherous that we can be lobbied to go in a direction and then are penalised for doing so.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam

Your Sun Tax Proposal is greedy and wrong.

Solar benefits far outweigh the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. You want to charge the common person but not charge corporations, this is nothing short of corruption and criminal.

UNSW Research shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

We have a solar on our roof top and these tariffs will fully disadvantage us. It is so very clear that solar is critical for our survival and to reduce climate change into the future for our children and grandchildren. Sun tax proposals are greedy, basically not fair and unnecessary.

Thanking you kindly for your consideration

Yours sincerely

Alison Copley

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research shows that the benefit rooftop solar provides to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar also drives down the wholesale price of electricity. The impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated. Also, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar,

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Your commission had 10 Year's (!) to adjust to the steadily increase of renewable energy production. SA is on the right track with battery storage.

There are better solutions available. So why not implement them.

Kind Regards

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am making a submission against a sun tax. I am not in favour of such a tax which would be a disincentive to those who have and want to invest in clean renewable energy.

Instead there should be an upgrading of the infrastructure to accomodate solar energy feeding into the grid. Coal and gas are fossil fuels and must be wound right back- that is following the science.

In a time when we are in a climate emergency, I would consider any proposal to de-invest in or de-incentivize investment in solar to be environmentally and morally negligent.

Regards

Sue Robertson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is preposterous, how can you tax sunlight?? Immoral, particularly as the huge energy companies pay nothing! Drop it now, itâ€™s a stupid idea, ripping off the people again!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Totally opposed to a tariff on putting electricity INTO the grid. Why do the market movers want to charge us for putting electricity

into their networks so that they can charge us again for using the electricity that we put in? I am fully aware that Australia is run by a cartel of incompetent buffoons, but this is going too far



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not agree with this proposal. Households currently receive a very low in feed tariff for the energy they export to the network. The AEMC cant have it both ways. If this get in then the AEMC will have the power to increase this charge at any time.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Chris Bakewell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am strongly opposed to any idea that there should be a tax placed on power generated from the sun. Like the air, the sun is not produced by any organization, manufacturer or business. We buy equipment to harness this energy for our use because it is clean and it is natural. If we harvest more than we use, and are able to supply the grid with the power we paid for the equipment to harvest, we should be compensated for that power. The idea of charging us for producing something you can use commercially is double dipping. It is an act of pure greed to make more money from something you have had no part in producing. Many of us are retirees. We have carefully considered how we will survive in retirement with very modest incomes. Putting in Solar power is one way we reduce our costs. Now you are considering Charging us for producing this power, then charging those who use it again. It is indefensible morally, and equivalent to theft. I urge you to reject this idea. It is not in the interests of good business practice.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

At this time in human history all governments decisions and actions should be driven by supporting and protecting the planet and all living beings . Efforts by everyday Australians to engage in renewable energy sources should be encouraged and supported . Charging these individuals a fee to contribute to Australias' overall contribution to lowering the human impact on the planet reflects a government who's priorities lie elsewhere.. where does this governments priorities lie? We will know by your actions.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I paid a fair price for my solar array and only get a pittance for any that is exported to the power company. After using my super to pay off my mortgage, I spent what was left to get solar. Therefore I only have my pension to live on, and I know many pensioners are in a far worse position. To make people pay for exporting power is ridiculous. Just not acceptable

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Re: Proposal to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

1. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
2. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Center shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
3. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
4. Research conducted by University of NSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

I submit these points against the charging of roof-top solar owners a price for  
for exports to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not agree on any sun tax. The AEMC should be happy that people have gone to the expense to install solar panels and are assisting the supply of power to the grid for which I am sure they charge the consumer more than what they are paying the supplier.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

With renewable energy at the forefront of our battle to reduce carbon emissions and combat the global warming crises. It is unthinkable that any impediment should be placed in the way of individuals assisting the community with its power requirements. This proposed Sun tax is a step backwards and certainly not the embolden support we desperately need for embracing and encouraging the growth of this renewable energy resource.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kate Giles

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No sun tax it is outrageous to suggest such a thing. As the owner of domestic solar we feed to the grid for a fraction of what it is sold on for. Get real. We are in a climate emergency!!!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. To slap open a sun tax is unfair!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I have solar and I only export very little and I did it to cut down my bills and this has done that with what your thinking of putting in will only serve to make the power bill higher again and as it is they don't pay much for the feed in power something like 8cents and that is not right over the year I might get a \$1 from the feed in and I don't see why I should be punished for having the solar

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Is it fair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting? This is an outrageous proposition. Kill this proposal NOW. Thank you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar is the way of the future.

It's clean credentials should be valued over fossil fuels.

I'm getting splay before summer as I wouldn't run my air conditioner if i didn't have solar and would have miserable summer. The decision to purchase solar was to help my household financially in th long run... not to be charged more and more.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar power generated anywhere must be encouraged. To tax it to support profit-making corporations is dishonest in the extreme. Legal? Maybe? Moral? Undoubtedly not.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Frank Dennis

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I oppose the implementation of charges for solar owners exporting clean energy back to the grid - this is effectively a tax on the sun. Rather than having to pay the State, the owners deserve all the support the State can provide including financial incentives to increase their solar output and expand off grid systems with storage capacity.

Big coal and gas generators don't have to pay for supplying electricity into the network, so why should solar homes and businesses who have made a personal investment in rooftop solar? There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

The benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Your proposed policy changes are aligned with large corporations fossil fuel interests who are desperately trying to delay the transition to cheaper, cleaner solar energy. A change best encouraged through monies provided by general taxation measures not specific, punishing solar taxes on those investing in its installation.

We need a rapid transition to decarbonised energy sources now. The planet is too hot already and any delay risks runaway global heating and an existential threat to all life as we know it.

Real solutions not further protection and subsidies to the fossil fuel industry.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A sun tax on solar energy is ridiculous and counter intuitive to both reducing the cost of living for Australians and carbon emissions.

Even with solar we pay a ridiculous amount for electricity each quarter (around \$1k), adding more fees to what we pay will push us to go off grid completely with additional solar and batteries as we simply cannot afford for what we pay each quarter to keep going up

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Don't tax the sun



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Re: Distribution Network Service Providers charging for the use of infrastructure to export electricity.

I argue vehemently against this notion.

As a producer of electricity, I sell my excess energy to the energy provider, in my case Aurora Energy. The energy providers pay the transmission network to distribute their product. As such, the distribution networks fees for service are already charged.

If I was to make a direct PPA agreement to sell my power to a third party, then transmission cost are not being met, and should potentially be charged to the recipient. But when the recipient is already paying for transmission cost, charging suppliers as well as distributors is milking the market and will generate impetus towards battery systems, allowing for complete withdrawal from the grid. Thus cost will be less able to be dispersed across the network.

Transmission companies have been rightly accused of milking the system through over-capacity development. Charging twice for the same service will just accelerate Off-grid motivators for short term gains.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is such a joke to even think about Taxing Solar energy via a Sun Tax. We have already been raped & pilaged of any gain we once had and I feel its ridiculous even to think of a Sun tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The current proposals are a retrospective tax on housholders who have invested within the current rules - large businesses always protest changes that retrospectively tax investments made under the rules of the day. Why should consumers not have the same protection for their investments?

The current distribution regulatory framework is flawed. There is no incentive for distributors to do anything other than build bigger wires to capture DUoS. Distributors should be motivated to manage load within their battenetworks by capturing benefits from load shedding investments, battery (or battery like) power storage; co-investment with households for distributed batteries that can operate a larger battery.

Creation of embedded industry scale batteries within a Distribution Area would allow investors to flatten peaks and troughs whilst making profits. This has been demonstrated with the Telstra Battery facility in SA.

AEMC has been taken hostage by the coal industry to reduce the impact of renewables on their profits rather than taking a holistic view of how you can leverage new technology to build a better electricity system. I should be able to bid into the pool (as prt of a virtual generator) and capture the value from \$1000 MWH days - the system is structured to prevent me from realising the economic and environmental benefit of distributed generation.

Capping or taxing solar owners on Feed In tariffs will simply ecourage more to install batteries which wil simply make the electricity players less viable.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I feel it is very unfair to charge people a tax on their solar power feed in. Particularly, when other forms of generation are not. Solar feed in rates are a small fraction of what the power companies resell it for. We should not be punished for our Federal Governments support for fossil fuels and inability to develop a national power policy that has hindered new investment in sustainable power generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We have solar panels and we paid quite a lot for them and a battery. We did this to make sure we use clean energy. We object strongly to any plan by anyone to profit in anyway by our care for the environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kim Southwood

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Where's the tax on carbon? We got an ineffectual Emissions Reduction Fund in its place. Now the govt wants to tax householders selling back to the grid because electricity providers can only make a small margin of profit on energy sales? Does this not show a fault in the system arising from the government's arms length insistence that prices should be left to the market. Then when the viability of private energy producers is threatened, the govt rationalises a tax on renewables from rooftops. How is that good for society or the environment? It points to highly inept leadership which only intervenes when the market does not satisfy the needs of big business in terms of profit. No! Why is it always the workers - the heavy lifters - who come to the rescue to bail out the monopolists. Ridiculous nonsense which flies in the face of logic. Let the CEO's cut out their bonuses and take a salary sacrifice and all the useless sycophants and lobbyists. I'm totally fed up. Let's use collective expertise to create an efficient system that works for everyone.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/how-not-to-introduce-a-carbon-tax-the-australian-experience-1.3746214>

Imagine this appearing in an overseas publication, showing Just how dishonest and one-eyed our Australian government can be and the 2012 election set the tenor for where we are now. I'm beyond being disgusted.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I believe we should be doing more to encourage people to turn to solar energy and not taxing them. Our planet is being destroyed and yet another law is being proposed that advantages, again, the big coal and gas companies.

Why isn't the government concerned about our environment and backing clean energy and supporting the consumer who goes out of their way to do something positive for the environment.

It is is unfair that the big coal and gas companies are not charged to export their product and yet it is being proposed that individual households would be.

Completely ridiculous. Smacks of the government trying to have it's cake and eat it too. Hardly a impartial decision considering what the gas and coal companies donate to both major parties.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A a taxpayer I objec to having to pay for electricity that I produce.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Vaughan Greenberg

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners are already paying thousands of dollars for the solar systems we provide. It is absolutely unconscionable for you to charge us more.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is totally unfair to charge Solar Owners to add there electricity to the grid.

The Energy Market is getting that electricity for transporting it to the Grid, but were that not available to them they would have to pay the cost of generating that amount.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The sun tax is a terrible idea. We should be encouraging people to use solar. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. If anything the dirty power companies get government handouts /

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am against charging solar power households for exporting excess power to the grid. Households should be encouraged to have clean, renewable solar power, not penalised for doing so. Big power companies generating power to the grid using dirty fossil fuels don't have to pay for exporting the power to the grid so it makes even less sense to require solar powered households to do so.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Private solar roof generation should be encouraged, we should not be taxed on it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

THIS TAX IS OUTRAGEOUS

I DO NOT AGREE WITH IT AT ALL.

SHOULDN'T WE BE LOOKING AT A GREENER PLANET INSTEAD OF TAXING EVERYTHING

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The concept of forcing Solar rooftop owners to pay for grid charges over and above what we already pay is terribly unjust. I point out that none of the major exporters pay such charges. We are already paid much less than what we should receive from the energy retailers. It would be in our interests if that charge was imposed to go off grid altogether and a huge number of solar owners would be tempted to do that robbing the grid of a huge amount of solar energy which makes a significant contribution to reducing green house emissions. It continually seems that the grid operators who often have significant shareholdings in the current coal fired generators want to discourage clean energy as much as possible.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Kind regards

Ian Skurrie

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar panel owners should not be penalized for contributing to the growth of green/clean energy at their own personal expense. We should be rewarded (as we have been) for sharing the solar energy our panels generate with the general public. We are protecting both the environment as well as the physical health of the community.

Air pollution from coal mines is a well-documented and significant contributor to ill-health and causes widespread morbidity and premature mortality. It affects fetuses in the womb and contributes to cardiac, respiratory and cancer conditions. Yet those same polluters are allowed to export their harmful energy to the grid.

Rooftop solar drives down the cost of clean energy for all. Why should the big exporters of dirty energy n from dirty and dangerous energy to the grid for free? However, it is proposed that solar owners are to be charged for exporting clean, green energy which does not harm the environment nor impact negatively on human health - as does dirty energy from womb to tomb ! How unfair! And shortsighted!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

If one wanted to be cynical, one could say, well, it was to be expected! After all these years, fighting the big polluters with our actions (ie by installing solar panels on our rooves), we are threatened with tax exploitation! Where is the justification for this proposed tax, apart from the opportunity to make a bit of money at the consumer's expense? It seems unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Research conducted for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. In fact, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Francis Pearce

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am writing this to request that the AEMC Do Not approve of a tax or charge on households for their contribution of solar energy to the grid. I, as a senior citizen along with many others have made a significant investment in the installation of my rooftop system not only to support renewable energy as the way forward for Australia but to also assist with our struggling cash flow in our later years. I still use energy from the grid and, pay \$1.56 a day for a supply charge to my house and I feel this money should be my cost for infrastructure maintenance and upgrade of the grid. These systems are mostly privately owned and, are not well managed currently, I would like to see more emphasis on how this supply charge \$ is used by these companies and more transparency in and around this revenue site. I view the concept that the grid cannot handle peak loads as a common methodology of companies who fail to address such things as Growth in a sector they manage.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Clear and coherent energy policy that does not punish or penalise renewable power producers is the goal. A sun tax is a cynical punishment for the population doing the lifting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gillian Cochrane

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Greater diversification of energy sources and utilising all the structural supports, appliance upgrades (panels and batteries) and the possibility for community solar hubs is a huge saving to the infrastructure required to provide safe, clean and reliable energy for all users. Instead of penalising renewable energy providers we should be supporting as each has personally invested thousands if not tens of thousands into the renewable movement. Energy companies and power plants could instead be working towards changing into battery and community hub support organisations to enable the hundreds of thousands of energy producers to get their energy to those who cannot produce. More outside of the box thinking is required. I want to support renewables and give that industry a Fair-go and the same sort of 'leg-up' and constant tax breaks and subsidies that the coal, oil and gas industry gets. To behave otherwise is un-Australian. We need a future that does not cost us so dearly annually whether in subsidies, tax-breaks, political backhanders or because of the cost to our tourist industry, our hospitality industry, our farming communities, as a result of the devastation cause by climate-induced firestorms, droughts, cyclones and dust storms. We need a whole-of-system approach. Everything is connected and the status quo is no longer viable.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am opposed to any proposal to impose a charge on delivery of solar electricity to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Considering the take-up of solar in this country, such a move will also be highly damaging politically for the current government when all governments are trying to reduce power costs to consumers.

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As with any new rules they should not be allowed to move existing (goal posts) Consumers have invested in solar according to an existing set of rules, those rules should not change.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To Whom it May Concern,

I pay nearly \$600 per year on electricity supply to my house. I use \$300 of electricity from the grid. Don't you think that I am already contributing to poles and wires upgrades in a meaningful way? Two thirds of my electricity bill is for infrastructure.

Get out of the way of the renewable energy transformation that Australia and the world needs in a very short time. Please.

Rob Osborne

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sue-Ellen Kirby

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on the Sun, what next.

This is one of the worst ideas I have heard and totally unfair.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As an age pensioner, I have just had solar fitted, it was a special offer from NSW government but to receive it I have to forgo my pensioner discount. Careful budgeting went into this decision, we will now be dependent on cheap solar power, I certainly did not budget for a solar export tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I object to the proposition.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ian Howard

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**Phone:** 04-0028-3557

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun and its environmental effects, wind rainfall etc are the only energy input into the planet. Everything else finite. Solar is the only option for truly renewable energy. To impede the adoption of domestic solar, is in the interests of no one except the fossil fuel industry.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** James Farmer

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rooftop solar owners are doing the right thing to shift to non polluting energy to tackle climate change and should not have to pay an unfair sun tax. Particularly when fossil fuel energy companies are not paying for the costs of climate change and are getting subsidies

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alan Brennan

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not charge us for exporting to the grid , we are helping the environment

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC, I am writing regarding the proposed changes to the cost of electricity for solar rooftop owners. It seems we are to be charged for benefitting the energy grid and other electricity users. I object to this cash grab aimed at people who have paid for infrastructure to deliver clean energy to themselves and their neighbours. They have acted for a better environment for Australia and the planet when the government continues to lag in their responsibility to preserving the health and well being of the population. It is essentially a punishment for taking affirmative action and a tax on the sun. Very bad form! Along with a very poor Feed In Tariff which is lucrative for the owners of the energy companies, this is very unfair to solar producers. When large power stations won't be charged to transfer energy to the grid there is no justification to slug solar system owners!

It's a plan that is really on the nose. That stench of politicians who are in the pockets of the fossil fuel lobby. [REDACTED] Come up with some good ideas, this is appalling!

Yours Sincerely, Alesoun Marsden

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

My husband [REDACTED] and I believe that it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting, and there is evidence that shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

This is really crazy, why punish the us, the enablers, in our efforts to help combat climate change

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is totally unreasonable that a sun tax be imposed upon individual house owners who spend their own money investing in a solar system to take help their household and take the strain off the power system.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Chris Webb

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What has happened to Australia giving a fair go? The small person gets slugged and the big guys get handouts. And the country is drying out and going up in flames. Soon there will be nothing left of this beautiful country and its nature. The big guys move on and we're left to pick up the pieces. Shame on them.

How come other countries are forging ahead and overcoming the technical difficulties of renewable inputs on a much greater scale?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I decline Sun Tax proposals its ridiculous.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Paul Hellard

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. How dare you even consider taxing the electricity that YOU RECEIVE! What a bare-faced affront! It's not even yours to tax. Just recognise the environmental and health benefit of solar power and be done with it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I strongly disagree with the proposed approach of charging small scale solar owners to export solar generated power, and/or not be financially compensated for providing solar generated power.

The proposals have it backwards suggesting the failings of the 'grid' should be addressed by nobbling newer, cleaner, more efficient technology which is the better solution and the future of our long term power needs.

Fix the grid to allow the integration of small scale exporters instead.

It is the failure of the grid operators and regulatory bodies to recognise the small and large scale renewable energy trends that has put the infrastructure in this position of inadequacy, so it is up to them to fix it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is disgraceful to hear that as someone who has invested in solar panels to reduce power bills and our also to reduce our impact on the environment, that a government agency seriously is considering a proposal for charging us - those who have already funded these poles and wires through our vastly over-priced power bills over very many years - for access to these same poles and wires. I feel that electricity consumers are, once again being seen as no more than fat cattle for so called utility companies to eye off for slaughter.

I cannot understand how this proposal could be seriously contemplated. This is a travesty - no more than a poorly thought through proposal by power companies who do not seriously consider themselves as a public utility but as a means of taking more and more money so that they do not have to improve their own operating efficiency to provide a return for their respective shareholders. For wasn't the whole point of privatising the power companies to improve their operating efficiency through competition between them? Where is this efficiency? How much money do they spend on lobbyists to come up with ilconcieved proposals such as this? Perhaps spending less money on lobbyists and hair-brained schemes might give them the same amount of money as slugging consumers for contributing green energy to the electricity grid that they these consumers have already paid for.

Under this proposal, how much are national energy companies paying to contributing their generated electricity to the grid? If this was not part of their submission, then why are they making this proposal? I wonder why...

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Riikka Heikkinen

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Giving the distribution networks the right to charge from DER exports might seem like a good idea from technical point of view, and there is undoubtedly problems of lower socio-economic households being excluded from solar ownership (whether rental, roof capacity or lack of investment possibility). Adding a charge possibility for existing and emerging DERs, however, will not be a feasible long-term solution for enhancing social legitimacy of the urgently needed energy transition. I understand that this rule change has to be processed based on its own merits, but a better long-term solution to changing production and consumption patterns in the NEM would be rather to try to enhance the currently excluded households' access to solar/RE ownership. The real-life application of this rule change poses the danger of improving only large-scale utility size energy production and adding cost (and hence making it less desirable in the future) for uptake of small-scale renewables and hence decreasing the de-centralising ownership opportunities that small-scale renewables offer for long-term systemic change in our energy system.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households have to pay to share clean solar?



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have intentionally installed solar panels to reduce my costs for electricity. As a person on limited income I would be at risk if I had to Pay for providers to use what I have generated.

yours in hope

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

a tax on energy exported to the grid will only force solar owners to put in batteries and the cost of power from the grid will increase further. Solar power is here to stay and the sooner those who cannot afford solar panels are subsidised to do so, the better.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To smack a Tax on terrestrial people who spent money to install panels collecting solar power (supplied free in all our planetary system) is nothing else than a piracy of the worst kind and no words will be able to justify it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxes encourage or discourage behaviour and demand. Surely without a carbon tax and measuring the environmental costs of carbon emissions in prices you don't want to double the penalty on solar. Fossil fuels should be taxed, not receive tax rebates as they do now in production costs. I think you will be encouraging current solar customers to go off the grid so less solar will be available to meet our Paris climate targets.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Australia and energy is for the people not energy companies often are owned off shore who don't pay taxes. Politicians are to represent the people not big corporations or in fact themselves .. look how Switzerland is run!! . Politicians serve the people not people serving the politicians . Therefore re solar...there should be a fair feedin tariff that recognised the environmental and health benefits of solar along with the network savings solar provides the grid.

Our Children and grandchildren will not have a planet to thrive on if we don't start being smart and looking after sensible energy needs . Solar provides employment No pollution and in these times of covid any intelligent person would realise this a way out of the current health induced recession .. but does AEMC have intelligent sensible people making decisions or are they tooo involved with the energy providers to listen to the general population. Putting a tax on solar just makes the energy companies rich.. they get enough tax benefits te lines and poles which they don't maintain and cause forest fires!!!

Think of the Australian people the future energy needs of the country and be smart in your decision makingfor this country and it's future great.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sarah Hunter

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not believe it is appropriate to charge solar energy exporters for exporting to the grid. We would be looking to support and encourage sustainable energy production and reduced reliance on fossil fuels. Exporters should be encourage by the establishment of a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I believe that the sun tax on domestic solar customers is grossly unfare and the idea should be scrapped. Domestic solar power producers have helped save the Australian power industry from acute embarrassment due to their inability to perform and produce enough energy for the demand at peak times.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I understand that there is consideration to impose a fee on households to export solar energy. As someone who presently exports electricity, I am opposed to this fee, not simply as it will add another cost to our business, but because we already pay a fee to have the grid connected. The grid connection fee makes up the majority of our bill for most times of the year, winter excepting. I don't believe charging me again to maintain this connection is at all fair. We were considering extending our system onto the farm sheds, but we are already limited as to the amount we can export because the grid is estimated to be unable to cope with much. Why should we have to pay even more when the existing grid is so limited?



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I paid \$25,000 out of my pocket, after government assisted payments, to have my solar panels installed back in 2010 with the view that we would be helping the environment and green power supply to the grid. The rebate assistance which ceased in 2017 didn't even covered the cost of the installation and now this greedy government wants to tax the people that helped support the power grid. When is the Government going to stop penalising everyone who contributes to lessening the burden on society. It appears to me the less you do in society and the more you stick you hand out the more assistance you receive by these ignorant government departments!!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We should be applauded for having solar not penalized. We have fitted solar to assist the environment by reducing CO2.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is an outrageous uncomfortable proposal.

At a time when we should have the whole nation moving to or using non fossil fuels.

The feed in tariff should also be increased .

As to cost of access to grid, given the grid was built with tax payer funds there should be no access costs.

Already we are suffering due to the privatization of electricity in NSW by our unethical political leaders who let this happen without any input from the people.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We desperately need to get rid of fossil fuel!, the whole country needs to be on solar!

A tax on free power is completely unacceptable.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I have rooftop solar because I care about our environment. We already only get a small amount per kWh compared with what we pay for electricity. I strongly oppose any charge for supplying my excess clean environmentally-friendly energy back into the grid - it would make it completely ridiculous to have a solar system!

I would like to see taxes placed on sources of energy that are damaging to our environment, and more support for clean renewable energy - the proposed 'sun tax' on home solar is a mockery of making positive changes to save our planet.

Please register my opposition to any such proposals.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I object to the proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid for the following reason

- effectively this is a tax on the sun which is a resource available to everyone
- Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.
- Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
- It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
- Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Thank your for your consideration of these objections.

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A complete money grab by big [power companies. We paid a lot to instal solar and to help the environment and provide clean energy. The feed in tariff paid is pitiful in the light of what the Retailers charge. Why are large power generators so adverse to using renewables? I remember before solar took off power companies were charging more if one wanted green energy, aka another form of rip off as how could they guarantee that if I took up their offer my power would be greener than my neighbour's power? The Government has shown that King Coal is what they want and in my opinion they would do all they can to get renewables out of the equation. To even suggest taxing the sun is an abominable misuse of resources. This must be stopped!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC members.

The idea of a Sun tax is absurd. The Sun is NOT owned by ANYONE. It is another step down a long decent to an entirely unjust and corrupted world. Big business wants to keep us tied to consumed goods so they can dictate supply and cost to THEIR benefit and not to everyone as a just society should have!!

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. The issues with oversupply and curtailment of renewable energies are due to failings of government policy NOT the actions of roof top solar owners. Arguably this has been done on purpose by a government wedded to past century fossil fuel industry, their main donors!!

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Again, the rules favor the big businesses with lobbyists entrenched in the halls of Parliament.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. The arguments for a tax are, I believe, flawed and designed not to inform but skew the discussion with false information. The information source must be transparent and truthful.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

There is little doubt, looking at overseas examples, that a total decarbonising of the grid, transport and other sectors is imminent. It will be far cheaper, save on health costs, environmental costs and fight climate change. AND will boost the economy.

So why not just get on with the job? Fossil fuel companies are going broke in increasing numbers. The fossil fuel age is over - it is just the hard heads who will not yield to inevitable change. Even though their head in the sand approach is threatening runaway climate change!

Australia should lead the world on renewable energy. We are so blessed with renewable resource and our 21st century exports should be lead by massive renewable resource products, power, Hydrogen, ammonia (fertiliser

precursors) and the huge potential for Australian technological advances driven by fully embracing a 100% renewable energy economy. You have the power to help this along - say NO TO ANY TAX on solar energy!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

As the owner of rooftop solar pv, feeding into the grid, I strongly oppose any move to impose additional costs on the export of clean solar energy back to the grid. The benefits of household solar vastly outweighs any increased costs in the provision of network services (which were greatly gold-plated in the past to benefit power companies).

In addition, rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

I note that research conducted by UNSW shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

While I was an early adopter and have a reasonable feed-in tariff, more recently power companies have been paying a pittance for roof top solar. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Charging me for my power generation would be completely contrary to the basis on which I installed my solar panels and would punish me for taking steps to improve the power generation profile of the nation. We need more solar generation, not less. We need smart mini-grids to alleviate major power outages which are likely to be more common due to climate change leading to an increased incidence of adverse events such as severe storms, fires and flooding.

In conclusion, I oppose any 'sun tax' and urge that the AEMC get behind the drive for renewable energy, and find innovative ways to support an increase in rooftop solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

I am bitterly upset by the proposal to charge me for exporting solar energy back into the grid. I have invested my own funds to make a small contribution to helping reduce CO2 emissions in Australia, as have many other households. It is grossly unfair to change the rules and actually penalise all those that have, in good faith, tried to do the right thing. Moreover, this proposal can only discourage further uptake of renewable energy investments by households.

Moreover, why single out small householders? Do large, dirty power companies have to pay for this service. And on top of that, I pay a substantial daily charge towards supporting the grid.

I understand that there is an argument that solar systems on rooftops detrimentally impacts networks. But, research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that this impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar exports.

So rather than penalising those who are contributing to emission reductions, support should be given to setting up local networks that can more efficiently utilise the solar rooftop investments.

I sincerely hope that AEMC reconsiders its proposal and focusses on supporting the Australian public, rather than attempting to tax the sun. I must say that if such a tax is imposed, I shall seriously consider going off the grid entirely.

Yours sincerely, Peter Lockett

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To: The Energy Market Commission.

I am absolutely opposed to taxing solar owners for feeding electricity into the grid.

There is no justification for such a tax on renewable, clean energy. It would discourage further investment in the industry which is one of the most effective ways of reducing Climate Change emissions. It is one of the best ways for individuals to participate in driving down emissions while taking more responsibility for generating their own power.

Charging solar owners for exporting electricity is unfair because owners have already paid for their investment in solar power, knowing that it is both an investment in cheaper power and a benefit to the environment.

University of NSW research carried out for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on networks has been over estimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar power.

Victorian Energy policy Centre research shows that solar drives down the cost of wholesale electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy, which benefit all electricity consumers.

For the above reasons, and many more, there should be no tax on solar power.

Yours sincerely,

Denis Rothwell

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

You must be kidding! With our feed in tariff now little more than a joke, a sun tax is the straw that you know what. Leave clean energy alone! Go tax the coal miners and fossil fuel industry!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on the sun is totally unfair and unacceptable. Solar households already make a significant contribution to the grid through connection fees, fed-in power at cheap rates, and investment in complementary power generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I'm a pensioner and took out a bank loan so I could put 3KW solar panels on my roof.

I've done the right thing by generating solar power for my house and any excess power is feed into the grid.

On hot summer days I can run my aircon without being a drain on power stations and I help by feeding extra power to the grid when it is needed.

I can not understand why householders should pay a fee to networks for using the grid.

Coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households have to pay to share clean solar? Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power.

To make the system fairer to people on low incomes, it would be better to make solar power available for people in public housing and for low income families in rental properties.

Yours sincerely, Clare Nesdale

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

When we decided to go with solar panels we believed that we were helping the environment and we would be getting affordable energy. Selling back the extra electricity to the grid is helping us pay for the initial cost of installing the panels. I do not believe we should be charged for selling our extra energy as the government was using the incentive of selling any extra energy for people to install solar and we believed the government, now they are doing a complete turnaround and want to charge us for doing the right thing.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Any fees and taxes on renewable energy are detrimental to encouraging renewable energy use and encourages fossil fuel use. Is this the impact the AEMC are trying to encourage? Who will it favour? Does the AEMC need education on the meaning of unsustainable activities on the survival of Humanity?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This would not be a fair tax and would force people off the grid altogether which will have a detrimental effect especially on people who can not purchase solar panels. These operators need to find a way to produce sustainable power at a cheaper rate rather than trying to penalise people who are trying to reduce their power bills

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We are appalled that we will be charged a tax on our export to help the amount of power available for other Australians to share. We have added our solar capacity as a community resource because it is our duty to the environment to share. Our way of helping with Climate Change amelioration. We are providing a service to other providers of less clean energy. We are very unhappy that providers of power using coal and gas, so harmful to our environment, are not also to be taxed. We are pensioners, have installed panels at our expense and added cost to us is very unfair. Margaret and Brian Armstrong

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have used solar for many years now and I will feel penalised if a tax was introduced for using solar. I have used solar purely because I feel protecting the environment is vital for future generations. The question then arises why should I be forced to pay a tax on doing the right thing.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

This government should really reward solar users because we have spent huge amounts of our own money to support the reduction of carbon emissions; The government has had some good policies in the past to support solar with good reasons. Why reverse the good work now?

The future generations need to be able to survive instead of suffer the heat and destruction if carbon emissions increase. The case is very strong if we look at the rest of the EU and the positive work they have done.

We the solar users should not be punished to save the electricity companies. The government should support the people.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

you should be PAYING us to export solar back to the grid and THANKING us for doing so. And you should be paying us much more than you do now.

How dare you even consider us paying you for giving you energy.

You will only drive more of us to get battery storage and tell you to get lost.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is completely unreasonable to charge Australians for trying to reduce emissions to offset those that the commonwealth government is creating by their short sighted policies

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

When Australians are doing their bit for the environment, they should not be punished or be taken for granted. It is so hard to get a break in this country and surely the encouragement to do the right thing needs to be there to ensure more Australians do their bit now and in the future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The suggestion that owners of solar panels should pay to direct their energy output to the grid is illogical and counterproductive. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy - unlike old-fashioned coal-fired power plants which are very inefficient in supplying energy, and which require long distances of transmission over wires which waste a large part of the energy as heat.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Sun is free, I ask you not to talk it, coal and gas companies do not pay for the exportation of power.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sharon Bowen

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

As a consumer who installed solar power on my residential property 3 years ago, I strongly oppose the plans by AEMC to impose a network feed-in tax. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

It would be a significant economic disincentive to customers like myself to be charged a tax when feed-in tariffs are already unfairly low. You should be encouraging me to reduce my (and Australia's) carbon footprint, not discouraging me.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kurt Liffman

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am very much against the proposal to charge households for exporting energy back into the electricity grid.

Solar PV technology strengthens the electricity production system by diversifying the sources of electricity. If one central, large-scale coal-fired generator goes down, which is a quite frequent occurrence during the Summer months, then tens to hundreds of thousands of homes are without electricity. It is much harder to knock out hundreds of thousands of homes that are generating their own electricity and exporting it to the grid.

Solar radiation is free fuel and the operating cost of solar panels is effectively zero, so the electricity that is exported to the grid has zero cost. This drives down the cost of electricity, which is a benefit to consumers and businesses. Homeowners with PV systems are improving the productivity of our society by producing electricity at no additional cost to the community. Why should homeowners be punished with a new tax for producing free electricity, while coal-fired and gas-fired generators do not have to pay such a tax? Indeed, coal and gas-fired generators can claim tax loss due to depreciation and benefit from the diesel fuel rebate. It is completely unfair to tax homeowners and at the same time not imposing these costs on coal and gas-fired generators.

Finally, at a time of record temperatures, heat waves, forest fires, rising sea levels, more acidic oceans &c, we must reduce our production of carbon dioxide. Solar PV owners are doing their part in helping lower the production of gases that contribute to Global Warming. Please do not disincentivise solar PV owners, who are helping to lower energy costs and decrease the rate of Global Warming.

Thank you, Kurt Liffman

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Weston

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think it is outrageous that owners of rooftop solar electricity generators should be charged for contributing power to the national grid. I gather that the national grid sometimes has difficulty in absorbing all of the additional power generated by rooftop installations but I also understand that the network could be enhanced to be able to store excess electricity, either by using it to pump water into high altitude dams in the Snowy Mountains or by storing it in battery arrays or by using it to produce and store hydrogen. Please us your imagination!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I invested in a large 8.25kw PV rooftop system to supply my daytime electricity needs AND contribute excess power to the grid to reduce the need for existing & future fossil fuel powered generation. I own my system and I don't charge the govt for maintaining it ! I do gain a small rebate on my electricity bills by selling excess power back to grid .Therefore I object strongly to the proposal to charge me any fee at all to send excess power to the grid .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We are already paying much more for the energy we use, than receive money for the energy we export, which is paid so poorly. Taxing it i adding insult.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Much of the good work done by our premier, Daniel Andrews, will be undone if our state bends to the will of the carbon-polluting lobby on this issue. A strong resistance to short-sighted proposed policies has not been the way our Labor Government has tackled the COVID pandemic. It should NOT be our government's response to the even more destructive policies of the carbon polluters.

Research has driven Victoria's response to COVID and research must drive our response to the shortsighted policies of climate-change-deniers. No pollution free power generators should be charged for energy they add to the grid.

Sincerely, Nick Wilkinson



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Aemc sun tax. To whom it may concern I think it is unfair that people who have installed solar panels for thereâ€™s and the environments benefit should pay to feed into the grid when dirty fossil fuel companies donâ€™t pay for exporting . Research from the Victoria energy policy center shows that the benefits solar owners provide to to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs .rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy Yours sincerely. Rick shulver

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC - I do not think that the proposed tax on micro generated solar-power, feeding back into the grid, is good for anyone other than the fuel extracting vested interests that want to continue mining CO2 producing gases that have proven to be no good for our planet.

Please do not proceed with this tax.

For the future of our country, which needs to move rapidly into a 100% renewables energy situation,

Many thanks

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

I am very disappointed that you are considering taxing people for solar contributions.

People with solar are helping to offset the electricity that big power generators produce, helping reduce climate change. I don't understand why you would tax people and provide this disincentive to solar, unless you are really only driven by profit and not sustainable, clean and affordable energy for all? You don't tax power companies to export power so why individuals?

The network benefits of having solar added to the grid are also clear, helping overloading of the grid in today's climate driven world.

Please reconsider this move and think about individuals and not just profit.

Regards

Lisa Gori

Resident of ACT

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Due to government inaction over climate change and renewable energy for many years private citizens such as me took the initiative to produce clean energy and cut the need for burning fossil fuels.

It was done at great cost for pensioners like me who are still waiting to recoup our outlays. You have no right to no penalise us for doing the job that you failed to do.

If everyone was honest you would admit that our actions should really bring down the cost of electricity enough to cover any cost to upgrade poles and/or wires.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The energy company already profits by selling the power that I export to it by selling it to my neighbour for a higher price.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting

I have rooftop solar, and it will have a financial impact - charging me for solar exports would have on my household.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Adrienne Riddell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am deeply concerned that The "Sun Tax"™ is even being considered. Why should prudent people who wish to take responsibility for their own power use, be forced to pay for the Commonwealth Government's lamentable lack of planning and investment in the national electricity grid?

The rise of renewables has been slowly gaining speed and has been a predictable energy path for decades given the science of Climate Change.

Rather than attack people who are responsible enough to consider their own environmental and emissions footprint, the federal government should outline its clear path forward in developing its zero emissions policy, with a proper and responsible timeframe.

Fossil fuel companies which continue to benefit from inserting lobbyists into Commonwealth Ministerial offices, to hijack a globally accepted sustainable renewable energy path forward, should also be made to pay for the infrastructure upgrades given their complete and decadal awareness of Climate Change and continued predatory behaviour in squeezing the last profit from their dying assets.

Prudent and responsible solar citizens should be the last to be held responsible for this disgraceful failure of policy, investment and Kowtowing to vested minerals and energy interests.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi there,

I am writing to you to strongly appose the intending charging of roof top solar owners exporting their electricity excess back to the state grids.

Your intention to do so is extremely narrow minded but supporting the American capitalised money market for your own self interest and of those that have their cash flows elsewhere within the electricity market system.

The quality of the AEMC and it board structure is also dominated by big money corporate business to sway the abhorrent cost over to the little guy to save your own face in light of the massive lies and poor structure of the electricity generated system.

It isn't the roof top solar owners who are at fault. If the AEMC was to pull its head out of the sand and tell the other electricity structure owners to improve the electricity supply system, then the excess the solar owners are providing back into the grid, wouldn't be an issue.

The big corporate money businesses here are only full of their own self interest because they are supplying less electricity to the grid demand in the first place. It is the roof top solar owners who are supplying the extra grid demand when needed through the daytime and less from the fossil fuel systems that are currently in play.

How about if the AEMC was to publish what the lies are coming from the big business players and the lie packed Liberal party and their sleeping bed partner the Nationals, that their monies are all in support of each other, and that the money trails are so well hidden, that their lies and spin are to be believed honest???

I am an electrician and I have watched since the inception of the AEMC and all the other market players (grid) controllers, constantly bash the solar owners and how it is their fault for the electricity grid to be so run down. It isn't the solar owners who are at fault it is big business and the AEMC and their constant bullying lies that play the mind games to lead the little guy into believing it is their fault!

How about a level playing field for once? How about cutting the lies? How about we let go of the advertising market spin doctors and tell the truth for once. You are not educated people who have a sense of speaking the truth and being honest! How about you get out from underneath the bed sheets with these big money businesses and stick up honesty and be there right beside the people, just for once!



Money is pouring into each others pockets here like the proverbial, but I would like to think that the money that the combined efforts of all the solar roof top owners were allowed to have a influential impact on your decisions actually mattered.

We, these so called enemies of the electricity grid, we installed solar systems because of the power costs and money grabs that were being imposed on all the people across the states just to line their back pockets and then use lies to make us look bad, shame on the lot of you.

Shame on you all.

This is certainly not the Australia that I was born into where we didn't steal the shirt of another's back! We certainly never entertained the idea of corporate greed the likes of which we had never contemplated. The money spins and lies from big business and the political party, namely the Coalition, I just wonder at times whether you are capable of sleeping in bed at night - STRAIGHT????? I have serious doubts, very serious! The last true Liberal party prime minister Australia had was Malcom Turnbull, and he had one of the greatest solar installations in his area - why was that???

Thank you,

A. Kinkade

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I don't believe its fair to charge solar owners that have made financial sacrifices to invest in the future of our energy generation additional charges.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Theo Hatzis

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I strongly object to solar generated power tax (sun tax) as being proposed by the powers that be. Solar energy is provided by the creative power of the Universe. the sun is such a powerful symbol that early humans gave it God status. It is life giving, regenerative and free for the evolution of created life. How much more can the elite and powerful squeeze out of people who are already struggling to survive. Proposed by the wealthy who cannot understand how the majority live.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why a tax on solar?

Tax the fossil fuel industry. Cancel the stupid subsidy and invest it in renewables.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I shouldn't be penalised for helping heal our planet & helping myself to save money & carbon emissions

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ryan Hopprich

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Dougal Forrest

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**Phone:** 04-1310-5599

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Australia is well placed to encourage people to replace fossil fuels with solar energy .The government needs to facilitate and support this ,not bring in regressive policies to make it less affordable for citizens.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not support a tax on Solar energy. I remain constantly astounded that by now (with the state of our planet) that it is not automatic that alternative energies such as solar need all of the support they can. Not to experience penalties.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear sirs

Please find my submission regarding a proposed tax on solar system owners for exporting to the National Grid.

Considering our quite dire climate change predicament, essentially I believe every incentive we can offer towards the increased provision of clean energy should be very much encouraged. This proposal most definitely does not do this and I therefore do not agree with it.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Hall

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Brenda Bacon

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing solar energy which goes back to the grid is counter-productive to reducing global emissions.

1. It will discourage people from installing solar panels.
2. It will require energy suppliers to invest in their own infrastructure instead of utilising privately installed panels.
3. It is an extremely unfair tax.
4. It may lead to people installing battery storage and going off grid altogether.

None of these outcomes will benefit the country as a whole.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Further research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

And being charged to export our excess clean solar energy would also be detrimental to our household budget, especially in these Covid times.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Murphy

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am amazed that you would consider levying a tax on people who own rooftop solar, allegedly because they cost the grid to connect them. You are so violently opposed to renewable energy that it is beyond scandal.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Rather than a tax on rooftop solar, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you want to have a shred of credibility you should abandon this 'tax solar rooftop' line of inquiry.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The federal government is subsidising coal and gas including a reduced (fossil) fuel costs. YOU are supposing taxing the future of this country, trying to slow down the green energy revolution which Australia badly needs to catch up to be remotely competitive internationally?

This is a crime against humanity and I can only hope that anyone who does this will be brought to due justice by the next generation, from whose wealth you are stealing !

The AEMC proposal truly disgusts me.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I object to there being any charge imposed on me as a solar exporter to the grid. I am already subsidising the cost of poles and wires through the inadequate feed-in-tariff I am being paid for the electricity I produce.

All this will do is accelerate the market for batteries and drive people off the grid altogether sooner than they would otherwise pursue this course.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully

John Corker

30 Lachlan Street

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NSW 2515

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alan Crouch

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is an unfair imposition on pensioners in particular who have made the investment in solar photovoltaic systems to be charged for providing clean energy to the grid. The very idea of monetizing privately collected sunshine for the benefit of large multinational energy corporations is preposterous. Instead, this commission ought to be ensuring that the feed-in tariff rate is increased to further incentivise private household uptake of domestic solar energy systems.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Bob Philipson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

At a time when we need to do our utmost to reduce carbon emissions and transition to zero carbon energy, AEMO should be facilitating the addition of more rooftop pv rather than penalising it.

Against rooftop pv we have some of our country's largest emitter, such as Energy Australia, who seem allowed to add significant amounts of carbon and breach their cap, without any penalty.

We also have a Energy Minister who is actively choking new investment in utility scale renewable energy in order, it seems, to create a market for gas, when we should not need it.

Add to the above the failure of the Federal Government and grid owners to upgrade the grid to better cope with the requirements of renewable energy and it is no wonder rooftop pv owners are up in arms by AEMO's attempt to penalise them!

It is time that those responsible for the grid and energy policy plus the large scale fossil energy providers and polluters were called to account, rather than attempting to penalise owners of rooftop pv.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging to export electricity is not on. We pay some of the highest electricity rates in the world and you guys want more- in your dreams. I get 7 cents to export a kW and next door pays 39 cents. A great profit for providing 20 metres of wire, with little maintenance. The AEMC is not an elected body by the electorate so as public servants your group should listen to the public who have taken the initiative to assist power generation in the country, with the plan to reduce carbon footprint and reduce the cost of electricity. If you force the consumer to PAY to export electricity more and more will leave the grid and run their own system, this will make your position untenable, and of course there will be elections which could change governments and your organisation. This is NOT the time to sneak the proposal through whilst Australia has enough issues with the Chinese Virus problem.

The Sun Tax is an excuse for you lack of planning to manage the grid correctly, in fact solar panel owners should be given praise for saving the grid issues.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Chris Peters

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Your proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid

I contend that your proposal is not, as you claim, a way of balancing out the costs to all users of the power grid.

1. It is clear from a study conducted by the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.
3. There are simpler and cheaper ways to enable more solar.
4. The extremely low feed-in tariffs are in fact a tax on solar panel owners. It is important to increase the feed in tariffs to move to cleaner energy.
2. You want to charge solar panel owners a fee for providing clean energy when the companies that provide polluting coal and gas power pay nothing.

This whole proposal is nonsensical and appears designed to pander to the fossil fuel industry.

Regards

Chris Peters

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi I have had solar panels for 14 years my account is in credit due to excess generation this means less coal fired power needs to be generated.we should be paid more for this .Not have to pay.

Geoff Giles.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Eugene White

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not implement any taxes that make it harder for retail solar power generators to push their power into the grid.

We need a sustainable future, we shud be enabling these providers not taxing them.

Thank you,

Eugene White

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a solar panel owner and I believe that solar energy is the way of the future.

However the installation of solar equipment is very expensive and a big commitment of any household.

I am writing to sincerely request that you do NOT impose a sun tax.

Many thanks for your kind consideration.

Best wishes

Judy Shelley

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Martin Zakharov

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**Phone:** 04-1625-1644

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Unfortunately the electricity industry in Australia has been living in the past for a long time, and their approach has consistently current profits and not future benefits (and profits). They've been much slower than the industry in many other countries to adjust to clean technology, and they are still trying to develop inappropriate systems for greenhouse emissions, and limit the uptake of those systems.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I strongly object to the introduction of a solar tax on my export of solar generated electricity when I am paying for the infrastructure in the electricity that I use from the grid. Such a solar tax will force more owners to move off grid, which would be an unfair imposition of infrastructure costs on those homes that would still be using it



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Stop using taxpayers money to subsidise the coal and gas industries and divert it to renewables. The government is corrupt to the core.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid will simply encourage more owners to invest in batteries and become less dependent upon the grid than they are now.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting and are heavily subsidized by Govt.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Cameron Marlowe

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A sun tax is the opposite of what this country needs. Solar owners should be rewarded, not punished. Whilst dirty power is not forever, solar is a very positive step toward a cleaner future. There should be a fair feed-in tariff for solar owners, rewarding them for the stress their system takes off the main power sources, as well as being recognition for the steps they have taken toward a more sustainable, much cleaner power source.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar feed in tariffs are less than the wholesale electricity prices so home solar is effectively paying to export their power already. Any Solar Tax is a double grab. The profit made by the energy supplier on the power they purchase should be used for network access funding, not an additional charge. When people pay their power bills they are paying for the network as part of their power bills. Again there should not be a double charge.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Vic Davies

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This would be a very poor proposal, reminiscent of the Middle Ages. We are trying to help this world survive and put green energy into the grid at a fraction of its value and at a fraction of the cost of our installations. Please learn to adapt to a new energy era before you decimate many fragile species.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Lloyd Thomas

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I vehemently disagree with any proposal to charge a fee for domestic energy to be fed into the public grid.

The supply authorities and the Federal government have shown an almost disastrous lack of forward planning and necessary renewable energy policy and now have the hide to suggest that we the responsible citizens who have installed solar to help reduce our carbon footprint should pay for their mistakes.

It is just NOT ON.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Adam Aitken

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As an owner of a 5kW system that feeds clean energy into the grid in inner Sydney I object to proposals to charge energy producers for solar exports. I have checked the voltage on my system and there have been no over-voltage issues. As verified by the Victoria Energy Policy Centre my exports lower the wholesale cost of energy for other consumers. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. While I agree that grid security and efficiency is important, I do not see how my solar exports have caused a management or technical issue for the grid operators. I cannot see the fairness or net benefit of a fee on solar feed-in while fossil fuel energy producers are not charged in this way. In addition I already pay a network charge for access to the grid and in my view this is already contributing to the upkeep of the grid. A charge on my feed-in will also impact on my pay-back for the investment made, and this would be the case for any others considering investing in rooftop solar. In my view the environmental and health benefits of my exports outweigh the damage done by fossil fuel energy production. The imposition of a cost on my clean and cheap exports has no justification while there exists no carbon levy on coal generated electricity producers. These are the companies that should be compensating society for the negative environmental effects of their fossil fuel burning.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I installed solar panels on my home about 2 years ago to reduce my electricity bills and make my contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. I did it at my own cost and export my surplus clean electricity back to the grid for the benefit of other people with minimal return to me. It would be unfair to charge small rooftop clean energy producers to export electricity to the grid when big fossil fuel producing energy companies do not have to pay for their polluting activities.

I do not support the proposal to tax solar panel owners for the clean energy they produce when governments have neglected energy policy for so long.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is THEFT to tax solar power, I believe

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Submission to AEMC:

I read about Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre showing that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs!

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

In addition, Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

It seems very unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting because there is no proper Carbon Tax.

I believe that Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides. There are plenty of better ways to make our energy system fairer for everyone instead of a sun tax!

e.g. Governments should invest in solar and batteries for public housing, and expand programs that enable low income and rental households to access the benefits of solar.

Thanks for considering my Input.

Merv Renton

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar energy is the future, it should not be taxed. Clean solar energy benefits us environmentally and economically; keep solar energy tax free.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC, I am really astounded that there is a possibility that solar owners may be charged for exporting to the grid. WHAT ON EARTH?! Solar is clean and renewable and thus should be encouraged. The bushfires over the summer of 2019-20 show that cleaning up carbon emissions to reduce climate-change related disasters is crucial, yet coal and gas power stations are not charged anything to encourage this.

I bought my solar system in 2010, after doing the calculations to work out it would pay for itself in 6 years. I'm building a new house, and want solar, but if the system won't pay for itself in a reasonable time frame I'd have to re-think solar.

Please don't introduce a sun tax - it's crazy!

With best regards,

Jenny Smith

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

We have had solar on our roof for about 10 years, contributing to Victoria's long term aim for emission reductions. We get a small payment for the limited excess energy we supply to the grid. A tax on next to nothing is a waste of time and energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Such an imposition is totally un-australian!

It is a dishonest act, virtually stealing the proceeds of our investment, AFTER we all made the decision to put our hard earned money into the solar panels on our roof!

How dare you charge us for giving our production to you!

I strongly oppose this move with all my being!

That is reverse logic in any sane and democratic society.

Just wrong and unacceptable!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Roof top solar is an important part of electric production

Why would you make it less attractive for individual producers

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

â€¢ It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

â€¢ There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

â€¢ Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

â€¢ Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Douglas House

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Another unwelcome tax that offers nothing to consumers but extra cost above and beyond the exhorbitant price we now pay for gas and electricity.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Klaus Frohlich

**Email:** sets@adam.com.au

**Phone:** 04-0808-1092

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am writing to in regards to the proposal of a new feed in tax on renewable solar energy .

I believe it is absolutely unfair and totally counterproductive to introduce a tax a on rooftop solar feed in tariffs from residential solar customers.

We need to encourage more renewable energy rather than less.

Fossil fuel power production must be phased out as quick as possible in order to mitigate their impact on climate change!

If there are challenges with the power grid, then we have to adapt the grid to the 21st century!

I had my solar panels installed over 10 years ago and would like to see more solar power installed in Australia.

Coal and gas power stations are costing us the future by polluting the air and heating up the planet!

Thank you for your consideration,

Klaus Frohlich

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Cheryl Dubis

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**Phone:** 04-3769-5934

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This would be unexpected expense after people have installed, to avert the rising costs, the installations and replacement costs were astronomical for me as I can only utilize the solar during high summer being shaded. It will pay for itself over several years, can we not have some access to the grace of god, and stop being treated like farm animals, I would go so far to say. It is making us all increasingly pressured to be used in this way. Just because you are losing control, and what do you propose to use the tax for. ?????

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Nick Taylor-Fick

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We have invested approx \$10,000 for solar rooftop panels so as to lower our electricity bills and also CO2 emissions and we should not be penalised for doing this.

From all perspectives, it's a no brainer that this industry be supported- for jobs & and for a cleaner/ healthier more livable environment.

So, it's a big 'NO' to any proposed Sun tax from me!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Robert Burgess

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Homeowners have spend thousands of dollars to reduce their electricity bills, help reduce greenhouse emissions, doing our part to help the environment. Slugging us with a tax is both grossly unfair and very un-Australian.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Respectfully, I cannot believe this proposal is seriously under consideration.

It is laughable, ridiculous, barely credible as well as being stupid.

Renewable energy is the only way we can survive and this sort of tax would be harmful.

Please reconsider.

Sincerely, Leeanne Szydzik

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Roger Kingcott

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**Phone:** 02-9801-3969

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC, I have rooftop solar and use as much of it as I can but some of it goes to the grid. It is hideous to think that anyone would even think of taxing the public for providing cheap clean renewal electricity back to the grid. There should simply be a fair feed-in tariff recognising the environmental benefits of clean energy but no tax. The Australian Energy Market Commission should join up to help save the Planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Michelle Hopkins

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Leave our solar energy alone,

we paid for the panels, not you and there not even worth the money we paid.

It you charge us I will have hem taken down.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Edward Adamthwaite

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on PV owners is unfair. We have paid a large amount of money to have PV on our roofs and putting a tax on us is wrong. We are taking away a lot of power from the old power stations and making it easier for them.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sally Wallace

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**Phone:** 04-3806-3185

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The proposal to charge people with solar panels to return clean energy to the grid flies in the face of all known business practices.

It's the equivalent of charging farmers for the grain that they have grown or charging makers for making their products.

At a time when the world needs all the clean energy it can get, charging people for power generate on their own property makes no sense.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Charles Street

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The authorities and businesses in charge of energy generation should be encouraging the use of renewable energy as a replacement for energy generated from fossil fuels.

Rather than a sun tax, there should be incentives not penalties for adding renewable energy to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We do not agree with this charge. If we are supplying energy to the grid we should be reimbursed in the same way as we pay for what we take.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Steve Trice

**Email:** tricesteve38@gmail.com

**Phone:** 04-1994-2291

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To AEMC. I do not consider a tax on my solar generated power that is automatically sent to the grid to be a fair and equitable option. Governments have consistently encouraged householders to adopt their subsidised clean electricity generation policy. This I have done since 2014. I believe if you change anything it should be to subsidise storage batteries. This will encourage household solar owners to store their daytime generated electricity and use this at night when power generators are under the highest demand. Your proposed new tax will not help your alleged problem. In my opinion it will simply remove new customers from purchasing solar systems.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Cranwell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposal to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid is simply ridiculous.

1. The feed-in-tariff is already well below what it costs householders to buy energy from the grid, which I consider to be grossly unfair.
2. Solar power provides clean energy, i.e., it reduces the amount of greenhouse gases that would be produced by using coal, gas and oil to generate the same amount of energy.
3. Any tax on energy generated by solar energy fed back to the grid would be a major disincentive for householders to install solar panels.

If a so called sun tax was introduced my immediate reaction would be to increase energy storage capacity by installing another battery so as to maximise the amount of solar energy used in the house and thus reduce the amount of energy imported from the grid. In Tasmania it is probably not possible to go completely off-grid, but with sufficient storage capacity it would be possible to not have to import energy for at least 8 months of the year.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We do not agree with this charge. If we are supplying energy to the grid we should be reimbursed in the same way as we pay for what we take.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Marlene Lovell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This tax is crossly unfair. People have solar panels to allow them to save money on their electricity. They also care about their environment, by using clean energy. What's the point if they are going to be slugged with this unfair money tax. It is just a money grab on people who try to do the right thing.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair to tax roof top solar owners for exporting their excess power to the grid. As a previous owner of solar panels, I am also planning to put panels on my new property. We should be encouraging clean energy and not supporting dirty energy producers. Stop this tax now! We need to consider the environment and protect our children's future

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We do not agree with this charge. If we are supplying energy to the grid we should be reimbursed in the same way as we pay for what we take.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ken Gallagher

**Email:** ksgallagher@bigpond.com

**Phone:** 04-0808-8915

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sunlight is free from the sun. Power produced by my own solar system should not be taxed. We have paid already to have the system installed to reduce our power bill and greenhouse emissions.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Diann Fountain

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is anti - climate change and renewable resources that the rest of the world Have embraced - and backward for those that have solar energy and expect returns as par of the subsidised government supports to install.

Any move to further tax on this issue will be met with strong resistance from consumers undertaking this necessity in a country with ample sun. We need policy that is the opposite to this and encouragements first all.

We as the taxpayers need tax reform not propping up coal use for energy thatâ€™s not sustainable.

It has its place but experienced in S.A. show otherwise with back up generation - given the chance for other states like NSW.

Qld has just release support for renewables and stimulus funds should be doing same for new renewable jobs!!

Think again.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Rob McCormack

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**Phone:** 04-0167-3379

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To whom

I invested in 10.4kw solar system which during much of the year I am feeding 20-30kwh back into the grid from my home residence. I invested this much as a contribution to the transition to zero carbon as a global outcome.

Rather than be acknowledged and perhaps even rewarded for contributing to this larger goal, I feel I have been punished. My feed-in tariff has been reduced, and now there is the prospect of a tax on my feed-in.

I must confess that this makes me mad, and I often fantasise about going completely off-grid - even though I know that is selfish and does not contribute to the greater good.

My final thought is that if there is going to be co-generation and co-distribution of energy in the new emerging energy system, it would constitute an unforgivable betrayal of the enormous number of ordinary citizens who have demonstrated that they are prepared to help the future emerge by being more than mere consumers.

To be taxed for contributing to the generation of renewable energy is an unforgivable insult.

yours

Rob McCormack

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Denis Rowan

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**Phone:** 04-0824-6465

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Leave us alone why do you think you own the sins energy .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sam McNamara

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**Phone:** 04-0873-5882

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I cannot understand the logic of charging a electricity producer to feed into the grid when that electricity is then sold to another consumer. If the AEMC accepts this ridiculous proposal, I will disconnect my excess clean electricity feed in and just use what I produce myself and the excess will be wasted. I will also recommend this course of action to every other solar electricity producer that I know.

Can you please explain to me why a primary producer should be charged to supply their product?  
Am I missing something here?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Julie Bailey

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**Phone:** 04-0214-0716

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is a tax on the supplier/manufacture of a product that assist the environment. Where else are producers taxed for the product of their capital outlay which has been encouraged, assists in providing a cheaper commodity and is a benefit to society?



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To The Australian Energy Market Commission,

I am a home owner and a solar owner. I generate and export electricity to the grid. I would like to register my strong objection to the proposal, currently under consideration, to charge a tax (Sun Tax) on solar owners, for exporting this power to the grid. I believe there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

It is patently unfair for solar owners to be charged such an fee for exporting power to the grid when the large power companies (which contribute to greenhouse gases) don't have to pay a similar exporting cost.

Research (from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre), indicates that rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. This research also clearly show that the benefits that solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Research conducted by University of NSW for the Energy Security Board has shown that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

I have a small solar system and charging a sun tax will negate the financial benefits I receive from making the investment in solar. I chose however to invest in solar power primarily to support a move for our society away from the damaging environmental impacts associated with the power industries (coal, gas) that produce extreme carbon emissions and worsen the development of global warming.

Such a solar tax will act as a deterrent for people to take up solar / renewable power options. And as such, I believe, will have a negative impact on the move to power alternatives that are carbon neutral.

Many thanks for giving consideration to my submission on this issue.

Best regards

Casey Kelly

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Judy Glick

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**Phone:** 04-1201-3120

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Roof top solar can be used to strengthen supply and should be encouraged. See South Australia for how.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Heather McClelland

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**Phone:** 04-2369-3744

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is not right to steal away the improvements the general public have made to their energy arrangements. If authorities would put their weight behind renewables and battery storage there would be no need to be worried about the failure of the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Paul WEBSTER

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**Phone:** 03-9775-9552

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am writing to urge you to reconsider the proposed Sun Tax. This proposal is not based on the facts, and will adversely affect several million hard working Australians and businesses.

Research by multiple groups, including U.N.S.W, and Victorian Energy Policy Centre, shows that the network impact of Solar has been considerably overestimated and in fact, the benefit of solar input, not only outweighs any identified network costs, but actually helps to drive down the wholesale price of electricity to the benefit of ALL Australians. This Sun Tax would unfairly impose unjustifiable and additional costs on solar owners just for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and take a more realistic look at the benefits of solar generation to the grid, environment and the financial well being of those that invested in Solar systems, not to make money, but to reduce their outgoing expenditure in retirement, people like me.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 03-9783-8244

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think this is unfair

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Darryn Fisher

**Email:** darryn.fisher71@gmail.com

**Phone:** 04-1396-0583

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The reason for our outlay of in excess of \$10,000 to upgrade my switch board and fix solar generation panels to the roof on my home, was to reduce my reliance on Non sustainable power generation and to bring down the cost of living. I am on a disability pension due to a workplace injury and what is currently being proposed is a real kick in the guts as this tax will only further support the dirty power generators... This is not what we, the Australian citizens and taxpayers support.

Our government must stop subsidizing the coal and gas fossil fuel industry, regardless of how much money they donate to the political parties and start replacing these businesses with ecologically sustainable development to build capacity of solar, wind, tidal and hydro power generation... While we understand that renewable energy sources cannot be relied upon to provide all of our power requirements at this point in time, the illogical taxing of renewable energy generation is ridiculous and unethical... I would go so far as to point out how cynical this poorly thought out ideology actually is, and that contributed support for these types of penalties and indeed the fossil fuel industry is certainly not in our citizens or national interest.

What's going to be next? An Oxygen tax? A home garden tax? Wake up political parties, start representing the commonwealth of Australia ( the Australian citizens) and not your campaign donors, because of your own selfish self interests...

Kind regards a very disappointed and disillusioned citizen

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We worked hard paid our taxes than saved some money to put solar system to help our environment keep clean.

You guys don't appreciate but want to play dirty business on us simply because we voted you in the Power.

What a shame.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Geddes

**Email:** petergeddes@me.com

**Phone:** 03-9005-3657

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think this is very unfair

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

If the intended proposal is approved by the Government it will ultimately result in more homes moving off the grid as batteries and solar become even better and cheaper. ultimately as a consequence the cost of power will increase even more and those unable to afford more solar or batteries or wind will be the losers. These are the people who can least afford to pay the power bills. As a solar owner for the past 10 years I believe that 11cents a kw hr is reasonable as the power companies charge more than double for peak power and at least 5 cents more for off peak. We pay for the power stations output then for the power lines and distribution etc with multiple companies in the market that are all trying to make a profit. This is not an efficient way to operate when particularly as the profit motive is the driving force.

:Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

:It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

:There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

:If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gerald Maxwell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This so called sun tax, is completely outrageous, and is nothing short of an insult, to every one that has paid out their hard earned money to try to save \$\$\$ and also the planet, and many would be people on the pension, who are already getting screwed by the government big time !!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I oppose as this is an unfair-tax, that should be put on fossil-fuel polluters instead.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sharon Salter

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**Phone:** 04-0849-6520

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the Australian Energy Commission I would like to voice my great opposition in you thinking it is a good idea to charge solar owners to export clean energy into the grid. Climate change is such a significant concern for all Australians with a conscience and without connections to the polluting coal and gas industry. Catastrophic weather disasters in Australia including prolonged droughts, wild fires and flooding show us climate change is real and if not stopped soon it will be irreversible. We need to be encouraging solar on most homes not discouraging it by introducing this irresponsible charge.

To charge solar owners to export clean energy into the grid is unthinkable and unacceptable and would stop further investment in solar and cause some owners to roll back their solar feed.

Shame on you, look at the real facts of climate change as this will affect all young Australians.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I write to inform you that research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power. Solar power systems purchased by home owners have made substantial contributions to reducing electricity costs for all Australians. Don't tax home owners again especially when large corporate electricity generators are not being taxed for their outputs and all existing fossil fuel electricity generation is contributing to global heating and its associated health and economic costs.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is a big tax on pensioners who have attempted to reduce their expenses with their modest incomes.

This is a disincentive to clean energy and must be viewed as economically, socially and environmentally detrimental.

Australia's future like that of the world lies in new industries and proposals to undermine growth and is detrimental to the new economy!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Sun Tax is outrageous, I have invested my own money to supply electricity for my own use and to help supply power to the grid to help reduce carbon footprint as I want my family and others to enjoy a cleaner environment. Solar is the way of the future not coal burning power stations, but the government is sending the wrong message by trying to introduce Sun Tax when they should be encouraging more people to help the environment by installing solar which produces low cost electricity with no negative impacts to the environment. I really want to be part of a country that is leading the way to the future by helping the environment not one that is ignoring the facts and helping the destruction of the world.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dont tax people for being part of the solution

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Margot Rottem

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners are contributors to greater energy capacity, they are very poorly paid for this by the energy networks who already make lots of money from the home solar owners, and this easily covers any costs relating to the grid

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Nola Kirkness

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**Phone:** 04-2374-9627

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This a stupid idea, people put the solar panels on their roofs to help save them on their electricity bill, yet, you now want to tax them for doing that. The last i heard, the sun is free, so why do you think you have the right to start taxing those that use it this way. I am on a pension, so are many others, if i could afford a battery i would have that as well. It makes me mad, that governments want to tax, what is given to us free, the sun, and the water.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

No tax on solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I fully support the Sun Tax Proposals. You know the arguments are for this support...no need to keep reiterating them... Just GET ON WITH IT!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We have spent money to save money. We pay so many hidden taxes in this country. We are suppose to be the lucky country. As SMSF holders we have been kicked in the gutshirt through this pandemic, meanwhile dole bloggers are better off than they ever have been. Don't kick people who have worked all their lives to get what they got. It's just a blatant grab for more. Hit the guy who produces pollution, no the people who are trying to reduce emissions and their day to day expenses. You will drive people off grid and others will pay. People with solar should also charge the power companies a supply charge.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It makes me so angry that something like this, which makes sense and will do some good, gets restrictions placed upon it to prevent more people from signing up. This should be illegal.....what is the purpose of charging people for giving back?

If I had the land, and could place solar panels on it, to generate Clean Power for people to use, and to save this world from Dirty Coal and Gas, why on earth should I be charged???!!!

This world needs all the help it can get right now - in case you haven't noticed, there are a few crisis' happening! The people who are in charge - and elected in by the people! - need to start taking responsibility and stepping up to the job of looking forward long-term (not just the next election campaign) and doing what is right for our future!!

Seriously people, have some moral conscience and do the right thing here.

It's like charging people for donating to charity.....it is so VERY WRONG.

Think twice before selling your soul.....and think about your grandchildren. Can you look into their eyes one day and say you did your best? Can you?!!

Regards,

KE,

Sydney

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**Submission:**

If export residential power is to be taxed, then all residential import, including gas and water shall be likewise tax deductible or I shall pursue action with the ACCC. Residential solar has limitations in scale as set by Distributors. This limit shall also, unlike commercial solar where electricity is inherently tax deductible, be required to be lifted such that residential properties may be considered commercial for the sake of commercial power production and shall be eligible for larger scale solar and permits for structures from local councils to install said systems.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have never heard of anything so ridiculous, re wanting to charge soar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Why would one ever consider charging people for a God given gift of Sun, get real you greedy fascist mob of mongrels

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not agree with a tax on using the sun. Illuminating research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. All rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Important research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Obviously there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Please act accordingly.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Every home should have solar panels and share the profits of providing electricity. I w8ll vote for a government which serves this goal NOT vote for one who serves the fossil fuel industries. We must stop subsidising outdated energy stop punishing renewable energy. The old way is now too deadly for all of us.

Please re-align your allegiance to the energy needs of the people of Australia. Thank you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Stop ripping off peoples solar energy generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The Sun Tax Proposals are entirely unjust and is something which I would expect from the ignorant Donald Trump. If the Tax is introduced we will consider removing the solar panels from our roof.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We installed solar to help the environment and generate power to the grid. The govt support we received including a decent feed in tariff were helpful and supportive of our intentions. To reverse this support by allowing power companies to charge solar owners for the input is completely hypocritical and counter productive. It favours big business, who already operate with the benefit of not paying to export the power they generate.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I can't believe we're going down this path again. If it wasn't for rooftop solar owners, NSW would have suffered serious energy shortages over the last couple of summers - thanks to rooftop solar, there's plenty of energy flowing into the grid at the time it's really needed. And your own statistics clearly demonstrate that, rather than solar panel ownership being the province of wealthy people, in fact it has its highest penetration in some of our poorest areas. My own prosperous greenleafy suburban electorate has very low levels of solar ownership - people have no pressing need to reduce their power bills because they have money to spare. By contrast, the sprawling poor rural electorate that I grew up in, and my mother still lives in, has very high levels of solar ownership - it's a place where even people on welfare can afford to buy a modest fibro cottage. Thanks to the economics of solar panels, many of them have pay-as-you-go arrangements to install solar panels on their roof because they can do the sums and understand the difference it will make to their tiny annual budget. How unfair to punish these people for trying to insure themselves against future energy bills!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is unfair to citizens who have tried to help our country produce energy without green house gasses. Energy companies should look at expanding their systems to effectively use all solar energy contributions for the well-being of citizens and our country.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think it is very unfair when I have gone to great expense to do the right thing and install solar panels and a battery to help cut toxic emissions going into the atmosphere, that the Government is doing its best to impose more expense on people like me. I hope some of you politicians read The Carbon Club by Marian Wilkinson.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Commission,

I do not agree with proposals to charge solar energy providers for supplying power to the grid. The reality is we are paid average wholesale price per kWh \*and\* we pay a connection charge. This connection charge is for the cost of maintaining the network and our connection to it. The connection fee is a shared cost for the benefit of all consumers.

The consumers of our power are most likely, based on physics, local to our area. In summer I'm providing power for other peoples airconditioners and reducing the load on the network.

I also have a battery that means I'm not consuming energy during the peaks - in fact I barely ever consume grid power, so I'm already subsidising the grid by being connected, and I'm providing 6MWh of clean power to the grid on average per year. Power that doesn't need to be dug up, and is cheap.

I don't need to be connected to the grid... so you know where that is going.

You cannot justify slugging solar owners with a fee and subsidising fossil fuel power.

No doubt you now know that there are far more benefits from rooftop solar and far less impacts than the vested interests in gas and coal have claimed (see UNSW Energy Security Board and Victoria Energy Policy Centre).

If you believe in social justice you'll realise that solar owners who have enough solar to export are subsidising people who can't afford it. Our power keeps the cost of energy consistent and down for lower paid consumers.

More distributed power plants should \*increase\* the reliability of the network by removing large single points of failure. Losing, say, the 850MW Millmeran coal fired plant makes a huge impact when it drops out, which it does a lot.

I trust this makes sense? While I'm an Electronics engineer, I haven't designed large power distribution networks, but I have designed inverters and have a handle on how things should work in theory, and this proposal just sounds like a cash grab by the energy companies worried about their monopoly position in the power game being removed.

Kind Regards,

Peter.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the Australian Energy Market Commission, regarding new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

My wife and I have invested a reasonable amount of our savings in installing solar panels and batteries. This is not only an investment in Australia's environmental future but also an investment in our financial future, now that we are both retired from work.

Any introduction of solar connection to the grid fees, would greatly affect our financial future. Our investment was based on reducing our power costs, in part by selling our excess power to the grid. Any financial burden introduced now, may force us to disconnect our solar system from the grid.

How much are AGL, Origin or Energy Australia charged to supply power to Ausgrid? It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when large polluting power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Please do not change the rules now – we need to protect our future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively a tax on the sun. I am therefore making this submission to say why it is not a good idea and why I am against such charge to solar owners being one of them.

1. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
2. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
3. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
4. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
5. As a recent solar system owner we invested our own money into the system, not the energy provider. The return is currently 10.5 cents for every exported kWh, while we pay 26 cents for each imported kWh. The return is already so low that any additional charge would erode it further.

I urge you to make a decision against the charges as the renewables should be encouraged rather than discouraged with additional charges.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is a ridiculous tax. Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides. Instead of a sun tax, our leaders should invest in solar and batteries for public housing, and expand programs that enable low income and rental households to access the benefits of solar.

The benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

In the last seven years I have seen my asset of solar panels and their return consistently eroded so much the the ROI will not be realised in my lifetime due to the continual changes in policy. I am fed up with governments recommending these capital outlays and then acquiescing to energy companies who rort the system through greed. When is the government going to represent the electorate instead of foreign entities who purchase the power and charge x3 to the very consumer who fed into the grid. Another TAX?....

I vehemently oppose this outrageous insult to mum and dad investors who have believed that utilising solar energy was an environmentally sound proposition.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There are many solutions to reduce our carbon footprint, and solar energy is one. Australia is rich in this resource and governments need to support and lead to better use natural resources. From Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is so totally wrong. You can not tax the sun. Im doing the right thing but your going to take from someone with nothing yet again. Stop praying on the poor and go after big finance, its about time you did the right thing by your country.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To the AEMC

Please do not tax solar. If you want to do the right thing by our planet and our children, we need to find clean ways to manage our energy needs. Please make it easier, not harder, for our community to generate solar energy. You will be supporting your grandchildren.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Please do not give in to the pressure of rich, polluting lobby groups. Please support the long term interests of your own community.

Sincerely

Dr Celia Conolly

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**Submission:**

The installation of domestic solar was encouraged by government like the rest of the world. It has soon turned into a betrayal and the suggestion of a sun tax is too ludicrous to comment on. Try and save some credibility for the AEMC and drop this draconian idea now.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I object to my personal support for the renewable sector, by way of installing solar panels, being taxed when the government is doing so little in the renewable energy space.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is illogical and unethical to make any sustainable energy punitive. We have to think of our planet first, our home, our life giving environment. You should be encouraging people who have sustainable living arrangements. The attacks on a sustainable future must end. How DARE you think of taxing us. Tax the dirty coal producers, tax the greedy, tax the rich, BUT NOT THE SUN!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I have had solar panels on my roof for many years & feel it is my way of helping Australia reduce it's dependence on fossil fuels. I am appalled that home owners who have done the right thing in investing in reducing their reliance on coal fired electricity could potentially be charged to input to the grid. Surely this is exactly the wrong direction Australia should be going in now. We are a smart country & we have created amazing innovations in solar power which potentially could result in huge opportunities for the domestic economy & the export economy. This policy of trying to discourage residential solar power is harking back to the old ways of reliance on fossil fuels. We need to look to the future environment & economy for our childrens' sake.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I don't believe a tax on providing clean energy to the grid is fair. It will discourage renewable energy generation, placing extra stress on our already compromised environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

People that have obtained solar panels have been proactive in doing something positive for our environment. We should not be monetarily punished for doing so. As a Nation, we should encourage installation of small scale solar to energise the grid. There are many logical reasons it makes sense for us to do so.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Taxing households who feed solar energy into the grid must NOT go ahead. They have invested in installing solar panels on their rooves to assist the reduction of emissions of CO2 and to improve the supply of electricity across the grid. This has already become evident in the summer when everyone is using aircon with less blackout events.

Receiving 12 cents per kilowatt feed-in is not making the electricity suppliers go broke, especially when they charge 30 cents/kilowatt or more to supply power to solar owners.

The suggestion that solar is subsidised has no weight, as the fossil fuel suppliers are heavily subsidised too, in a variety of ways.

The government would not be able to make any claims of reduced emissions if it wasn't because so many households making changes at the domestic level, including installing solar panels.

We should be rewarded with a greater feed-in tariff.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am not agreeable to the solar owners being unfairly targeted by the power companies in Australia. I made a choice to go solar to help in the global effort to decrease greenhouse gases & I hope the voters in this country remember this at the ballot boxes

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Since there is an existing 90 amp connection into the grid from my property there is no additional capital cost for the transmission authority to accept my small energy generation into their grid and since I currently pay that authority approximately \$1 per day for daily charges it seems totally unreasonable to pay a solar generation charge to the network or marketing company, especially since the paltry kWh charge is already determined and is so low at 11 c /kWh that the regulator has already incorporated some small fee in determining this feed in tariff.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun is for everyone. We don't want or  
need to prop up the failing fossil fuel industry

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I object to a tax on exporting solar to the grid. The FIT is very low and the energy provider gets to sell the power I produce at a considerable mark-up .

After encouraging households to install solar, it seems like trickery to then tax the solar producers.

Private solar producers pay the supply charge that everyone does so their contribution is weighted in the suppliers favour.

What is the evidence for a tax on solar. Feels like gouging from people who have invested in the future.

It would appear that work needs to be done on smoothing the transition to renewables.

If costs need to be covered perhaps the retailers of electricity, who after all are making the profits, should pay.

If coal fired power stations are not charged for exporting dirty power to the grid why should households be charged for exporting clean power.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Dear / Sir Madam

With disbelief I have read that you (the AEMC) is considering a charge (tax) on solar energy being fed into the grid by roof-top solar. I am strongly opposing such an idea and hope very much that such a proposal will not become a reality. In our current times of climate change and having lived through last season's bushfires, anything that that will support the production and expansion of renewable energy, especially roof-top solar should be supported by you. A fair feed in tariff, a better distribution network, smart meters and support to install batteries are needed, but not any additional charges. Please consider our future!

With regards

Guido Eberding

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**Submission:**

It is ridiculous and arrogant to even consider charging private solar energy contributors for supplying to the common benefit of the community.

This discriminatory when traditional suppliers are not similarly charged.

The move would be wrong and counter productive in the extreme.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am not sure where this proposal comes from, but it seems to be consistent with the Federal Government's continuing attempts to stifle solar energy. If I have solar and my neighbour does not, the retailer pays me less than 10c/kWH but charges my neighbour over 20c to deliver it next door on wires which they already charge us for in network charges.. I cannot see where any extra cost to me is justified.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We put solar panels on so as to save on power for our retirement years to try and make them as comfortable as possible because of a chronic lung condition I require air conditioning and the power produced by solar allows that . What little is not used goes to the grid and we should not be penalized for that because it is less power needed to be produced by fossil fuel.

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**Submission:**

Taxing the input back into the grid will create a downward pressure on the demand for solar and renewables. I'm sure you know this already but the place where you should look for that extra revenue is not residents with private solar, but large energy companies who use creative accounting methods to reduce their taxes. Taxes that are owed to the people of Australia

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging solar generators for feed in is not dissimilar to the candle manufacturers in the UK, justifying a window tax because of unfair competition from the sun. The grid has to change from the old decentralised model, this will not be achieved by penalising people who provide additional green power for others to use or store.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

How unfair would this be? We are encouraged to get solar. We pour thousands into roof top solar. I get a measly \$0.08 cents per KW I put into the grid which the energy companies then on sell for \$0.37 cents.....and now they want to tax us more?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We put solar panels on our roof because our energy bills were so high and going solar seemed to be the only way over time to reduce our expenses.

Now we will pay even higher bills if this tax is introduced.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is a move demonstrating the greed of electricity suppliers. Not content with paying a trifling amount via the feed in rates and reselling at a higher price, they now want more money on top. Grumpy old men with a bit of money will be tempted to go completely off-grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the AEMC,

It is grossly unfair to place a charge on solar owners for the transmission of their solar feed-in when fossil fuel generators do not pay a charge.

Solar energy benefits not only other energy consumers, but also the poles and wires companies who are selling solar power on to the energy distribution companies.

And fossil fuel energy producers receive a massive subsidy from the Government. My solar production produces no CO<sub>2</sub>, and thus provides a benefit for all current and future generations on the planet.

A solar tax is not in line with the Paris Agreement, to which our country is a signatory.

I ask therefore, that you drop this proposed disincentive to all solar producers whose efforts are a benefit to the nation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is one step away from taxing us for the carbon dioxide that we breathe out. It is the exact reciprocal of what we SHOULD be doing - encouraging the use of solar energy in order to reduce pollution from fossil fuels. How far away is an oxygen tax - simply for breathing? That would be no more farcical than this inane idea of taxing sunlight.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not believe that taxing solar owners for providing energy to the grid is fair and I do not believe there is any sensible justification for such a tax. If a feed in tax is to be applied to solar it should cover all forms of generation including coal, gas, hydro and wind. In fact, it would make more sense just to tax coal and gas generation because of the billions of dollars in damage suffered each year because of the effects of climate change and the large number of people who die every year as a result of burning fossil fuels. The subsidies currently given to fossil fuel companies could be switched over to clean renewable sources of energy and to transition jobs out of the dying fossil fuel operations. Fossil fuels are doomed n matter how much our government spends on propping them up. The rest of the world is far ahead of us in energy generation so we may as well get used to solar and wind and make the best of it. If I were to be taxed on my solar feed in then I'd install batteries and go off grid, as I expect many others would do, and then you'll have less energy to work with. No doubt this is why the fossil fuel lobbies want such a tax as it would help prop up their dirty polluting industries just a little longer. But since renewables are by far the cheapest form of energy now available you would have to expect energy prices to rise as a direct result. It would hardly be a responsible decision on any level. Various bodies who have investigated the impacts of solar find it is beneficial from a cost and local network benefit. Tax the polluters, not the sun.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I'm a farmer grazier who experiences the difficulties created by our warming and drying climate. Climate warming will be the greatest issue I will have to deal with in my highly productive enterprise, and I'm doing something about it at an individual level. My investment in solar panels is mainly directed at supplying my electric needs, both commercial and domestic. I still pay for electricity from the grid through Origin. I am attempting to balance my carbon footprint through not only using the solar power I generate but also offset that which I buy from Origin with the excess I generate with the solar panels. The amount of power that is feed back into the grid is small, but even so the AEMC seems to want to tax me for that, creating more administrative bookwork which would just add to the tax. It seems that to be registered, pay the tax, keep the authority informed will be almost as much as the tax itself, and this is crazy economics.

I don't require extensive tax deductions to run my generation equipment, like the coal mining companies. I made the investment in the solar panels and these require no on-going tax deductions from the government's tax system, and yet it seems the AEMC would rather tax the efficiency of my electricity generation. When you think about it, how backward an approach the AEMC Sun Tax is. Penalise efficiency on the one hand and give tax hand-outs to inefficiency.

The day will come when the AEMC will have egg on its face for what seems to be a silly politically motivated tax, rather than considering the situation on a full rational economic basis

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We are already paying the highest energy bills

and we have spent money on our solar systems to cut our electricity cost

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The message a Sun Tax would be sending to us all is counter productive. This is the wrong and backwards approach to tackling the issue of grid energy. Effectively placing a target on the little guys back, this tax is a punishment for doing the right thing!! Don't tax our efforts and contribution to a Cleaner Renewable future. Wake up, rethink and re-strategise a better solution please.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I understand AEMC is considering the imposition of a fee for homes with solar panels when they export their excess power to the grid. This is extremely inequitable. Having the new-era situation of homes with solar panels may require adjustments to the infrastructure of the network around them. But home-generated power is saving power companies from having to build power generators elsewhere. It is not equitable to tax solar panel home owners, because they already do not get a fair price for the electricity they feed in to the grid. They have already funded the network by default!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I hope this is an April Fools joke in the making and it is not serious suggestion. I want the astronomical price paid during peak summer loads applied to my solar system. Otherwise the generators would have to build additional generating capacity that lies idle most of the rest of the time



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If large energy exporters don't have to pay network fees as a tax of their supply, why should small exporters, small solar solar producers have to?

Network costs are covered by other means and decentralised solar producers reduce network costs.

This is an attempt by large retailers to make solar less economical so they can make more profit of people using more electricity. High electricity prices are driving more people to get solar. This is a greedy move by retailers.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Letter to the AEMC regarding the Sun Tax proposal:

I currently have a solar PV system on my roof (5 kW), a 10 kWh battery system and an electric vehicle (EV). I am currently building two new houses, each of them including a solar PV system (8 kW and 15 kW). This is the fourth residential solar PV system that I am installing.

Installing a PV system is quite expensive. It is like paying your electricity about 10 years in advance, and also paying the GST for that electricity 10 years in advance.

We already pay the network access fee of \$0.81/day + GST (\$325/year). We already supply the utility with very cheap electricity with every year decreasing feed-in tariff, at a much lower rate than the electricity from fossil fuel that they can buy from large producers.

The amount of PV generated electricity is only 8.9% (only 6% for rooftop) in Australia (over the last year), and is in no way impacting the grid security or stability.

The lesson learned from the dramatic bush fires of the summer 2019-2020 is very clear that we need to be much more aggressive in deploying emission-free technologies, accelerate the deployment of renewable energy technologies and transform our energy economy to 100% renewables by 2050.

The COP-21 Paris agreement, signed by more than 190 countries, requires that we restrict our CO2 emission to 800 Gton. At the current rate, this corresponds to about 22 years. We must reduce our CO2 emissions now and very quickly stop any emissions by mid-century. It is our ethical and moral obligation to do everything in our power to support the deployment of renewables and the transformation of our energy economy as quickly as possible (including electrification of the transport sector).

In addition:

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have had a rooftop solar PV system on my roof for the last 18 years. This has been a wonderful experience of education about energy for my family. It also has provided the utility with low-cost electricity at times that the utility requires it the most (my PV system is mostly facing west).

Our residential PV systems provides many benefits, including health benefits, low pollution benefits, reduces the need to upgrade the grids in local neighbourhood, etc...

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I am writing to express my opposition to the imposition of any tariffs on home solar energy producers who export energy to the grid.

While it is true that the rapidly modernising effect of increased distributed electricity production by domestic rooftop solar requires investment in the grid to allow for this type of production to proliferate, I strongly contend that the urgency with which Australia must transition to a decarbonised energy system necessitates that grid transition investment should be funded by reallocating existing subsidies that are paid to the fossil fuel energy production sector.

It is strongly in the interests of Australians, both economically and ecologically, to be protected by policies that aggressively support a transition to the use of renewable energy in domestic and industrial settings.

Please prevent the imposition of any disincentives in the form of export tariffs upon Australian home owners who are trying to do the right thing by taking control of their power bills and invest their personal resources to ensure that their home becomes another renewable energy home. These households should be compensated by a fair feed in tariff for energy that they export.

Regards,

Adrian Brown

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Citizen roof solar is one of the most successful renewable endeavours. To tax this initiative especially when large fossil fuel companies are not so taxed is ridiculous. Our government should be investing in infrastructure (grid), batteries and everything that promotes renewable growth rapidly and totally replace ALL fossil fuels.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As part of Australia's taxation, charges for exporting solar energy back to the grid need to be considering in the overall context of promoting investment and behaviours that advance Australia's overall goals, and disincentivise behaviours that do not contribute.

In considering our overall goals, we should look at the global picture. Australia has committed to the United Nations Agenda 2030, based on the Sustainable Development Goals, signed by Minister Bishop in 2015.

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/development-issues/2030-agenda/Pages/default>. Despite this commitment, Australia's achievements in these goals is disappointing to many of us, and we are falling further behind on environmental, energy, consumption, health, and biodiversity goals.

A charge on solar energy exports is likely to further diminish our position on these goals through its disincentive for household solar investments. This will contribute to slowing the move away from fossil fuels in Australia. Coal, oil and gas pollute the air, destroy biodiversity through mining, contribute to climate change and overall slow progress towards the renewable energy future that we have committed to in these goals.

Therefore I urge that a charge on solar energy exports not be imposed. Instead I suggest a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar energy is one of the solutions to the energy crisis. Stop the subsidies to polluting fossil fuel energy companies and reward people for producing their own energy and reducing the need for unsustainable, polluting and expensive fossil fuels.

Sustainable, non polluting energy sources are the future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please do not tax solar owners for exporting energy back to the grid.

It is unfair that those who have invested In Clean energy that helps Aust reach climate change targets should be taxed, when those large, often multi nationals, who use outdated and climate wrecking fossil fuels pay little or no tax. And the profits go off shore and so contribute little to the social wellbeing and health of our environment.

They have had monopoly on energy and have ripped off the ordinary citizen through increasingly higher fees and charges.

A fair feedin Tariff for roof top solar should recognise the health benefits and environmentally friendly electricity production.

Our solar array is not huge. It helps defray only some part of the costs of our energy bill, which has steadily been whittled away over the years. A tax would add a further burden in an increasingly financially difficult time for so many like us on fixed income.

Please encourage the use of roof top solar and battery backup. Don't penalise those who have had the foresight to install solar with a view to support climate targets as much as to help defray cost of living in retirement. Give the ordinary citizen a fair go.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The sun should not be taxed - that's crazy!

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There is NO WAY Solar Feed Ins should be subject to any Tax , in fact the feed in Tarrifs should be increased to those pushing surplus Solar back into the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Home Solar saves the grid each summer. My 4.5KW system covers all the supply needs during extreme hot weather each summer days. My Air Con uses 2.1KW or less and keeps the house cool, does not load the grid and I can still export to the grid on days when supply is critical. Home Solar should be supported NOT discouraged.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There is no reasonable justification for this proposed charge to solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. Are the large polluting fossil fuel generators charged? If anything THEY should be charged a fee for exporting pollution derived electricity to the grid.

Consumers were charged for the upgrading of the network, some years back, which was largely a gold-plating exercise suiting the large fossil fuel generators.

I am totally opposed to this proposal.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Owners of solar generating power supplies should not be taxed for exporting power to grid. Fair consistent market rates should be paid if not rates at a higher level than that if power generated by climate harming coal or gas.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't allow the solar roof systems to

the be taxed as we are already being ripped off on the input payment from the supplier

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think it is ludicrous to attempt to tax the sun. We all know that we must use renewable Energy sources if we want to have a chance to remain living citizen. The time of the coal is gone.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I put pv panels on my roof -heavily subsidised - to help the country.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The rate I am getting from Powershop for my solar output has been reduced several times. If I am taxed as well it won't be worth while having solar at all.

Everything is in reverse. We should be encouraging solar and keeping an eye on the prices solar energy companies pay for the energy we produce at home.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

But big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households have to pay to share clean solar? Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power [1].

A sun tax won't fix inequities in our energy system, it would impose costs on Australians who have done the right thing and invested in clean local power they can share with their neighbours.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am holding off getting panels because if it goes through I wont proceed. Have the highest electricity in the bloody world now!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why not tax fossil fuel generators? This is a smash in the face for those trying to do their bit for global warming.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Any move to charge for transmission of solar energy to the grid would, in my opinion, be grossly unfair and discriminatory. Coal fired electricity is not charged at all, so why solar?

With coal produced power being more expensive than solar, introducing disincentives to solar power defies logic.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This TAX on solar is a backward step to our renewable energy target.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

No Solar taxes. There should be more incentives for clean energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have invested in solar to decrease my power consumption and help the environment and find it unfair to further inhibit the use of solar power by introducing a further impediment to my energy cost.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This whole thing is laughable. Solar panel owners are already getting ripped off on the feed in tariff and you also want to tax us?

I've paid money out of my own pocket for solar and this tax is going to put extra financial pressure on my household.

Disgusting

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Solar energy is something in which Australia should be leading. And to support this it should be as affordable as possible so that more people are encouraged and supported to do so, especially given the concerns needed to protect the planet. This is an area in which Australia should be leading in and not lagging behind. Especially now as we need to do all we can following the Covid pandemic to encourage this as a growing industry that needs to be central to Australia's development and to support so many people are facing hardships at this time For years, the mining industry has been awarded and profited from no tax incentives. This is something now that should be agreed for solar energy to lead us into a safe and sustainable energy.

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**Submission:**

Hi AEMC, history will judge your organisation poorly should you approve a sun tax. The anger and resentment you will create with a sun tax will far outweigh any grid benefits. Here's a couple ideas that you would hopefully already be aware of, how about having electrical element heating being switched on during peak solar feed in times, I know you know about DRED technology, how about incentivising EV charging during PFIT, how about taking your head out of your arse and swim with the current rather than drown in bureaucracy, I am ashamed of the AEMC for even considering a sun tax, pathetic!! Aren't any of you educated, perhaps even in Energy? Lead the way, we have abundant energy from the nuclear reactor 93 million miles away, why punish those who already do? Don't any of you have families with young children? Do you not care about their future? Do you not understand that living organisms need clean air and clean water? Why are you not rallying against the damage coal and gas extraction is doing to our planet? Do you still use a VHS player and rent from the video store on the weekends and accept a charge for not rewinding your tapes? I guess so. Lift your game AEMC, start thinking 21st century solutions for 21st century problems. We are dripping in technology and abundant clean energy in 'Straya, LIFT!!!!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please do not go ahead with the 'suntax'. This is not the way forward for our postcovid australia. We need to stimulate our renewables industries to provide more jobs - not gut them and increase unemployment

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Thank you

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am very much against the proposal to charge users for exporting excess electricity, for the following reasons:

1. Exporting excess solar can help to alleviate energy bills, especially for low income or retired users
2. Encouraging solar installations can negate the need for new power stations
3. Excess solar can be used by virtual power stations to manage demand during high demand periods.
4. This is a retrograde step that only illustrates Australia's lack of desire to reduce carbon emissions

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**Submission:**

It is outrageous for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable power to the grid when big ,dirty power companies pay nothing !  
Research at UNSW shows that the impact of solar on networks ha been overestimated .

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**Submission:**

I do not agree to being taxed when dirty energy companies do not



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

this is a very unfair tax. solar energy should be encouraged for everyone.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a Public Health physician and an electrical engineer I consider that I have appropriate background to comment on this proposal.

The future of energy generation will be based on renewables rather than fossil fuels for a number of reasons, including economic, environmental and health.

The future of the electricity grid is in the integration of multiple generation and storage sources over the next decade or so. Part of this solution is to include domestic solar generation - as is already happening on a large scale in many countries. The other important element is distributed storage.

A large contribution can be made to this using domestic solar-charged batteries and EV storage.

Domestic solar systems should be included in the grid and their installation encouraged with appropriate feed-in tariffs.

At times of excess generation domestic generators (inverters) should be ramped down to prevent local voltage instability. This is already being done locally but in the future could be coordinated more accurately as part of the establishment of micro-grids.

Micro grids have the additional benefit of providing improved security of supply during severe weather events or cyber-attacks.

Micro grids are already being introduced in many countries for these reasons.

In summary, Australia needs to encourage the installation of domestic solar generation and storage systems rather than financially penalise an investment that will in due course become one of the foundations of a modern electricity supply system.

Chris Kelman MBBS MEng PhD

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I find it deeply offensive that consumers of power are using their own resources to generate clean energy rather than consume power based on dirty fossil fuels and are now being asked to pay a charge to have their clean energy exported into the grid. How unfair and stupid is that?

There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar and the economic benefit that solar provides to the grid.

Abandon this tax on solar!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

As it stands power companies get solar power from roof top solar at low prices, and the power runs directly to neighbouring houses, at little if any cost to the power companies,

I don't understand why people who invest in roof top solar will be sluggish for doing their bit to protect the environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Decentralised solar power generation is an essential part of the future of electricity distribution. Introducing a charge to discourage decentralised generation would be a regressive policy. Australia needs a progressive energy policy that takes advantage of improvements in technology rather trying to work against them.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Given the solar contribution to the NEM has only just recently achieved 12% of national energy production it is obvious that establishing retrograde settings designed to depress solar production would simply be an abrogation of responsibility and a tacit admission of inability to manage the inevitable transition to a renewable energy based economy.

AEMC must focus on putting in place changes that will guide this transition so that all stakeholders have certainty and can transition in a just and orderly process whilst guarding capture by short term vested interests who clearly seek to enrich themselves by skewing the agenda.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

But big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households have to pay to share clean solar? Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power [1].

A sun tax won't fix inequities in our energy system, it would impose costs on Australians who have done the right thing and invested in clean local power they can share with their

Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is outrageous for solar owners

to be charged to export clean renewable energy to the grid when big, dirty power companies don't pay anything for exporting power .

Research at UNSW shows that the impact of solar on networks has been overestimated .



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't implement proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively a tax on the sun.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

for our own rooftop solar, the impact that charging us for our solar exports would completely cancel out our Export payment, and add a negative cost to our power bills.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Michael Faine

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This proposal is just a greedy grab for money by the energy network providers. It is a direct attack on the good work completed by many homeowners across Australia who have paid for their own solar rooftop systems. By doing this we have helped to save the energy companies from having to invest in more coal fired power generation. I want a fair feed in price for the energy that I produce from my solar system and for the record, I produce far more than I consume, everyone benefits. If a roof top tax is introduced, I will invest more in storage batteries and dis-connect from the grid. Again let me repeat, this is nothing more than a greedy grab for dollars by indolent power companies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Durkin

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not impose a solar tax on us solar owners. We put solar on our houses in good faith with no solar tax on the horizon and to impose one now would be a disaster

for all concerned. We suffer because of greedy fossil fuel companies the environment will suffer more because of potentially less people installing solar and so it goes. Please pay attention to the worlds leading environmental scientists and help to reverse the catastrophic damage we're doing to our planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Caroline Pidcock

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We need a renewable energy future. While we are not even asking for a hand up, we don't need blockages such as a tax on solar. Our survival depends on you helping, not hindering - please be part of the solution, not the problem.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for

exporting. As pensioners we already have constraints as to when we use power, and this will only make it worse. Our current government does to support the average person, only their wealthy polluting mates.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Prineas

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The AEMC should not endorse or introduce a charge on rooftop solar energy input to the electricity grid. Such a charge would act as a brake on the development of rooftop solar power. Solar power must be encouraged to maintain adequate low cost electricity supply to the grid and to help ensure that our Paris CO2 emission reduction target can be met.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Natasha Laurie

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have rooftop solar. Despite paying thousand for the system & making more energy than we use, we still pay an electricity bill. Why? Because of the low feed in tariffs. If we have to pay a sun tax as well, it will be grossly unfair & creates a disincentive to purchasing solar to begin with.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I don't know why citizens who are trying to do the right thing are having the big squeeze put on them by an inefficient bureaucracy.

Why is the Authority want us to pay to export surplus energy to the grid?

We already pay a ransom every day to have our homes connected to the grid with the daily charges from the owners of the poles and wires. This money basically goes to the state government or private supplier as we don't see much improvement in the state of the poles and wires in my area. It took two years for them to replace a white ant riddled pole near me and we see many poles with the orange tape around them to signify replacement.

Any additional charge is just a revenue raising exercise and where will the money go? Exorbitant salaries and bonuses for lazy bureaucrats who are not able to plan for the future and only work in a reactionary capacity and not in a proactive way



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Sachs

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I strongly opposes the rule changes that are supposed to make our energy system fairer by having solar owners pay more for network costs.

Big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households have to pay to share clean solar? Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power.

A sun tax won't fix inequities in our energy system, it would impose costs on Australians who have done the right thing and invested in clean local power they can share with their neighbours.

There has been significant deficiencies relating to clean energy policies, particularly at Federal level with the ground rules changing almost as much as changes to Superannuation policies and practices. To that end, those who have a genuine concern for environmental issues and who have invested in clean energy solutions such as roof top solar have been pushed from pillar to post over the last 15 or so years. This sun tax is just another potential decision adding to the uncertainty and inconsistency of Government policy going forward and how Mr / Mrs general public can make decisions of surety in relation to clean energy investment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Dianne Montague

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I, like many other Australians have Solar panels on the roof of our home. We had them put up because we believe that clean energy is one of the easiest ways of combating climate change. For way too long this country has been dependent on coal and gas to generate energy. It is time to move on to clean forms of energy.

The uptake of solar in Australia has accelerated dramatically in the past year. It has been shown that solar does reduce the cost of energy bills for households. It is a win/win situation.

So now we find out the Govt is going to give the energy companies some of our savings that we have received from the sun. The coal and gas companies are heavily subsidised and supported by all Governments even though they are one of the main causes of the heating of the planet. They should be the ones paying.

The health costs alone of coal pollution should be one of the main reasons for the Govt to be supporting clean energy through solar. Not discouraging community members by making solar more expensive.

I do not support this sun tax proposal. In fact I strongly oppose this proposal.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gail Perkins

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I only had my solar installed a fortnight ago, and already I can see a huge saving for me - an age pensioner. And now they're thinking of charging me to provide other people with my free electricity from the sun? We need MORE solar. Not gas. Not coal. I'd be ok if I was charged to subsidize more renewables, but definitely not the dying fossil fuel industry. Please - you can't let this proposal even be considered given the unsustainable raping and pollution of the planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is outrageous to make people pay to give electricity back to the grid. These people have done something good for the environment, now the suggestion is to penalise these people because the power companies haven't done the work to stabilise the grid. Don't make us pay, get the power companies to do their work.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am in opposition to the proposed changes to charge solar panel owners a fee to export their excess solar production to the grid. This charge will discourage homeowners from purchasing solar panels, and will financially disadvantage those who already own them. Due to the current global climate crisis, this change is absurd and damaging, and will lead to us experiencing further disaster level events such as the bushfires of this year.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I cannot believe that you are considering unfair imposts on those who have spent money to install solar panels and contribute clean energy. It has been national and international policy to move in this direction for many years. We must retire old and polluting generation and move to green energy. Taxes should be imposed on the dirty energy not on the clean providers, particularly those who have paid themselves for the infrastructure.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Chris Fussell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Ridiculous! Another ploy to stop the adoption of renewable energy. If Australians were subsidised the instillation of batteries it would take the stress off the grid & give employment making batteries, Lithium/iron or Zinc/ Bromide.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Leonard Smith

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As an early adopter of solar energy I have invested my capital for the common good. My solar has benefit all energy consumers and it far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Laurence Wilkins

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Ridiculous notion.

Home solar owners are already underpaid for energy....

no new tax!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 02-4325-1629

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is absurd! This elec is collected and resold by the electricity retailers back into the market!

They should use some of this \$\$ to fix

their transformers which are usually "running hot" (>230V) anyway!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We should be encouraging more people to go Solar.

Having this extra tax does the opposite.

Please register my vote against this tax.

Many thanks

Kae

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

For years now I have been exporting my excess solar power production to the grid for a minimal reward ... but at least I am doing my part in reducing emissions & helping to provide power during the peak load times when our aging coal fired power stations cannot cope.

If a charge was levied on solar exports I would simply stop contributing - it's a losing equation already

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The plan to charge those supplying energy to the grid from domestic solar energy appears most counter-intuitive. It would stop some people from installing solar panels and encourage others to get off the grid altogether. It is already ridiculous that input to the grid is undervalued, and if I had to pay to supply the energy that a power company then charged others, I would disconnect my solar panels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Do you have to take every cent us Australians may get by helping out the Electricity supply shortages a well as anything else you can get your greedy hands on.

Seems to be that you money grab at every opportunity you get. Pay rises annually when very many other people are denied, all the freebies u get after leaving your government position, a higher rate of superannuation than other Australian workers. You do not own the energy that we create from our solar panels but you want to charge us a sun tax. You do not own the water that falls from the sky but farmers pay for water that they use from their dams. I along with many other Australians are dam sick of it & waiting to see how long before you try to tax the air that we breathe - or are you already working on that. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The energy system needs to move TOWARDS full renewable energy. Penalising people who made the outlay to buy solar panels to reduce their energy costs is very unfair. Although it is true that the legacy transmission system was not built to accomodate too large a proportion of energy being fed back into the grid, it can be modified to achieve this. As the traditional energy sources recede, charging people who have paid for their own solar panels to feed energy back to the grid is a blatant attempt to basically get something for nothing. Perhaps after years of so-called Gold Plating of the transmission system and the fleecing of the end-user, some of the profits can be put into making sure the transmission system is fit-for-purpose for the future, can accomodate large two-way shifts of energy, incorporates smart meters and smart devices, rather than the simple way out of charging end users to GIVE away a product that they have paid for.

Thank you.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Deborah Hart

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

For decades the heavily publicly subsidised ecocidal fossil fuel industry has used its power and influence to block the progress of clean and safe energy technologies. We need a pollution tax now more than ever to help transition our economy away from life destroying systems towards socially and ecologically sustainable modes of operating across all sectors. Expressed another way, penalise the climate and biodiversity wreckers not those with the clean and safe solutions!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I oppose the proposal to scrap the rules which prevents networks from charging solar owners for exporting their excess solar to the grid.

Research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power. Therefore solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides.

There are plenty of better ways to make our energy system fairer for everyone. Instead of a tax it would be better for our leaders to invest in solar and batteries for public housing, expand programs that enable low income and rental households to access the benefits of solar.

Please don't enable the energy networks to charge those who have done the right thing for our climate and not charge the big polluting coal and gas power stations to export their energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We believe in renewable energy and sustainability. We installed solar panels when they were first available and to save us money in retirement. The grid has not been adequately maintained or upgraded to allow for the amount of solar uptake. It is profoundly unfair to charge consumers trying to do the right thing when the main power suppliers don't have to contribute anything. Australia has benefited from households reducing their reliance on the grid and their energy uptake.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Katharine Forrer

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Incentives should be given to people acting in the interests of our environment and future. Taxing clean energy is a counterproductive step in the direction of protecting our children's future. Tax or fine polluters and reward non polluters with incentives and packages to ensure jobs, infrastructure and ongoing, logical clean energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I object in the strongest possible terms to the 'sun tax' proposed by AEMC.

It will prevent greener futures for all and climate change reduction.

It is inefficient and inequitable.

I am doing my bit with solar panels and I want to add more to my roof in the future without being penalised.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Matthew Hall

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It has been acknowledged by the CEO of AUSGRID that higher solar take up helps reduce upgrades to the grid. We need to encourage more and more private and commercial solar installations NOT bring in a feed in tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Deborah Moran

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do not exploit good intentions for a sustainable green future with robbing people who have installed solar panels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 04-1320-0710

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No tax on natural solar radiation. No tax for feed-in. If a tax should be imposed, I shall install batteries and disconnect my house from the grid immediately.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Bennett

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It appears to me people doing the right thing, that is creating emission free power, are going to get sluggish. I sell my power to the grid for a lot less than they on-sell it to their customers. That's enough of a profit margin in my opinion. The power companies have been reluctant and slow to properly manage the increase in solar feed in to the grid. We are a victim of the privatisation of this service. The power companies are profit driven and their management style and decisions reflect this.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Regressive policies like this are only ever going to serve as a deterrent for people considering solar installations as well as a punch in the guts for those who have already purchased and installed solar on their property who did so with the promise of being financially compensated for their energy exports to the grid.

Now is not the time to be siding with and aiding fossil fuel reliant energy companies, please have a backbone and stand on the right side of history, as Australians we rely on the actions of bodies like the AEMC to be in our interest.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I think it is appalling that it even being proposed that there is a charge on solar owners exporting power back to the grid. As a country, we need to be leading the way on sustainable energy. We have the potential to do so - we have the scientific skills and the right environmental components. However, we have governments who are more interested in protecting mining and big business interests. It is disgraceful that politics can be invested in activities which harm our environment.

I hope the AEMC can be independent and demonstrate integrity in this matter. Please oppose the idiotic notion of taxing solar owners who export green, solar power back to the grid. You have a responsibility to consider the rights of

With thanks, future generations to have a planet that is as healthy as possible.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on solar generated power just makes no sense.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Greg Currie

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What on earth are you doing? Will you tax our air next? Stop this stupidity!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Idiots how dare you charge people who have outlaid thousands of dollars for solar only for somebody in government to change the rules, unacceptable behaviour from people who are supposed to represent US, CLOSE ALL polluting forms of electricity manufacturing business, and FINALLY back the people or this will be your last term in office

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Geoff Phillips

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What's next -- a tax on fresh air?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Australian Energy Market Commission,

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Please do not charge solar owners for exporting their clean energy to the grid.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Paula Hall

**Email:** pauladhall99@gmail.com

**Phone:** 03-5756-2050

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The earth, the sun our water and air is not anyone's to own or charge. What a sham for greed, that is what this is all about.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I think there are enough benefits from solar energy without taxing solar feed in. It seems ridiculous to go from paying for to charging for feed in.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It's ridiculous that we have all been encouraged to fit solar panels and now will be charged a tax.  
This needs to be called an administration fee .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Mary Forbes

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am dismayed by and feel we should deny proposals to charge solar owners for exporting their clean energy. Everyday Australians who have invested in cheap, clean solar that benefits everyone should be encouraged, not penalised, for sharing their energy with the grid " especially when big polluting generators don't have to pay!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Dick Clarke

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging rooftop PV owners for exporting to the grid makes no sense. The reasons have been spelt out by other expert submissions, but in essence, it would:

- discourage uptake of PV,
- reduce the contribution of clean energy to the grid,
- reduce the distributed energy contribution that PV makes.

Do not propose a 'tax' on energy from the sun.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Russell Emerson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** DAVID CROMPTON

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am not happy about paying a tax, since my house is a Solar Supply Generator I should be getting paid and also charging GST - not me paying tax to supply

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A Sun tax given to us by God who does not tax, is beyond abhorrent, unacceptable and and appears an unnecessary money grab to prop up the costly unprofitable fossil fuel industry is climate change madness it appears.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Claudia Walters

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Government should be doing all they can to support the move to renewables without taxing until we achieve 100%.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To whom it may concern

I write to ask that you do not go ahead with a proposal for a sun tax.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

We have installed rooftop solar, and charging us for solar exports would have a negative impact on our family's finances.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** robert howard

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**Phone:** 03-5735-6694

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not support a tax of any kind on solar exported to the grid when we in good faith put solar on our roofs so we could help the environment and benefit the country to hopefully get cheaper power

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We are going to fight for ouour rights to have our energy from solar and into the grid....

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Paul McLachlan

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**Phone:** 04-2848-4172

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am strongly opposed to any charges imposed on solar power owners for selling their electricity into the grid. Already, companies buy this power at hugely discounted rates from solar owners. Climate change is an immediate emergency that the whole human community needs to address urgently. This needs immediate phasing out of fossil fuels for electricity, and solar, wind, hydro and hydrogen power can easily replace what we get from destroying the earth through coal, gas, oil etc. It needs strong action from government to support renewables and this means paying a fair price for the electricity generated by the thousands of people who put energy into the grid when it's most needed, during the long hot summer.

Focus instead on trying to solve the climate emergency, rather than supporting the very small numbers of big business owners who profit from fossil fuels while destroying the environment for future generations. Our kids deserve better.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alison Jones

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**Phone:** 04-7810-2856

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The scheme was never designed to punish solar panel purchases with a sun tax. Unethical.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Megs Hermann

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**Phone:** 04-1680-2087

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

How can you tax the sun? It's time for progress.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Cotterell

**Email:** jlcotterell@bigpond.com

**Phone:** 07-5494-3423

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What a laugh! A sun tax! You want to buck a world-wide trend of moving away from fossil fuels to renewables by TAXING the use of transmission lines? Perhaps there should be a tax on our kookaburras for parking on the top of the power poles too. Go get a real job away from politics.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Some control over exports at critical times is required, this can be done dynamically and smartly with technology. Local voltage impacts seem to be more of an issue of DNSP non-compliance with the rules and it's now showing up as over voltage because the settings have been set too high.

Being charged for exports disincentivises investment in these local, resilient, clean sources of power.

Perhaps time of use and dynamic limits are the best options longer term and DNSP monitoring and adjustment of local networks in the shorter term.

Also, what about paying out legacy premium FIT's to encourage day time use rather than export, upgrading to larger modern controllable units and storage?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ged Ruddy

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It outrageous that the AEMC would plan to tax residential solar for inputting energy to the grid when we are already paying a levy in the form of a low payin tariff .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Bowers

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The following are only some of the reasons solar power should be encouraged not penalised. Government has had ample time to resource the Grid requirements needed to enable solar integration into the system.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar energy tax, are you serious? Wtf.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Don't tax PV please!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Encourage renewable energy sources - do not give people another reason to move away from assisting the move to alternative energy sources



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Nic Herbert

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**Phone:** 02-6928-5212

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please provide Australians with policies that encourage moving toward renewable energy sources. Any other action in the light of current science is wrong. Be on the right side of history. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Nic Herbert

( Farmer)

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gary Dreyer

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

The impact on my household finances is severe; to help repay the capital cost of my recent solar installation the feed-in tariff was a substantial component, so to reduce that to nil and even make it negative is unconscionable

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

People who have installed solar panels take the pressure off our grid and should be rewarded, not taxed

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sir Marm,

Re: AMEC proposed Solar Export Charge

First off, if introduced who would get this money and for what would it be used ? No doubt to benefit the solar industry and its supporters who will of course be invited to oversee and vote on it's use!

My experience is that once introduced these taxes seem to rise at an ever alarming rate, no doubt this case this won't happen!

Will big pouting power companies also have a tax imposed for their use of power lines in proportion as to the kilowatt hours the use the distribution systems?

This proposal is an unfair impost on the population rightly concerned about the effect the burning of fossil fuels are having on the environment not only climate change effects but also on the health both physical and mental of the world populations.

To my mind if I were a polluting electricity company I would be exiting the industry, moving to renewable electricity if only to avoid litigation of the negative effects that my pollution is going to generate in the near future not taking into account of irreparable damage farcing does to aquifers and loss of precious high quality farm land destroyed in the mining of coal.

Rather than a tax on solar this should be applied to fossil fuel and used to exit this industry to renewable production

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not believe that households with solar panels should be charged for supplying excess power generation back into the grid.

This excess power is then sold by the grid owner at a substantial profit.

Solar power generation should be encouraged, more incentives put in place to support investment in this clean and renewable source of electricity.

Placing a levy or charge on exporting solar power is a disincentive for individuals and businesses that want to create a future without polluting power generation. This is something that Government should be actively working towards and encouraging.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kevin Vollmer

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I can not for the love of me see why you'd want to tax the very people that are doing the right thing by collecting free electricity from the sun, forcing electricity prices down & having laid out a significant investment, encouraged by the Gov't, but now have an added, unnecessary tax on them when assisting a cleaner environment! That just doesn't sound logical or make sense to me on any level

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Before there is a imposed tax on our rooftop solar that just covers the cost of being attached to the grid anyway I suggest you install batteries in each suburb to grant us the chance to utilise the excess power we have to offer. Then you may see what we are offering then we would know we have security to keep the lights on and the fridge running then we might be happy to pay a tax just like otherâ€™s pay for green energy. Lest advance what we have and stop holding us down and start using and not wasting.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The 'Sun Tax' is a very poorly thought through & irresponsible proposal. Homeowners with Solar Power simply cannot afford a new tax impost in our economy. We already bear our own significant installation, maintenance and replacement costs to the tune of many thousands of dollars, and although the small government subsidy for installation is very helpful, we only receive the pittance of 9c per kilowatt return on our original substantially expensive investment and cannot factor any of our real costs of supply into our contracts. Some power companies hold monopolies and there is zero incentive for them to operate in a competitive manner, so they don't. Homeowners' replacement costs for Solar are also very large indeed and are growing prohibitive for our ever shrinking incomes, with government charges continually rising, disproportionate to our own long-term negative wage growth. Unless we homeowner-power-suppliers are able to bill the power company we supply for the full amount of the 'Sun Tax' AND receive full recompense for the same, then this becomes simply another sinister money grab by government from our already overburdened household family incomes. 'User Pays' definitely needs to apply here in this matter, and power companies are the 'User' in this transaction. Power companies even sell our own home-generated power back to us at enormously inflated prices! And for the information of Government and power companies, many ordinary people and families are literally & truly now currently struggling to afford to put food on the table, in suburbs, towns and on properties throughout our country, today - this is our reality. Now government wants to impose an additional & unnecessary tax in such an economy? Government instead needs to rein in its own spending and stop wasting so much public money - I highly recommend a healthy degree of genuine Austerity & the far more sensible & respectful use of taxpayer funds - I believe this will go a long way to reducing departmental budgets significantly. And please stop allowing large corporations & others to get away with paying no tax at all on large earnings made from this country! We ALL should pay our way in taxes - not just the working poor! Don't 'Kill the Golden Goose', or is it the majority of 'Ordinary Cash Cows' now going rather too lean, in this equation. Common sense must prevail here! It is ludicrous policy to impose another financial burden on the wider public - families on modest wages no longer know what 'disposable income' is in the 21st century - when there are simple alternative methods at hand to very easily raise vast sums of additional revenue, without causing further negative & unnecessary deprivation among the already disadvantaged among our population. People of modest earnings once had disposable incomes (in living memory!) and this kept our economy ticking over very nicely indeed. It's time for a comprehensive rethink instead of a new tax!

[REDACTED]

Homeowner, [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Hi,

I would like to express my disagreement with taxing rooftop solar. At a time when climate change continues to rapidly advance and Australia has woefully inadequate policy to address it there should be more incentive to adopt solar. Investment in local microgrids and transmission linkages to the NEM should be a priority.

Tax coal. Tax carbon. Tax gas.

Our house is on fire, put the brakes on the root cause of our bushfires.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is outrageous that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

This is basically taxing people who have shown initiative to have solar panels installed to provide energy from a cheap , clean and renewable source.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and provides network benefits by supplying local energy which does not cause pollution.

It is obvious that the AEMC is unfairly seeking to tax solar owners when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting their energy and they take absolutely no responsibility for the pollution that they cause which is causing climate change and huge problems with public health. Obviously, this is much worse in the overcrowded cities in the developing world, but recent health reports show that hundreds of Australians are dying younger because of the pollution they are exposed to.

To be responsible and logical, the AEMC should drop all plans to put a tax on solar and other renewable energy sources that add power from non-polluting sources to our national grid. Any taxing of energy should be directed at the fossil fuel industry to help offset the health and climate problems that it is causing.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

If we are to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change we must urgently transform our energy systems to zero or negative CO2 emissions. So the continuing use and expansion of residential rooftop solar is critical to this. Tax on export to the grid is regressive and stupid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I write to oppose the proposed change to rules that could open the door to networks charging rooftop solar owner for exporting their power. The increasing uptake of distributed energy resources plays an essential role in our transition to a clean energy economy. For our collective future, it is important that AEMC's rules are aligned with and support this transition. Imposing fees on DER exports works in the opposite direction, discouraging the uptake of further rooftop solar and other local generation.

Research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs by providing decentralised power. It is inequitable that households who have invested in decentralised generation should be charged for their contribution to the community.

Please ensure that DER generators are not charged for exporting their power. Please pursue options that continue to support the uptake of DER and that enable many more low income, social housing and rental housing households to access the benefits of rooftop solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gregory Bonner

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**Phone:** 04-2212-3234

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Don't tax people for creating electricity, use your brain you greedy morons

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Morgan

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

In November 1960, I discovered some documentation about the merits of using renewable energy in preference to the coal based standard. On that date I decided to start on the process of shifting to solar based options.

In 1963, I constructed a solar water heater and it was installed on a house in rural WA and proved to be a considerable success. In 1973, I renovated an old cottage in the Dandenong Ranges and turned it into a zero emissions home. I subsequently built another zero emissions home there.

However, in the 1980s, the Hawke government chose to commit Australia to the Economic Rationalist version of capitalism and I realised that this contained real threats to the future of ordinary Australians.

This Neo Liberal fetish meant a reduction of regulation and an advantage to the energy supplier. Then the energy supply structure was privatised. So at this point I decided to extract myself from this threat.

So we went to the country and I built an 'off grid' zero emissions home that would separate us from the parasitic world of resources suppliers.

I was proved correct. Electricity supply (an essential service) was privatised. Water supply (an essential service) though not privatised was manipulated to the same effect.

Going 'off grid' has protected us from a range of imposts of which this new proposed TAX on private solar supply to the grid is just the latest.

I am surprised that more people are not opting out of this racket.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Michael Schroeter

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**Phone:** 04-1776-4214

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Am I being considered a power generator, if that is actually the case, then we get charged at the same rate as all other power generators. When you do the math on my few solar panels versus a power station, my access charge should work out to \$0.000001 Obviously someone is trying to pull something shonky, I'll let others report in the media who they might be.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Gribben

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**Phone:** 04-1705-6838

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am a 70 year old pensioner. I installed a solar system to keep my power bills down and help reduce carbon emissions. My solar system contributes (very cheaply) to the system and helps the grid's capacity. If I am going to be charged to input to the grid, then I will use what money I have to install electricity storage batteries and go completely off-grid. I suspect many others will do the same.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Geoff Linnell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC.

As a rooftop solar owner, I am strongly opposed to any proposal to charge for energy that I feed into the grid from my PV system.

At this time when we need to double down on our efforts to reduce our contributions to Climate Change, this would seem to be a very backward step, and certainly won't do anything to encourage further uptake of rooftop solar.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It would also seem grossly unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

As the owner of a small scale solar generator, charging me for solar exports would only serve to increase my electricity bills in a time when governments are pledging to do all they can to reduce them, and to make me seriously consider upgrading my system with the aim of becoming independent of the grid altogether.

The impacts this would bring to household running costs for large number of people in the community could be very telling, particularly at a time when gas prices are skyrocketing due to industry mismanagement and COVID-19 restrictions have crippled many household incomes.

This is bad policy at the worst possible time.

Geoff Linnell Mt. Martha VIC 3934

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I oppose the new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. This is effectively a tax on the sun.

I oppose the proposals for the following reasons:

- Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
- It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
- Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Due to the Australian Government's disappointing history in helping combat climate control, ceasing reliance on coal and investing in green power I have installed solar at my second residence. This has been at great personal financial cost. I am extremely angry to hear at a proposed solar tax!!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Carolyn Cooper

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

PO 159, Kuranda Qld 4881

Government encouraged people to get grid connect systems with rebates, now this.....are you  
[REDACTED] kidding

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Palitja Moore

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

In the absence of concrete, timely, federal plans to implement mass solar and wind power generation for all Australians, along with the 'poles and wires' upgrades to support it, this would be a backward step for sustainability across Australia, just at a time when new solar sharing tools are coming onto the market with the express intention of supporting renters in getting greener, cheaper energy.

Similarly, in the absence of concrete, timely plans to reform the energy regulator's mandate on wholesale pricing of energy, this plan is a backward step. The price of energy, particularly in South Australia, needs to much better reflect the cost of producing it so that all Australians get more affordable prices.

The federal government also needs to commit to ending all new coal, gas and oil projects - until they make that strong market signal, Australians will keep paying too much for electricity and will keep being amongst the highest per capita carbon emitters.

There also needs to be a national commitment to amend building standards so that homes are made more resilient to climate, in turn leading to reduced energy needs and costs.

These are the steps that need to be taken. Without them, we are just tinkering at the edges and Australia will never become the zero- carbon emitter it needs to be, no the equitable nation it needs to be, supporting people of all income levels to have the services they need.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Three push to charge household rooftop solar owners for pumping per into the grid should be rejected absolutely.

Rooftop solar owners make a positive contribution to the grid for the whole country. The big generating companies are not forced to pay for pumping into the grid so it is simply unfair and wrong to target householders.

All household energy going into the grid is renewable energy, not polluting energy like much of that coming from big commercial energy companies.

And if such a ludicrous proposal were to be implemented, it would drive more household to go off-grid; the consequences of which would ultimately be disastrous for the grid and the energy companies. If the companies behind this push don't pull their heads in, realise times have changed and turn over a new lead and be part of the solution instead of being the problem, eventually the government (regardless of its political colour) will be forced to step in and take control where the market has failed.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This proposal by the AEMC to tax solar energy is unbelievably archaic and foolish. Do you not realise that it is robbery and that the people of Australia will HATE it.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 04-1960-8274

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Having just spent over \$10,000 installing solar panels on my roof I am not going to take kindly to your taxing my free output to the grid. Nor will the 10s of thousands of other adopters of renewable technologies. Load sharing and increased day time consumption can reduce the load issues to the grid, but penalizing solar investors is NOT the 'solution'.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Robin Bechly

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**Phone:** 07-3263-4630

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I strongly reject the proposal to tax solar power inputs from domestic residencies to transmission lines. Such a tax does not have any basis in reason

I installed solar power panels at considerable cost to minimise my power costs and to contribute to the lowering of costs to other consumers.

This was done at a time when the federal and state governments were urging householders to assist in minimising emissions from power stations.

I agree that this is an attempt to place a tax on the sun and should be rejected.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am totally against the tax when I am providing power to the grid. There is no record of the exact amount I am providing. I am at the mercy of Origin who are the only provider in Cairns. Unless I record every day's total of power accumulated, I have no way of checking this amount. I have already paid a large amount of money to counteract the excessive service charge I am forced to pay. Once again what service am I getting when the meters are now read in the office. I should be getting a reduction because I paid for the meter. Once again this is a gross injustice to the average home owner.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I believe that another charge on exporting electricity from solar panels to the grid would be a disgrace from both environmental and equity points of view. The feed in tariff has already in many cases been reduced. Pollution and emissions are a major problem in Australia and all efforts should be being made to encourage solar electricity. An additional charge would go against this valid objective.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is the craziest policy I have ever heard. It means this Fed. Govt. is determined to protect coal at any cost. We are in a pandemic being fought on health grounds and yet we will export cancer causing substances not only to our people but to those overseas whose ill health we will ignore because it costs us nothing. Shame on you. I will be investing in a battery - do you want to tax that too?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

It is regrettable that the commission sees the need to create a taxation on a service that is essentially necessary to the users. The need for a community to have a power facility that is environmentally clean and reliable is essential for a healthy community for both physical and mental wellbeing. The industrial benefits help provide economic sense and there is the added bonus of reducing energy costs of wasting the energy loss due to transmission of high voltage powerline provisions.

Tax is metered by the related and associated processes to supply this clean energy from solar power distribution and another tax is only double dipping into the system. It is the jealous and capitalistic individuals who prefer to resist change and retain the old systems that have now become outdated and cost ineffective, who wish to oppose the solar supporters.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What I really like to see is a carbon tax that reflects the true cost of using fossil fuels, not an extra burden on households that are trying to do the right thing by installing solar systems. Extra charges on decentralised renewable energy generation is counterproductive if not willfully destructive in the times of accelerating dangerous climate change coarsed by fossil fuel driven energy generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am totally against a tax on Solar Power. Big coal and gas suppliers donâ€™t have to pay a tax for their supply.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The intention when solar first became available for house owners, was to help to reduce the loading and demand on the national grid. If this tax is introduced Australia will go backwards. It's unfair and a money making scheme.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No tax on solar! Tax coal companies!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This government is totally out of touch with roof top solar - firstly they are morally delinquent in not supporting local manufacturing of Panels, Batteries and inverters. Australia is one of the few countries that can offer a complete turn-key solution to roof top solar solution in sourcing raw materials. We can source locally Silicon solar cells metal frames (typically aluminum) glass sheet for casing electrical wire plexiglas and Lithium for the batteries.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact

of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** IAN HAWKINS

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The very fact the AEMC are considering this tax underlines the incompetency of this entity and it should be closed down. Also input from the Vincent St. Paul society makes this organisation look like a bunch of idiots and they should re-focus on their core business.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

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There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing a fledgling green energy system is not a good idea. Subsidies are a better idea to help direct the future towards green energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Australian Energy Market Committee.

I read with dismay you are considering the introduction of a charge on those of us who are solar owners who export our clean energy to the grid. In recent times we have seen our feed-in tariff plummet from \$0.26/ Kwh to just \$0.09/ Kwh. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting even though we are told we are now being supposedly payed the same amount for our energy. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I believe research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. If Germany can accounted for 46,164 gigawatt hours of energy from solar PV having been fed to the power grid in 2018. And that's just one example! What is Australia doing???

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

If this charge goes ahead then what's the point in having rooftop solar? And that appears the aim of both the Federal and State Liberal governments along with the Energy Regulators who are driving the assault on small scale solar being fed into the grid.

With the increased efficiencies, cost and reliability of batteries, including locally manufactured systems the move against small scale solar will only force thinking people to abandon the grid and go it alone thus impacting on the energy companies bottom line.

I urge you to abandon the introduction of a feed-in TAX, introduce a fair feed-in tariff and encourage everyone in our community, because that's what it is, not an "economy" and we will all be better off.

[REDACTED]

Proud solar energy Provider.

[REDACTED]

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing the people who put renewable energy into the grid from their rooftop solar is a bad idea. Everyone knows that clean energy is necessary to mitigate the effects of climate change. Everyone knows the big polluters don't pay to export their dirty power to the grid. Everyone knows and has for many years that electricity produced from fossil fuels is a bad idea for the economy as well as the environment and drives up energy costs. The people who decide to tax the sun against all scientific evidence that that is a bad idea are complicit in stealing their grandchildren's future. Please don't be so selfish.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging for feedback from my solar generation is a very long way from encouraging solar uptake in a time when renewables are clearly needed to reduce carbon emissions. The potential to build a clean power network utilising domestic generation and storage is surely the obvious choice, not a discouraging tax on solar, that's nuts!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. Doing so would simply speed up their uptake of battery storage and smart devices that would consume power rather than export. If that is your intended outcome then there are far better and fairer ways of achieving the same end.

The impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Lynette Singleton

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

My daughter and I are saving up to have solar panels fitted to save money on electricity and to get away from dirty electricity.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not feel that there should be a solar tax for feeding in clean, green energy to the grid. There needs to be more incentives for people to have solar panels on their homes, not extra charges.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

My sister paid a lot of money to install a solar system. Since then the promised feed in payment has already been reduced and now you want to charge them to send power to the grid. The purpose of installing solar was to reduce their bills, not increase them. Pensioners have trouble paying power bills now and you want to penalise any that had the foresight to try to reduce future charges. Gas and coal make dirty power, solar does not.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is ludicrous to propose a tax on people who have installed a solar system for exporting clean energy back into the grid...I WOULD 100% VOTE against any government foolish enough to suggest such a tax to protect the dirty power polluter. There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognizes environmental & health benefits of solar, along with network savings that solar provides the grid. This proposal to put a tax on solar would be an unmitigated disaster for the environment, solar users & any government that tried this...

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No sun tax and solar on every rooftop.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We solar owners are helping to support the grid. We are not compensated very well, as it is, so NO to a tax! The energy companies should have been getting organised to embrace alternative energies many years ago. The deserve to flounder now.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am putting clean energy into the grid and the world needs more. Reward people for doing this, not change them.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a solar owner, I wish to protest at the Australian Energy Market Commission's new proposal to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, which will effectively be a tax on the sun.

The Victoria Energy Policy Centre research shows that solar owners provide a benefit to all energy consumers, which far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity, and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting power to the grid, which makes it unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

If anything, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

The new proposal from the Australian Energy Market Commission to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid might have drastic, unintended consequences. Many solar owners might already be considering the addition of batteries to enable them to go 'off-grid', or to minimise their use of the grid. However, the present cost of batteries could be a deterrent.

If the Australian Energy Market Commission decides to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, many solar owners might decide to 'bite the bullet' and move straight to purchasing batteries and going 'off grid'. If that happens, the Australian Energy Market Commission could experience a significant shortfall in available energy in times of maximum demand.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What next AEMC will you put a price on the air we breath?? Propping up Power companies with what looks a blatant attempt to support them > I thought the idea was to do away with coal fired power and advance into sustainable systems. We had solar panels installed for two main reasons . One to reduce what our charges were over a reasonable time frame.two to help advance a clean and sustainable method of producing electricity with no pollution. Being pensioners ,like many in our position would be put in a another finance burden. So no tax please

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

If there is going to be a 'sun tax' on our solar systems, then I believe that this is a discriminatory tax as we also export our unused portions of the energy generated back into the grid. As a times, particularly in winter months, we also have to use electricity from the grid, then that should mean that all the coal and gas-fired industries should also be taxed at the same rate as those of us who use solar panels - this would then double-dip on electricity users/solar panel users. AN UNFAIR & DISRIMINATORY TAX which would cause hardship to everyone! If this tax is brought in, then I will not put solar panels on any other house that I may own in the future, thereby using more electricity from the power grid!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Upgrade the grid for a renewable energy future urgently. Australia has known this was coming for decades.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

back in the dark ages the british administration tried to bring in a window tax based on how many windows you had in your home . your proposal shares the same backward thinking of the middle ages.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Clive Keenan

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners provide benefits to all energy consumers which far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar has driven down the wholesale price of electricity and provides substantial network benefits by supplying locally produced clean energy, reducing societies carbon footprint. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when the big, dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting! How can this be fair and equitable?

Research shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. More batteries, both household and communal, should be installed to even out the grid and store excess clean energy.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. The biggest saving by far, is that investment in solar has been privately funded using tax-paid dollars. The power companies in Qld pay the supplier 6 cents and then on-sell it for 29 cents without any capital costs.

Charging people for solar exports will push households to go off-grid and install private battery systems.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As self-funded retirees we outlaid a significant sum to install solar on our home to ensure that we could control our electricity costs. By being careful with our electricity usage and with an abundance of sunshine here in Queensland we have been successful in achieving this end. The introduction of a charge to export solar electricity, that we generate, back into the grid will have a negative impact on our electricity costs. It has been proven (research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre) that electricity from solar owners drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can have local benefits by supplying local energy. Why charge solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid, when big, dirty power companies do not have to pay for exporting? Research also from UNSW, for the Energy Security Board, shows that the impact of solar on the network has been overestimated and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. As parents and grandparents we believe that cheap, clean solar power will assist in providing the next generations will a better, cleaner World to live in.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am appalled that the AEMC would even consider charging a tax for those who have gone to the trouble and expense of installing solar panels. How can they penalise people for 'using' the sun's rays? It is absurd and insulting! Please disallow such tyranny on our 'solar citizens.'

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

My household has rooftop solar that feeds back into the grid, rather than have an expensive battery with a limited lifespan. This was a deliberate strategy to keep down the cost of going solar, and to contribute to relatively clean energy production beyond our household. A tax on this is counterproductive to us, and to others motivated to do the responsible thing.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Sir,

Although the solar power system on our roof is only 1.52kw it has made positive effect on our powerbills over numerous years. In SA we were encouraged to instal solar by our State Government and there was never a mention that there was even a remote possibility of being charged for the power we exported to the grid via this system. This is a retrospective money grab and should not be considered for existing homeowners. If it is put in place for future installations it MUST be made clear that thi is part of the process.

I am very annoyed that the people who operate the grid have not paid any attention to the obvious and spent some of their enormous profits on updating the system to accept solar input either via battery storage or any other means available to them.

A tax on sunlight is not a responsible way to behave given the problems that the environment is currently experiencing.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I am an early adopter of roof top solar and I would like to encourage the benefits for others to take up affordable solar for lower energy bills and the uptake of clean renewable energy in a time of a climate change crisis. A tax will inhibit people adopting solar and is unfair when dirty coal or gas fired power stations are not charged for exporting to the grid. It would be a very unpopular move with the majority of the public which polls have shown are very concerned about climate change.

Yours sincerely ,

Kylie Hitchman

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't tax the meagre income from my very small solar array as we need all the help we can get right now.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I object to a solar tax.

It is unfair that individuals that have paid to produce solar energy be taxed when dirty polluting companies do not pay at all.

Solar feed in reduces the cost of electricity for all. It does not make any sense to charge a solar tax when we should be encouraging more green energy.

The feed in tariff should be increased to encourage more people to have solar.

After paying for the cost of panel's & inverter it is a relief not to have massive electricity bills. Adding a tax to this would be completely counterproductive.

With the huge amount of profits dirty energy has amassed those companies should pay for the cost of improving infrastructure & lines to the grid, not individual, hard working people that are trying to do the right thing for our dying planet.

Please scrap any plans you have to bring in a solar tax.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Submission to AEMC by [REDACTED]

I vehemently protest against the idea of charging solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Charging me for solar exports would impose an unfair financial imposition on my household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

This move to, 'charge' clean energy creators ( home solar panel users) to export excess energy back to the grid is obscene. Home solar power generation was endorsed and encouraged by government, incentivised by paying the home owner feed-in tariffs for excess energy. It is completely wrong and unfair, to expect home owners should now PAY to send excess energy to the grid.

The whole idea of incentivising solar panel use was to reduce house hold energy debt, create clean energy and create jobs/industry. The fact that planet destroying fossil fuel industries are not being charged to feed DIRTY energy into the grid is criminal on human and environmental rights grounds.

It would serve the planet, all living things and Australian households better if the AEMC pushed government and the private investors for an updated grid with a focus on clean energy and lower costs rather than put the burden of higher prices back on the home owner.

Charging to export to the grid, is not job creations, is not clean energy creating and is not environmentally responsible in any way. So who gets the money, fossil fuel companies, who DON'T have to pay to export to the grid, DON'T pay their fair share of tax obligations to the Australian public purse, or DON'T look for alternatives to their filthy, life destroying industry?

Perhaps this is a government initiative you have been asked to consider and implement - so the money goes to Ministers mates and tax havens? Is it to help claw back money to pay down debt - hit the under dogs AGAIN.

What ever the reason for this money grab, it is unjustified in light of the fact we were encouraged to take up solar panel use in the first instance to now be told to pay to export into the grid, meanwhile the filthy, life destroying fossil fuel industry isn't being asked to pay to export to the grid, or clean up their act for that matter.

Vicki Stevens

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please do not charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I say NO to a tax on rooftop solar, or any solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This proposal is totally unacceptable, everything possible needs to be done to encourage distributed renewable generation. Yes the regulator needs to be able to use behind the meter power to benefit the whole network, but adding extra costs is NOT the way to go.

Other control mechanisms, such as community batteries, demand shaping are available and far more useful.

We are in the 21st century not the 18th, regulators and the system need to reflect that.

Ps my phone number is 0409443716

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Eli Sky

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Two reasons informed my choice to put solar panels on my roof: to reduce carbon emissions over the long term and to reduce energy costs. I also have solar heated hot water on a separate system. Government subsidies made these solar installations affordable, just. These were proud and beneficial investments by home and business owners and governments to move towards a carbon neutral future. Yes the panels use carbon in their manufacture but that could change if we had more power generation relying on the sun and had proper, effective storage facilities.

I oppose the Australian Energy Market Commission proposal to force home and business owners to pay for the power they generate just because the energy companies are too lazy, too lax, spend too much on lobbying politicians to keep coal power generation going and because coalition governments reject the science of climate change and refuse to consider a future beyond their 3 year parliamentary terms. Why has there been little to no investment by governments and energy companies in research and technology that enables storage of the massive amounts of power solar panels generate and can generate into the future? This should be the focus. At the moment power storage from solar energy generation is inefficient and battery technology seems primitive. Lithium batteries can be dangerous too. However, investment in electricity storage is where Australian Energy Market Commission should be focussed as should all governments and power companies. So why not a proposal for this?

For anyone to charge home or business owners to pay for the virtually free energy they generate is unacceptable theft of a natural resource. I oppose the notion entirely. Instead the Australian Energy Market Commission, power companies and government agencies need to start up projects that store this wonderful virtually free energy we are all generating. That way we all win. The proposal to charge us for our power will result in me going off the grid entirely and investing in battery storage, a costly and not energy efficient system at the moment. It wouldn't surprise me if others did the same. Then what for the energy companies and the AEMC?

The Australian Energy Market Commission should be encouraging the nation to move towards 100% renewables asap and not creating chaos where things are working well. It is obvious to anyone that the huge take up of solar in Australia is due to it being an easy way for ordinary people and businesses to play their part in reducing carbon emissions and to reduce their power costs. Don't steal what is ours please. Don't steal a carbon neutral future from us and future generations.

As more people get more solar the energy companies, the power stations etc need to step up to the challenge of storage in a public and safe way for everyone to benefit including the owners of the storage facilities. Why can't this happen instead of the Australian Energy Market Commission stealing from the people what is theirs? We paid for the panels to be installed. We paid for the inverters. We pay for electricity and for the privilege of being connected to the grid. We should not be asked to pay for more and because of what is, essentially, a misguided, shirking attitude and

misbehaviour (ie attempt to misappropriate a resource) from energy companies and the Australian Energy Market Commission. The sun is free for all. But the technology to tap into its benefits and to store its valuable energy should be something governments, their agencies and energy companies invest in for their profits and the nation's future. The proposal to charge us to generate power is totally unacceptable and I will oppose it every which way I can. There are many who think and feel as I do on this issue.

Time for governments, government agencies and power companies to work with the people, for the people and stop the climate change denial and stop the reliance on coal to produce power in this country. Those coal jobs could easily be replaced by jobs in renewables. People would feel proud to work for that as that would give hope for the future of humankind and non humankind.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alastair Shorey

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**Phone:** 04-1854-2328

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is a crazy tax that would make us the laughing stock of the world.

I don't get what all the fuss is about. If the low income earners a complaining about paying more for electricity due to people who already have solar. Do your own sums and add up all your bills for the last ten years. I bet that if you applied for a low interest loan to fund your own solar system, it would still work out cheaper than your bill today. Solar has never been cheaper than it is now. Everyone who owns a house or paying one off should be able to install PV. (There would be exceptions due to shading etc).

I really don't understand why this debate is happening. Where I live there is no competition. The power company charges full price for using their power and pay the PV owners a fraction of that.

I strongly believe that, there should be no more government incentives for new PV owners but they must be paid the same amount of tarrif as they would if they were buying back off the grid. You cant get any fairer than that.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Miriam English

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Unfair changes to energy feed-in charges targeting rooftop solar are being driven by anti-free-market desires of commercial producers seeing rooftop solar as a threat to their business model. They have managed to convince some NGOs to fight against the best interests of poorer energy consumers that the NGOs think they are representing.

The argument is that rooftop solar reduces the income for the commercial producers, causing those producers to raise their prices to compensate for lost income, and the non-solar consumers have to pay more as a result. This is actually a false argument because it fails to include the fact that rooftop solar lowers the wholesale price of electricity more than the commercial producers raise residential prices. Non-solar households actually end up paying less because of their solar neighbours.

Rooftop solar benefits everybody -- solar homes, their neighbours, and even the network managers.

We should be moving away from fossil fuels. Solar, including rooftop solar, is an important part of that move.

- Fossil fuels are damaging for the climate.
- Coal is now a commercially unviable energy source. It only survives on inertia and costly government handouts.
- Fossil fuel, especially coal, is now a major source of corruption of Australian politics. Its tentacles reach deep into our government.
- Rooftop solar has the potential to ease the move from costly, dangerous fossil fuelled electricity to more profitable and safer generation.

Don't let corruption and false arguments break Australia's energy future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Allen Shrimpton

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**Phone:** 04-3892-2091

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I oppose any sort of tax, fee or charge for feeding solar power to the electricity network or grid.

Regards

Allen Shrimpton

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ronald Tuckwell

**Email:** tuckwellronald@gmail.com

**Phone:** 08-8863-1276

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

When the energy obtained by the burning of fossil fuels is suitably taxed for their continued destruction of the environment, then come back and talk to me about paying me for my contribution to the saving of the planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alison Manuel

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The AEMC should NOT be taxing citizens who are supplying Solar power to the grid! They should be encouraging people to use solar power. They need to start charging the Dirty, coal mining companies for exporting, since they make so much money from destroying the environment. Solar isn't really encouraged or made easy in this country, and I believe that's because the government supports dirty coal companies instead.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alan Baker

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**Phone:** 03-5023-7779

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

My family have rooftop solar. Charging us for solar exports would mean less discretionary income to help restart the local economy that has already been devastated by COVID19.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Julie Chenery

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It would be reprehensible to tax people who have already gone to the expense of installing solar cells and thus reducing their pressure on the general electricity supply and sometimes adding to it. I strongly urge you not to tax any clean energy source, including solar.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jan Harmsworth

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop Solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. It has cost us a lot of money to set up our solar system and we should be allowed to benefit from that investment without having some 'fee' charged to our efforts.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I think this is totally wrong that the government wants to charge home owners that have solar a tax on the sun we all need to stop this from happening

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kathryn Teakke

**Email:** kyteakle@hotmail.com

**Phone:** 04-6672-5855

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar power is ecologically far better than electricity from polluting coal. Therefore taxing solar panel owners for exporting it into the electricity grid would be a very backward move.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Geoffrey Colwill

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**Phone:** 04-2770-1892

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on solar panels - ridiculous!!! - NO way - what a rort - where is our incentives for working to carbon neutral - where is the government policy on climate change rather than on supporting their buddies the coal barons etc

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ruth Ryan

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**Phone:** 04-3290-7679

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It's well past time to truly get on board with renewable energy. It will be THE best way to save the planet AND reactivate the economy post-Covid19. It's time to stop thundering down the fossil fuel road. Invest in research and design AND manufacturing right here in Australia. We have the raw materials. It's time to stop exporting them and do something smart with them here.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ian Bell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

You cannot tax the sun nor the air that you are polluting with your coal and gas fired power stations

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The tax is extremely unfair on solar owners - why should they have to pay tax to export solar when the big coal and gas power stations don't have to? Solar power is highly beneficial to the environment in restoring the economy post-COVID - and if solar is taxed, those who already have solar rooftops will be hit worse financially, and that would just hurt the economy.

Finally, according to the Victoria Energy Policy Centre, energy gained from solar far outweighs the additional network costs. And rooftop solar reduces the price of electricity and provides network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Steve Stevens

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**Phone:** 04-1262-3594

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Australians are trying to cut the cost of living. The Government whom are asked by the voters to also make Australia a better place to live. Taxing the sun is uncalled for and non essential. Taxing those whom make billions for Australia's resources is more inspiring to the electorate.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I most definitely do not support the imposition of this new discriminatory tax on solar pv system owners. It is grossly unfair to tax people who have invested their own money in these pv systems who are collectively working towards both helping to improve the environment and reduce energy costs?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Douglas Francis

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I submit that a government body must act in the interests of the body politic instead of the body corporate.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The electricity market is already weighted against home solar electricity owners who export to the grid, getting cheap green electricity to sell on at a profit. This tax is unfair, and will further encourage solar owners to withdraw completely from the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Stephen Kerr

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**Phone:** 04-0259-2955

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am opposed to the imposition of a charge on consumers to export energy to the grid.

I believe it to be both unfair and unnecessary .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The last thing Australians need at this time is another tax on their meager incomes. Most of these agreements were made some years ago and have been working well. If it's not broken, don't fix it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Suzanne McLellan

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hands off our investment

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Tosi

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**Phone:** 04-1491-2993

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rooftop solar democratises power distribution. The LNP and their donors the big power companies and fossil fuel producers don't like it. That's why they want to tax it. If the LNP had real policies for renewables instead of propping up fossil fuels we would have a power grid that worked. We knew renewable energy was coming and the market would embrace it but the LNP has been a policy free zone the last 6 years. Now their answer is tax solar instead of innovate and change. Liberal free market policy is a lie.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Marianna Reid

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar energy producers are of benefit to the grid as the energy network does not have to export to local areas which outweighs the added network costs. It is unfair for solar energy exported to the grid to have to pay as we supply clean and renewable energy while dirty coal burning energy does not pay to export their energy. Research has also shown that the impact of solar on the network has been over estimated and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. There should also be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the benefits to the environment and health of people living in areas that solar energy is produced and adds to the network as savings. As pensioners we added solar to our household to help us cope with future costs of energy as we have limited funds and hardly any super to help us pay for essentials as we get older and we already have to pay for the meter to be read as an extra cost since putting it on so how about being fair we only get less than 1/4 of the cost that you sell our solar power to other customers so we think the network is already making money from us. Marianna Reid



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

So the Australian greenhouse mafia controls the AEMC. Just as it controls the COALition and Labor parties. You should be ashamed of yourselves, AEMC, for even thinking of taxing the sun. Corruption is a stinking thing and the odour emanating from the Independent AEMC is nauseating.

How dare you supine things do the bidding of the fossil fool profiteers who are determined to destroy life on Earth as we know it through abetting climate catastrophe. Shame.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am dismayed to hear that a charge is being considered to be imposed on home owners who export excess electricity to the grid. My PV system was installed at my expense with the encouragement of State and Federal Governments with no indication that there would be a charge for any excess generated. What I pay per kWh consumed is greater than what I receive per kWh exported. The production of the electricity is clean and silent without creating the problem of ash from burning coal.

Fear of an ash dam collapsing has recently forced the closure of a local State Recreation Area. If this tax is adopted I would consider upgrading my PV system, installing a battery and disconnecting from the grid. I am sure there would be many others who would do the same. This would leave the national grid in a less healthy state than it is now.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sue Gregory

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

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It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please don't tax solar power. - it's an unbelievably ridiculous idea. Stop subsidising fossil fuels instead.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Linda Davis

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing owners of solar power panels is unfair. Solar feeding into the grid reduces wholesale energy prices for all consumers so they should be supported not penalized. Solar is the way for the future so encourage its installation and adjust the grid to accommodate it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ros Chandler

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We have invested considerable resources into providing rooftop solar rebewable energy for our home and for the energy system.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Penalizing those who provide solar power will undermine the much needed development in renewable energy to address globalwarming .

Why would anyone or organisation take such a retograde step.?What is driving such a an idea when we need to encourage more solar energy production and individuals investing in home solar are providing such a valuable resource.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

we live in a private house and purchased solar panels to tr and reduce our living costs, in particular energy costs. Why are you trying to tax for getting energy from the sun? It doesnt seem fair at all.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Fred Birkbeck

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why should I be charged a fee to export energy (which I receive a small income from) when the energy I export is utilised by my neighbors who pay a high import/usage fee - immediate profit to the energy authority at negligible cost to them



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

An orderly transition to clean energy sources is a necessary. Penalising citizens who are using their own money to install solar infrastructure is not the way to build a sustainable clean-energy future. Adequate taxation and appropriate penalties for organisations that cause pollution or breach environmental legislation is a sensible way to establish the funding required for a well-managed transition. Don't penalise the people doing the right thing!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Russell Dunn

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

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It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The idea of taxing solar is ludicrous, as renewables clearly need to be promoted by every means possible - for the future health of our children and the whole planet. Coal subsidies should rather be removed.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Athol Foster

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gary Salisbury

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides, not charged for their environmental responsibility. Instead of a sun tax, our government should invest in solar and batteries for general use to alleviate pressure on the national grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jenny Edgar

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**Phone:** 04-1172-6614

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No one has the right to charge people for exporting solar energy back to the Grid. I object to this money grab.

Electricity companies have had years to adapt to solar exporting and Australians should not be penalised by their inaction and greed

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ken Smith

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Axe the (sun) tax!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Laurence Mason-Jones

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

People who have installed solar power systems to harness energy from the sun have spent a considerable amount for installation. Power companies are Benefiting greatly from the input of clean energy which they sell at a profit. Home owners pay a substantial amount of money in paying for network connection. Such a money gouging policy of taxing owners of solar power for the energy they produce is totally wrong. It will be a significant deterrent for people contemplating solar power installation and will also drive many households to go entirely off grid. Stop this inane proposal.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jan Sheppard

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**Phone:** 04-1979-6317

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I believe that rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting their energy into the grid.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

It is unfair that some people receive .50c and some get .06c a kilowatt for energy put into the grid.

The point of getting solar was to reduce energy costs and charging me for solar exports would have a large impact on my household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar power exporters already pay service charges to power companies for being connected to the grid. Power companies pay about 8 cents for the exported power and sell it back at 28 cents per kilowatt. If exporters were taxed on top of only receiving a pittance for their power, it would not be worth while exporting power. Greedy Power Companies get richer while power becomes more expensive in every way. No to sun tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 04-1989-2020

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If you are so worried about grid stability, invest in batteries or pumped hydro. To inhibit the domestic solar industry by putting a cost on supplying energy to the grid is not much better than ignorant vandalism. The future MUST be sustainable and encouraging sustainable practice is essential.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

As someone who purchased a solar system upon the understanding that the Australian Government encouraged householders to do so in order to mitigate the purported coming limits of grid-power's ability to keep supply ahead of demand, I am puzzled that there is now talk of charging a fee to such householders. Should said fee become mandatory, I would desire -at least- a comprehensive and easily understood explanation as to how the situation evolved, and why this was deemed necessary.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why are considering a tax on the very people that have made an investment to reduce their burden on the grid, all this will do is make everyone turn their solar panels off, such a short sighted view

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Tara Lemin

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposed sun tax could deter people from purchasing solar for their homes or businesses. This could result in job losses. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

tell them to [REDACTED] off and stop penny pinching they are all ex dumb mostly low life solicitors that couldn't run a merry go round and are only employed there because nobody else will employ them or mates of the other employees who don't know what day it is anyway,,they are all bludgers and feeding off the public money,,and ours to,,,,,as to answering below don't use my name

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Isn't it a restrictive trade practice to charge people to feed the grid rather than rewarding them ?



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We have used our savings to put solar panels on our roof. Clean green power. As we are on a pension we wanted to keep our bills to a minimum. This sun tax absolutely stinks.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a solar owner I agree that we should have a fair & reasonable rate for our export kw.

AS A PENSIONER having to pay to export would add more expense to already very tight budget.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

why tax all domestic users when all that is required a battery bank at every pad mount transformer ,no voltage rises and can be used to help with peak loads.this would work efficiently and would reduce network costs and increase profits for retailers,win,win,alround.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We should not have to pay tax when we are contributing solar power to the grid!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar energy is free from the sun, it should never be taxed. We need as many of our population to support solar energy to help the environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I find it highly ridiculous and unfair that they now want to charge a sun tax to people that have solar panels and feed back to the grid, we are giving them electricity and then they are charging others for it. Encouraging solar energy and cutting down on dirty energy is what should be happening at this point in time. I feel that the energy companies feel that they are now missing out on the dollars from people who have installed solar and that this is their way of recouping their profits. Energy companies need to look at other countries overseas who are producing clean power and follow suit. The government is always banging on about how people's electricity bills are going down, I am sad to say they are not going down but continually climbing (even if you have solar panels) and this new proposal will drive our bills up again. Very, very unfair.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We have put in a 4.7KW system and we get paid about 1/5th the amount of dollars per KW that we pay for electricity at the same time. If we were paid the same amount of money for our electricity production that we pay to get from the grid I would not have no problem with a tax on that, but, we do not get paid appropriately for the investment that we have made. My taxes paid for the grid originally, the government sold the grid without my agreement. I am happy to discuss my views further if required.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Sorry but I am calling BS on this one, I already pay tax on my solar installation.

How do I figure that, well let's look at it for a moment.

When I receive electricity from the grid I am paying \$0.2366/Kwh for it, but when I export to the grid, I get a piddling \$0.07842/Kwh for the clean energy I am supplying to other users (which the electricity supplier is charging them \$0.23661 for).

If that's not a tax, then I don't know what is, and apart from this I am also paying additional charges for the upkeep of the grid (service fee), and even paying for a meter service charge (what the hell is that for?).

Let's put this into a little bit of context for a moment.

When I first had solar put on (which cost me almost \$7000.00 by the way), I did the exercise of reading the old meter before the electric supply could change it to the new fangled dual reading remote telemetry type.

I did this for a week and lo and behold, my old meter was actually going backwards and the electricity supplier actually owed me money.

Having worked it out, I am currently feeding into the grid roughly a third more electricity than I am using over a month and I am a heavy electricity user with a pool and air conditioning.

If this tax comes into effect without an offsetting increase in the feed in tariff, then you can probably expect some people to go their own way, invest in a system with batteries, and block any feed in to the system.

As far as others who already have solar, then there are ways to add to your system to increase your solar output without feeding into the network more than the pinned 5Kw, thus increasing the amount from your system over time entering the grid to offset any tax, and if this tax comes in, then I will definitely be advocating people do this sort of thing.

Next you will be taxing us for the air we are breathing, it seems that we are already being taxed on any rainfall that happens to fill our dams and tanks.

In short, no, I am not in favour of a tax on excess electricity my system generates and feeds into the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Serge Killingbeck

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I'd like to thank the AEMC for the opportunity to make this submission.

I believe it is manifestly unjust to charge Solar Panel owners an extra impost for exporting power to the grid. Currently Energy Companies charge consumers three to five times what they pay for the power they receive from Solar Power providers (more for those customers who choose 'Green Power', companies charge a significant premium for that choice). A solid return by any measure.

It can't be the responsibility of Australian citizens who exercise the solid judgment of investing in Solar energy that companies intentionally gold plated networks against all advice to make their businesses attractive to offshore investors.

They were warned of the coming change in the energy provision and climate change and chose to ignore that advice. One suspects they were given undertakings and presumed their ability to influence government would win the day. Maybe they're right?

Taxing solar panel owners despite energy providers already getting three to five times (and more) what they pay owners: is an unnecessary interference in the market; will undermine efforts to move the country's energy sector to zero emissions by 2050; and, is an unwarranted subsidization of coal, oil and gas fired energy providers despite their claims they are viable without market interference by government. A decision to impose such a tax would be economically irresponsible, environmentally damaging and socially unacceptable.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair to tax people who are trying to help environment by using clean energy just to bolster up the dirty coal industry!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Attention AMEC

I am a solar energy owner and provider of excess to the grid.

This is purely renewable energy, not fossil fuel.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

I can't understand why solar owners are being targeted for importing renewable energy.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

My solar is local it is not imported from a distant power station.

By having rooftop solar on our home this supplies one third of our household and home business needs, we also top up our needs by buying green power from Powershop our energy provider.

To charge us for the energy we supply to the grid is unfair as we paid upfront for our panels and had some rebates but the maintenance and care is all our own work. It means we can use these saving elsewhere to benefit others.

The energy networks knew for years that uptake of solar may eventually cause problems but there was nothing done to work through this and all that is now suggested is to tax the provider, a very pathetic attempt to solve the problem.

Yours,

Sally Wilson

Newport

NSW 2106

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I feel to encourage solar here should not be a tax!!

Shame on you

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid are not a good idea on a number of fronts:

1. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.
2. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
3. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
4. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
5. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not agree with the proposal to charge solar owners who export to the grid. We are supplying energy virtually for free. No one else who puts energy into the grid has to pay to do so. Don't expect us to do so.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

How can it be fair to charge tax on solar when fossil fuel companies are known as the biggest tax-dodgers in our country? Solar and clean energy is the way of the future and we all need to embrace it, encourage it and clear the way for easy clean energy adoption strategies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To want to tax people who have installed solar panels is utterly outrageous, greedy and unreasonable.

I object to this proposal wholeheartedly when I am making use of the sun's energy which does not impinge on any man made facility, and saves energy.

Rather than a tax on solar users, how about rewarding us instead?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

Charging a fee on solar feed-in would be a low political stunt. Abundant research has shown that solar feed-in has lowered the wholesale cost of electricity, and reduced the need for electricity suppliers to invest in more generation capacity.

Electricity companies have already penalised solar panel owners and other frugal users of grid power, by shifting an increasing proportion of electricity costs into the connection fee rather than the per-kWh price.

Changes to the grid infrastructure to enable more solar feed-in are no more onerous than ongoing changes needed to update technologies. Solar panel owners are doing the grid a service by shouldering the cost of infrastructure for this generation capacity.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Australians are voting with their roofs. Tired of Government lies and obfuscation, real people know climate change exists. It is factored into all practical arrangements for farming, bushfire preparedness, etc. Smart energy is getting the whole country using sun and wind, not taxing the realists who are propping up Government inaction.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I did not spend all this money on solar panels so as to alleviate the dependence on fossil fuels and benefit the environment only to be taxed for my efforts. Thousands of Australians have followed suit and would ask why the fossil fuel industry yet again avoids paying their fair share for polluting the air we all breathe.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Fergus FitzGerald

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have had rooftop solar PV on my two homes for over 10 years and am proud of the contribution I have made in providing surplus renewable energy to the grid and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from my electricity consumption.

It is unfair that solar owners should be charged to feed renewable energy into the grid when power companies based on burning fossil fuels don't have to.

Rooftop solar electricity fed into the grid has the added benefit of reducing network costs by providing decentralised power.

Solar PV owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar energy provides to everyone.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ian Simons

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi, The cheapest form of electricity at this stage in history, is from renewable sources --

<https://www.altenergymag.com/article/2020/04/what-is-the-cheapest-form-of-energy/33009>

And if anything, their costs are declining!

We constantly hear bleatings that the future of Australia rests on increased productivity. That is, bigger bang for the buck. So, what do we need to do as a country? We need to PROMOTE the cheaper more productive energy sources. How do u DISCOURAGE take up of renewables, and the consequent increase in productivity. Tax renewable energy, of course!!! Could only happen in Sunny Oz.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We pay to install solar panels . Why should we pay the government for the electricity we produce.  
Do the coal producers pay the government for selling them their coal? It is a most unfair suggestion.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Stop taking advantage of citizens' prudence and sensible management of their financial resources to promote polluting energy sources.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Mary Twomey

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I've paid a lot of money to get solar energy installed. How dare you want to punish & tax me on that!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Judy Schneider

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a senior, concerned about the future for the generations to come, I have always tried to live a life, respecting our environment.

I am asking that full use be made of renewable energy, which includes the extra power generated from citizens, who have installed solar panels, without charge. In fact, they should be paid for this extra power.

Our fossil fuelled power stations have almost reached the end of their contribution and it is high time that Australia moves to 100% renewable energy sources and follows other forward thinking nations, sooner, rather than later.

The world is fast approaching the point of act now, before it is too late.

Increasing gas production is not the answer either.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Hunt

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**Phone:** 07-3351-3642

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is outrageous!!! A criminal rip off to charge people for supplying energy to the grid that was produced by clean energy.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** James Fitzgerald

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**Phone:** 04-8891-7861

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging people who have invested in solar power to upload spare power to the grid is an unconscionable proposal. These people made this investment to lessen their reliance on greedy power companies and to have some assurance of power supply if grid power should be compromised.

They are largely people with foresight who understand the dangers of burning fossil fuels for electricity generation and who have voted with their wallets to lessen their contribution to climate change.

I ask you to reject any proposals to place a tax on sunlight. Those who have installed solar power should be rewarded, not punished!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Richard Watkins

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am quite puzzled by the thought of a tax on exporting roof top solar generated electricity into the grid. My retailer pays me a paltry amount now and a tax would cancel that out.

The government has encouraged solar installations with subsidies and there are many large scale solar farms under construction or planned. This is encouraged and a means to meet climate change targets. A tax would cripple these projects and make meeting the targets more difficult.

Households made decisions on parameters at the time and now there is this proposal to change the goal posts. That is unfair. Any tax implementation should be 20 year plus into the future when current systems would be at their end of use and be replaced.

Solar panels are widely distributed meaning that voltage losses from power stations over long distance wires are overcome by localised feed in electricity.

AEMC needs to demonstrate how this tax would substantially reduce retail prices of electricity. And demonstrate how the tax will result in more stable supply especially at peak times.

If this tax is to proceed then solar owners must be given at least twice that amount as feed in by the retailer.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** stephen hale

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think that it would be unfair to charge solar owners to export the power that we produce. The energy companies don't get charged to export their power so why should solar producers be charged. If I have to pay to export my power it will be another cost to me at a time when money is tight. Roof top solar drive down prices.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I object to any proposal to disadvantage rooftop solar power producers.

As well as saving distribution costs to nearby residents. Solar power also reduces power losses on main high voltage transmission lines but are not rewarded for this saving to the network-lines, fair suck on the sauce bottle mate!

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides. And there are plenty of better ways to make our energy system fairer for everyone. Instead of a sun tax, our leaders should invest in solar and batteries for public housing, and expand programs that enable low income and rental households to access the benefits of solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposal to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid is fundamentally anti competitive when when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting energy. This should be thoroughly investigated by the ACCC.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Enabling the take up of electric vehicle charging s would be a far better proposal for dealing with the mid day surge on the grid.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ben Bryant

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging individual residential solar exporters would be inequitable compared with large generators who can access various subsidies, interest deductions and so forth regardless of their higher carbon footprint burden on our world. Solar generators are already exploited by energy retailers with low export tariffs relative to imports And supply charges increasingly higher than consumption charges despite this typically being cleaner power increasing our climate resilience. We need to envision the Renewable energy systems of the future and design economic mechanisms and incentives to realise this and avoid setting barriers to the transition we need for a flourishing future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair and illogical for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Carmel O'Rourke

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

People who have converted to solar should be taxed LESS not more!! They are being proactive about reducing their carbon footprint an that of Australia.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I find it difficult to understand why owners of solar panels should be taxed for providing energy to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

How can it be fair that solar owners be charged to export clean, renewable energy to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

The current feed-in tariff is low and does not, appropriately, recognise the contribution of solar panel owners to the grid. It is absurd to think that the feed-in tariff will not be increased but it will be abolished and a tax applied instead! It needs to be recognised that solar provides environmental and health benefits and network savings.

As an owner of solar panels, I do not understand why it would be necessary to charge me to provide energy to the grid. I ask that you do not approve an action that amounts to the taxing of the owners of solar panels as they do their bit for the environment. Rather, an increase in the feed-in tariff would be appropriate.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** David Palmer

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am an aged pensioner and my partner runs a very small business. Over the past 22 years we have purchase 2 arrays of solar panels (with RECS subsidy) and two battery systems (without subsidy). We have personally invested 3 times the value of subsidies that we have received.

Our motivation was not to reduce our energy expenses (until now our expenses have exceeded our savings). Our purpose was to minimize our carbon emissions. In that we have succeeded. Our carbon emissions from electricity are close to zero.

Suggesting that we should have to PAY to export our surplus is ludicrous and unfair. We and hundreds of thousands like us have provided clean solar energy which has REDUCED the cost of energy for everyone! In addition our grid connected battery enabled system provides load balancing and stability benefits to the grid.

If this anti competitive and anti environmental TAX is imposed, we and thousands like us will charge our batteries and disconnect from the grid. We will NEVER pay a SUN TAX! NEVER! NEVER! NEVER! BTW we will personally be better off by \$425 p/a, the net amount that we pay to be connected to the grid.

Bad luck to all the greedy selfish [REDACTED] who want to impose a SUN TAX on those very people who have selflessly done all the initial heavy lifting.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Submission regarding proposals to consider charging solar generators for their exports.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Thus it is a benefit to ALL users on the network.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Charging for solar exports to the grid may, over time, reduce the amount being exported to the grid as those who can afford it, will install batteries. This will actually force the price of electricity up, as more centralised capacity will be required.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Net Work costs that continue to be disproportionately debited to Residential owners. I am yet to see a comprehensive and objective defence by both retailers and Government in this regard.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Again this is not supported by objective evidence in support of Retailers and their lack of a reasonable share of these costs.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. And so how is the Industry and the Regulator to be accountable in meeting these network improvements to accommodate Solar Installations.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. The FIT that we receive has recently been reduced by approx 10% with no real explanation as to why.

We chose to install a 5kW System in 2013. We have achieved an approx benefit of 23% in reduced power consumption since installation. Not only does this benefit our household but a true calculation of the overall benefit of all total Solar Installations to total Power Savings should be made before Solar is CRIMINALISED.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

You want to tax y

the sun? It is free! Do you want to tax my sun cancers as well?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Fiona McDonald

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There should be no charges for households exporting clean solar energy to the grid. They are contributing valuable energy at no cost to the government's. They help reduce the ongoing costs of power generation and are a major part of Australia's response to climate change. If you make it untenable then you are confounding your own reason for existence.

We are all watching your actions so please take care in what you decide on this matter.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I oppose the proposal to charge solar panel owners for exporting their excess solar power generation to the grid. When all other electricity suppliers to the grid are charged the same fees then, and only then, would I consider the fees justified.

In the meantime, I consider the proposal to just be another attack on renewable energy by the fossil fuel generators and their proxies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging solar owners to export clean energy back to the grid would penalise not just solar owners but also other electricity consumers and would place a greater burden on the environment if solar owners reduced their clean energy feedin to the grid. Many of us (solar owners) have outlaid many thousands of dollars to install high quality solar to provide clean energy for decades to come. For many of us the main reason for installing solar is to help protect the environment by reducing the use of dirty fossil fuels to generate our electricity but also to help generate clean electricity used by other consumers through our surplus power being fed back into the grid. For many of us, the initial outlay to install solar came with a very long payback period through energy bill reductions over 10 to 15 years. This was also factored into ongoing household costs as many of us move into retirement with no further income. It is morally and ethically wrong to now expect solar owners to pay out more money to feed excess solar generated energy back to the grid - particularly when clean renewable energy has so many ongoing benefits for the environment and the economy versus the archaic fossil fuel industry !

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We purchased solar at a time when it was being advertised that it would be a saving for us and a benefit for the environment to get clean energy use elevated. Now you are talking about charging us when the big companies are squealing about having to pay us for the energy we provide. Not good enough , Stop supporting only the big money makers and assist ordinary Aussies.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Thank you Mary Mannion

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I understand that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively a tax on the sun.

My husband and I had solar panels installed earlier this year and consider that this is not only benefiting ourselves, but all consumers. We deserve to be well compensated, not penalised for providing energy to the grid.

In addition:

â€¢ Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

â€¢ It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

â€¢ Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

â€¢ There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Elaine Trotman

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why should people who have genuinely tried to use energy efficient power be penalised due to inefficient dirty energy providers?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 04-0022-9539

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No tax for clean energy uploaded to the grid .. the price we paid to get solar installed has not yet been paid off and now the threat of taxes ..are you pushing solar owners to go off grid with batteries and not produce for others .. imagine in summer without solar producers inputting into the grid .. will the dirty coal powered producers cope ????

I say a very big no to any form of tax on solar power produced on rooftops

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. It is without doubt the most ridiculous proposition I have heard this year. Energy generated by rooftop solar systems and exported to the grid is green power. This type of 'tax' will stall the uptake of solar panels thereby slowing our move to more sustainable power generating systems.

This benefits nobody except the fossil fuel companies and the government that protects them.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The energy companies don't need to extract more from solar owners. They invested thousands of dollars to install. Maybe they could pay them more since the ROI is very low not like the power companies investments

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I don't need to be ripped off by the power companies. Good deal for them buy at 8 c and sell it next door for 27 c

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

NO SUN TAX

I think it is contemptible, disgusting and greedy to try and tax rooftop solar.

The sooner we can get off grid the better.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

we are told to go so;a to save ao now they will get us another way

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Australia should be encouraging renewable energy. Climate change is the biggest threat to our way of life, and burning fossil fuels is feeding it.

We need a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It would seem to me that this proposed tax on solar generation should in fact be applied to fossil fuel generation of electricity not solar generation.

Not only is fossil fuel generation exacerbating the climate emergency but solar owners have already paid for and been taxed on their own solar infrastructure when installed.

Surely this is enough of a reason not to impose this tax. I am also a self-funded retiree and my superannuation which is my sole source of income has already been severely damaged by the Covid-induced recession.

The implications of this tax have clearly not been thought through!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Sir,

Power companies have been screwing over consumers for years especially in areas where there is no competition. Considering taxing solar, which helps reduce consumer overheads in difficult times of high unemployment, does nothing but help the coal barons like corrupt Clive Palmer with his coal interests. It's time for responsible transparent governing in Australia, not for the benefit only of the rich. [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why should we the rooftop solar household be penalised for keeping up with technology change AND being renewable.

The coal fired power stations had a defined life and assume the gas will also which the energy companies have known since dot, why haven't the energy companies prepared for technology change and climate change.... profits that's why!!!

The motor and aviation industries grasp technology change to make things cheaper or more efficient and climate change compliant.

We should not be taxed or have blackouts because the energy companies and LNP governments constant pushback on solar/wind/renewables favouring coal and gas.

We are running out of time on this planet to change direction and reduce emissions.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There should be no tax on Solar energy, it is free and should stay that way please.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Hi AEMC, your purpose is to make energy affordable and clean, so that our planet's beauty is preserved. I have nine grandchildren, their future lives need to be made safe. Financially punishing those of us who have resourced solar power to preserve the planet is morally, economically, WRONG. Carbon use is going to kill my grandchildren if it is exploited as it is now, subsidised to kill us all. I urge you to promote not impede the just transition to renewable energy.

Regards

[REDACTED].

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a Queensland resident I have gone to some expense to install a small 2kw solar system and a solar hot water system on my house roof. I signed contracts with the state distributor and a local retailer on the basis that I would receive the agreed on solar rebate and discounts. A proposed solar input tax would reduce this rebate below the agreed amount. It would make it harder for me to recoup my expenses and maintain my solar system in good order. It would also discourage me from seeking flexible agreement with my current retailer, encourage me to look for better retail arrangements and also seriously consider the expense of a rechargeable home battery system or even to consider off grid possibilities.

It would mean that I would be less likely to trust state and federal government agencies and energy distributors and retailers.

A solar tax would discourage solar uptake by householders and therefore reduce the climate reduction and emission reduction contributions that roof top solar already makes in quite a significant proportion.

Already in our area of South East Queensland the average annual temperatures are steadily rising and are already well above 1 C. This climate change leads to things like the bushfires of the last fire season and all of the associated infrastructure and personal costs such as loss of houses, damage to powerlines and interconnectors, damage to industries such as tourism, coral bleaching and many more.

These temperature increases are also leading to more peak period demand through increased air conditioning use. Extreme weather events lead to further damage.

It is much better to reward household solar adoption and use the opportunity to develop a modern, efficient, sustainable, decentralised power grid with dispatchable power capabilities than penalise householders for wanting to contribute towards solutions.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Keep your greedy hands off! Is there no end as to how low you'll go?



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am appalled by AEMC's proposal to charge solar owners for exporting power to the grid. Frankly everything should be done to encourage more solar, not less. It is completely unfair to charge solar owners to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies do not have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am writing to request that the AEMC recognises the benefits of rooftop solar, both environmental and financial.

There should be no fee for exporting solar energy to the grid, especially as dirty fossil resources don't pay anything.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not proceed with this Bill to place a sun tax on Solar energy as this will only hamper the renewable energy industry and will create more favourable conditions for the unsustainable and highly polluting fossil fuel industry which is already overly supported by Federal and State governments.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is absurd to charge roof-top solar owners for exporting energy to the grid. We have saved governments & the industry many millions of dollars by reducing the need to build more fossil fuel generation plants which would do nothing to contribute to our global warming responsibilities.

Solar owners are constantly at risk of industry undermining our ability to recoup our investment with arbitrary fees & charges. Should we unite in a class action to seek compensation for investment losses like big business do?

Having an opportunity in the future to build a new home I feel more inclined to use Passive Design, Battery Storage & Smart Technology to make the most of my own energy & leave it to the grid to solve its own energy problems.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

When the Government was unable to generate sufficient power for the State they asked us to install rooftop solar panels, -- AT OUR EXPENSE.

They undertook to REIMBURSE us for the power we generated, but have chosen to REDUCE that rate so that our "investment" does not stack up.

Now they propose to TAX US on the miserable sum they pay us, when they should sensibly be SUBSIDISING US TO INSTALL BATTERIES. which would assist further :

1. reducing the amount government needs to generate & fund
2. reduce the impact upon the environment

We, the public, have shown our willingness to assist -- NOW IT IS TIME FOR GOVERNMENT TO BE APPRECIATIVE and FORWARD-THINKING in encouraging and assisting with the installation of private batteries

Our generosity should NOT be taken as an opportunity to raise more tax income !!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively is a tax on the sun!

Big coal and gas generators don't have to pay for supplying electricity into the network, so why should solar homes and businesses who have made a personal investment in rooftop solar and are providing cheap power to their neighbours?

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar provides cheap, local energy and helps lower prices for everyone by driving down the wholesale price of electricity, can provide network benefits by supplying local energy and by avoiding the need for expensive network upgrades.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I'm asking you to reject proposals that apply a blanket sun tax and instead:

- Invest in network infrastructure, like community-scale battery storage, so that more homes can invest in rooftop solar.
- Help more renters, people living in apartments and low-income households access cheap solar energy.

Thankyou

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I THINK IT IS TOTAL WRONG TO TRY TO MAKE ME PAY FOR THE SUN



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jan O'Leary

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I strongly oppose the proposal to charge solar owners to export energy to the grid.

This would be a very regressive step at a time when Australia is nowhere near being able to meet its Paris emission reduction targets. Feed in tariffs must be compatible with overall goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This would also be hard to justify when the polluting energy companies can export to the grid for free.

There are a variety of ways of overcoming problems associated with household solar on networks that don't seem to have been investigated. The University of New South Wales' Energy Security Board can provide some useful information.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging to transfer energy to the grid is changing rules retrospectively.

I bought my solar panels and signed a contract with no such charges.

Also, since solar generators are saving electricity providers millions of dollars in not having to pay for extra infrastructure, the commercial electricity providers should be grateful for solar going into the grid.

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The benefits of home solar panels has been made public in many recent reports. It is a great contributor to easing the overall burden on the grid, to reducing the cost to home owners and massively reducing the total carbon emissions. Taxing this system would be extremely unwise.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

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It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting, especially after solar owners have forked out large amounts of money to have solar installed.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

The current feed-in tariff should be MORE. Solar owners should not be penalised for feeding back to the grid something that provides environmental and health benefits along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

We would never have paid for solar if we had thought at the time we would be charged for producing it!! Being a low income earner, this will have dire ramifications on our budget.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Instead of taxing people with a roof-top p.v. system we should support household and industry with low consumption especially during peak-hours.

Reduce the daily network price (which is way to high) and increase the price of energy KWH. That would make household reduce consumption.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

If I am not doing any harm by having solar power and I'm actually doing some good, why should I have to pay for that?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What's the point of getting solar panels if it's going to cost more? Isn't the idea to use more renewables to help the environment & the planet? It seems to me that because the energy giants are losing money because of solar they now want people with solar to pay for there shortfall in profits. There already got us paying the highest prices on the planet the electricity & they just want more & more. At the the end of the day paying more because we have solar defeats the purpose of getting solar to help the environment.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Really?

You already receive the power we generate (at OUR cost) for peanuts, and SELL it to our neighbours a normal retail price. Now you have the temerity to THINK of placing a charge on OR generated power -at OUR cost that you make a nice profit on already???

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

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Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Any charge to solar owners such as myself is nothing more than an indirect tax & will have a significant impact on the ROI & payback period for my considerable investment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have solar PV I purchased it for environmental reasons and also pay a surcharge for green power

If you intend to charge me to export my response will be to install more PV and battery and disconnect from the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

My roof top solar was installed as a retirement strategy. Why should I now be penalised for using clean energy?!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We are wondering about the need to implement a charge on solar owners exporting clean, renewable energy to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There has been, rightly so, a need to move away from finite resources, and solar is certainly a move toward a system that would benefit the health of our environment.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that acknowledges these benefits along with network saving to the grid.

If people are prepared to do the right thing, for the long term good, it shouldn't always incur unseen, additional costs.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am outraged that consideration is being given to placing a tax on people such as myself who have installed roof-top solar panels that export electricity to the grid. As a self-funded retiree, I made the decision to do this earlier this year, paying out what was for me a considerable sum of money, in the hope that not only would it be of benefit in the battle to fight climate change, but that I would recoup some of that investment in the long term through lower electricity costs.

It is extraordinary that consideration is being given to charging individual householders for the contributions they make to a cleaner (and cheaper) energy world, when the large coal and gas companies that contribute significantly to climate change are not to be charged for exporting the energy they produce to the grid. In particular, it does not make sense when household solar contributions ensure that energy distribution is decentralised, reducing the expenditure needed for poles and wires from the major power stations.

PLEASE throw this insane and illogical proposal into bin where it belongs!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Our solar production benefits both the grid and our supplier. We are paid a fraction of the amount charged for power by our provider as a feed-in tariff (and its recently gone down again) We also pay a substantial daily supply charge.

There need to be more incentives for adding solar, more Large scale wind and solar projects, not a punishment for people contributing to the transition to renewables.

The need for strategies to manage the fluctuations in power generation is not one to be solved at household level. Infrastructure including pumped hydro storage, large scale batteries etc need to compliment the growing mix of renewable power generation.

We do not need a further charge on people supporting renewables bes by having solar on their houses.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Given the threat that climate change poses to our country and our kids future, Australia should be doing everything in our power to rapidly transition to renewable energy.

I strongly oppose the sun tax proposals. How about we properly tax polluting fossil fuel companies instead?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Grid connected solar power provides benefits to all energy consumers which far outweighs added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Grid connected rooftop solar is the most efficient form of solar power, and should not be penalised with a tax which will discourage solar uptake and its contribution to reducing greenhouse emissions.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

If a tax is put on exporting to the grid, it will just force us to stop exporting, this is a backward step

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ingrid Cattley

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

My solar panels export clean energy to the grid. This should not be taxed while dirty electricity from the fossil fuel industry is not taxed.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We in Australia are proud of our lead in household solar, personally we have had stand alone solar for over 35 years and enjoyed the lack of blackouts, seemingly unnecessary charges and the security of knowing the limits of our batteries and monitoring of our usage.

I have always been a bit disgusted with the amount that the generator can receive by unsealing the solar that it receives from grid connected households .. where the home owner maybe paid under 20 cents per unit, this can be unsold for tens of dollars, even hundreds/thousands and more in peak times.

Coal and gas generators do not pay to export power to the grid HOW COULD YOU JUSTIFY MAKING SOLAR OWNERS PAY TO EXPORT THEIR SOLAR EXCESS POWER - only if you are trying to discourage solar in the home by negative discrimination.

Please do not do this, we need more solar, fair price for excess to be used .

A solar tax on home solar is an unfair discrimination, solar has been shown to help reduce costs, balance the grid and supply cheap power at times of shortage. n

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What next, a tax on air to breathe. This is a disgusting grab by crooked energy companies to increase their market share. In my opinion they should be nationalised and penalised for the destruction of our way of life.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Sunshine was in no way produced or owned by the state, therefore the state cannot charge for it

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC delegates,

I wish to register my submission against taxing rooftop solar entities who are feeding excess energy back to the grid.

It has been clearly shown in research from Victoria Energy Policy Centre that the contribution of energy from rooftop solar fed into the grid has the combined effect of making energy for those without solar more affordable and outweighs the cost of their network costs.

I submit that as a contributor of solar energy to my communal grid, this is relatively cheap and has no health or environmental impacts on my community.

The same cannot be said for the fossil fuel industries contribution to the grid.

Also, it has been shown in research by UNSW to the Energy Security Board that the impact of solar on the grid networks has been overestimated.

Furthermore, it is clear that my contribution, and others like me, reduce the need for others to rely on polluting, and health damaging coal and gas in their communities.

It is these energy companies, not those contributing solar or renewable energy, that should be being taxed commensurately to cover the costs to society of the proven chronic health and environmental impacts they are having on their local communities directly and indirectly on all of our communities.

The proven contribution of these industries to air and ground water pollution and their significant contribution to damaging climate change on coastal communities through increased storm and cyclone damage and inland communities through bushfires and ever-worsening droughts needs to be added to the total cost of providing such energy.

Once these industries have been taxed for these impacts, and only when, will I support an investigation into the taxing of renewable energy suppliers like myself through rooftop solar to the grid, should their still be a need at that time.

Finally, given the positive health, environmental and community impacts of solar, and the network savings it supplies, I believe a fairer feed-in tariff should also be granted.

Thankyou for recognising this submission and considering, on balance, the contribution of my household to our collective energy, health and community needs.

I look forward to hearing the result.

Yours Sincerely,



Carolyn O'Neill

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households with PV generation have to pay to share clean solar? Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power. PV excess generation exported back to the grid has saved the network from blackout on more than one occasion and helped reduced overall electricity costs to consumers.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Why should private citizens who are contributing green energy that lowers the costs of wholesale power prices be penalized by a tax when the dirty coal powered industry doesn't pay a cent , now if I was a home owner with out solar and I request that my power comes from green energy I would have to pay extra for that peace of mind . Instead of trying to hit private citizens with a law that discriminates against those who have and are wanting to do the right thing by their community and environment by putting on solar your risking Australia's global reputation as a public solar uptake leader . With these points that I have noted should be enough to convince you that this whole idea should be dropped , if the AEMC is so hell bent on trying to make more money then start to tax those that are causing the problems for the environment that is going to be the BIGGEST COST to this country in the future .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

We have rooftop solar; charging us for solar exports would be an unacceptable impost on our household. I am not destabilising the grid; the problem lies with the big suppliers and insufficient maintenance of the infrastructure.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

thy should be no tax on soler

bloody big coperation plus blddy goverments are getting greedy

sun free

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Totally wrong to shut down solar owner panels, or to impose taxes on exports. We already are taxed in that we're paid low rates for our exports.

AEMC need to push harder on the current electricity generation companies to prepare and invest for the future. Those companies want to push you and us around to keep polluting the environment and accelerate global warming. no consideration for everyone's future. We, private owners have made that investment because we want to safeguard the future for our children.

You, AEMC, the useless Federal Government and the electricity generators must work a lot smarter and harder to implement the future now. Get a move on!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

what next a tax on oxygen tell u what y dont u introduced a carbon tax it worked well before u caned it .when my water tank fills from the rain will i have to pay a tax ,now theres a idea boys .I think a tax on your 15.5 % super and your 250 dollers a day allowance for lunch. get your wife to pack one for u and give the money to people who can't afford to buy food.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners should not be charged to export power to the grid. Solar owners provide benefits to all energy consumers which far outweigh the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying clean local energy. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Rooftop solar is something that should in fact be encouraged as it is an amazing opportunity that provides clean energy in an energy hungry world.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I put a 6kw system on my roof here in Queensland's outback because your mates in big coal, in collusion with the federal conservative government added 60% to my power bill for [REDACTED] I'd already paid for in my taxes in terms of poles and wires, and you gave those away.

Now, to ensure you morons have a job with your coal mates after you are thrown out of parliament as a result of the rorts of the likes of that ne'er do well Angus Taylor et al, you want to charge me for gathering the solar energy and using what I need and giving you the rest for damn near a song.

Well not on my watch you corrupt maggots. I'll go off-grid and see how you like it when a bunch of us out here do the same.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Ministers.

I do not believe a solar tax would be fair, reasonable or ethical.

As a solar exporter, I am paid a tiny fraction of what I am charged to buy power.

The power I buy is harmful to the environment.

The power I contribute is not nearly as harmful to our planet. (I understand solar equipment does have to be manufactured).

It should be worth more as it does not damage or contribute to costly damage rectification to our environments.

I don't understand how you can govern for the future without acknowledging our quality of life in our future?

Please find a balance that is future proof.

Kind regards

Steven Lock

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I cannot believe that the AEMC would even consider charging a tax on a clean energy source, when it is the consumer paying the cost of installing the solar set up. Then feeding any energy they dont ,use into the grid for free ! No doubt this Tax would then go to Gina & Clive as some form of reimbursement for not being able to destroy the planet any more !!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is entirely unreasonable to charge people who have rooftop solar extra because they don't use as much energy and even export energy. The notion that rooftop solar has a strong negative impact on electricity grids is not supported by all research, and there are better ways of trying to modify people's approaches, for example paying more for feed-ins during peak demand periods and encouraging or subsidising the adoption of batteries for local storage. The notion of charging people extra because they aren't using centrally generated, often highly polluting and carbon generating electricity is absurd. Next thing you know there will be a huge tax on people who have opted for systems completely off the grid because they aren't doing big utilities' idea of their fair share...

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is totally unfair to charge solar owners anything for putting their excess back into the grid. Why push for solar then turn around and charge anyone who is fortunate enough to have surplus to give back. Greed is a terrible thing and this is all about greed. [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The establishment of a tax upon those who export energy from solar back into the electricity grid is an absurdity that echoes the exploitative hold fossil fuel companies contain within Australia.

A key goal within our country is to lower our carbon emissions in the hope that our planet might have a future. The benefit of solar panels far out weight the costs and those who make such an effort should be rewarded, not punished.

A spurious concept such as a tax on solar output should never be considered.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Having made a considerable investment in rooftop solar and battery system it would cause our investment to become a burden on our pension and super if we were to be charged for providing an environmentally friendly source of electricity to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The proposal to require home solar producers to pay a fee to feed energy into the grid is both bad for Australian energy users and bad for our environment. Evidence has shown the significant benefits of solar in reducing wholesale energy costs and providing local power more than offset and cost to the network. Many of our networks need to be upgraded or require significant maintenance regardless of solar input, and thus lumping the cost on solar providers is a misattribution. Research by the University of New South Wales has shown that there are simple and cheap ways to enable more solar without large scale changes to the grid, thus further refuting the assertion that rooftop solar providers are costing users or the government more than the benefits they provide.

If a feed-in fee were to be introduced it should be made to apply to all feed-in providers, and the rate should reflect the harm that energy source does to the environment; harm and ongoing costs that Australians must bear; harm made palpable in light of this years severe fire season and its links to anthropogenic climate change.

Indeed, rather than a feed-in fee there should be a feed-in tariff paid to solar producers that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

We need evidence-based policy that weighs the economic, health, and environmental costs and benefits of the choices we make about our energy in Australia. On the basis of the evidence it is large scale producers of fossil-fuel based energy that should be paying for any grid maintenance and upgrades that need to occur, and the solutions offered by roof-top solar owners that ought to be encouraged and rewarded.

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Trevor Scott

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is an outrage!! for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

I call on the AEMC to reconsider this plan to tax those of us who have the foresight to install solar on our rooftops. The sun's energy has always been available free to everybody. That is a beautiful thing. DO NOT DO THIS!

Sincerely

Trevor Scott

Castlemaine Vic.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The current electricity power lines may be owned by the big polluter companies & pay no tax to pass their generated supply into the grid. It is totally unthinkable to have the solar home owner taxed to put their solar produced excess power in to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

You know it's crazy times in Australia when there's a proposal to tax the people who have chosen to do their bit to combat human caused climate damage and the looming crisis by taxing those very people.

How about we don't have a tax on people's solar panels feeding into the grid (and instead tax the climate polluting, coal burning large companies). It's not fair and it's counterproductive.

In hope, but very little faith,

Paul Schnackenburg

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We are 2 living on my retirement. We both have diabetes. We need to be able to keep warm in Winter and cool in Summer. With the current price of electricity we battled to survive. We used our small savings to put in some solar panels but what we get charged by the power and what they pay us for the power we give them we battle to get by. Now you are talking about a sun tax! How can you even dream of doing this to ordinary folk with the high cost of power from electricity suppliers, you have no heart at all. 12 years overseas giving service to others while supporting ourselves and we could heat and cool as we needed to and afford it, no assistance just normal bills charged at the normal going rate but here it's like somebody is gouging to get every dollar they can. NO SUN TAX. We still vote remember that.....

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC.

Please let's be fair about this Solar Charge.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Regards Brian Edwards

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I've installed solar on my rooftop for our household consumption as well because rooftop solar has assisted and will continue to assist in the transition from our local dependency fossil fuel. Please don't penalise myself and others for contributing to a fossil fuel free future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Where is the level playing field if solar owners are charged for their clean renewable energy export to the grid while the big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Research shows that energy generated by rooftop solar drives down wholesale prices of electricity and benefits all consumers.

A review conducted by the ATSE in 2007 finds that externalities from combined GHG and health damage for electricity generation from various sources are as follows

\$ 19MWh Natural, \$42MWh BlackCoal, \$52 Brown Coal. The costs for Solar PV were \$7MWh. A timely report put together by a group of scientists, researcher and medical professionals demonstrates the dreadful impacts from burning coal for electricity.

Pollution from Australia's remaining 22 black and brown coal power stations is responsible for 800 premature death, 14.000 asthma symptoms among children, and 850 cases of low birth weight in newborn babies. The external costs from burning coal are calculated to be \$ 2.4 billion per annum.

I seriously oppose the Sun Tax Proposal and urge the AEMC to take coal fired energy generators responsible for the damages and work towards closing all 22 power stations asap.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

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Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If a Tax is applied, a person dose not declare it as an income. Is this the fairestway?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This continual floating of ideas then  
actual systems that help society do  
something about their carbon footprint, only to impose YET  
ANOTHER TAX is absolutely  
absurd. It's the surest way of  
making the general population  
DISTRUST our council's and  
Governments even more than they  
ALREADY DO.!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

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It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

The proposal to charge solar owners for exporting power back to the grid is clearly wrong on many levels.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. It is clear we need to move to renewable energy as a matter of urgency. AEMC needs to support not penalise this technology advancement, and find ways to limit dirty power companies from polluting our planet.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Please devote time and resources to making power transfer efficient and effective.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have rooftop solar and charging for solar exports would have a detrimental effect on our household. It would be an impost that we can ill afford on

top of other reductions to our household income in these pandemic times.

For these reasons I encourage AEMC to pursue ways to take advantage of new technologies for energy transfer rather than penalise those who are taking action to move us forward.

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**Submission:**

The existing feed in tariffs are a joke. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Especially as solar rooftop owners have already invested a lot of money out of their own pockets. We have rooftop solar, we paid \$7000 (on annual income of less than \$55K) to make clean energy and we are feeding any extra into the grid for just pennies. The impact of charging us for solar exports on your household would just be very hard. I would consider borrowing money to go off grid completely.

Furthermore, it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay anything for exporting.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

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Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

OK on a personal level I have put Solar panels on my roof to keep escalating power bills down , they were getting ridiculous, and affordability is a big issue for an aging person. I also want to do my bit for the environment, as a voter this whole matter reeks of the influence of the Coal Lobby , dirty , stupid and totally against the interests of ordinary people - Renewable energy is the way to go , stop trying to suppress its growth

Do the right thing for once

[REDACTED]



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

1. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
2. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
3. I have rooftop solar with a contractual guaranteed minimum price until 2028, I will not be paying for solar exports, or a Sun Tax or whatever you want to call it to satisfy this moronic Federal Government that has obviously installed you political hacks. If you proceed with this lunacy I will install a battery and disconnect from the grid and every person that can do so should, the world has moved on.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair to charge Australians for use of the sun. Next you will want to charge us for the air that we breathe. The coal burning power stations don't get charged an export fee and most importantly roof top solar is clean and non polluting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Taxing clean energy is a stupid idea.

Governments should provide incentives to promote clean energy production, not disincentives.

Solar is popular. Australians don't want this tax, and they won't stand for it.

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I was a high voltage electrical fitter/mechanic and I am concerned that due to past mismanagement of our electrical infra structure ,to initiate a sun tax is not in accordance with past signed contracts to supply energy to the grid nor is it a reponsible action given the investment individuals,and businesses, have undetaken to minimise their energy costs. Start earning your million dollar salaries a manage , don't steal the cream off the top just because you show a \$ profit.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I don't support the idea to charge for exporting roof top solar energy to the grid.

A sun tax won't fix inequities in our energy system, it would impose costs on Australians who have done the right thing and invested in clean local power they can share with their neighbours.

Especially when big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households have to pay to share clean solar?

Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power.

A sun tax won't fix inequities in our energy system, it would impose costs on Australians who have done the right thing and invested in clean local power they can share with their neighbours.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We need clean energy and it does not seem right to tax something that is beneficial to us and the planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Surely your kidding? A tax on solar input.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hands off the sun! And get your hand out of the dirt!



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I oppose the imposition of a charge to export clean solar electricity into the grid for the following reasons:

1. When I installed my solar system and accepted the feed-in tariffs, this was not part of the deal.
2. I already pay a supply charge which is supposed to cover the cost on the grid infrastructure.
3. A charge of this nature only serves as a disincentive for people to adopt renewable energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The government policy should encourage the use of renewable energy and the sun tax is ridiculous. There should be carbon tax instead.

Australia has all the good resources to develop the renewable energy. We are lacking behind other countries now with our emphasis on coal power. We are totally missing out to the world.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I am writing this submission to strenuously object to a tax being placed on households or business , who have fitted rooftop solar to help reduce their soaring electricity bills, and to also feed back to the grid to help with the uptake to clean electricity generation and to strengthen supply for all Australians.

I feel that imposing a tax or even talking about it , is another slap in the face for people who have showed initiative in trying to reduce the electricity load on the base grid, especially during times of heavy load during summer.

To even contemplate a tax will add to solar being less cost effective and a turn off for new potential solar system installations.

With base load coal slowly being shut down, where do you expect the generation to come from? Gas fired in on the nose now, coal is viewed as satanic, snowy 2.0 is yet to prove itself, and it on its own ,cant supply all Australian states.

Class action will emerge from this if it proceeds, thats a given.

Please drop this proposal immediately.

Will be watching with interest.

Regards,

Gavan Sexton

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I strongly oppose a tax on people supplying electricity to the grid. We have to encourage distributed generation of electricity to reduce burning coal which is heating the planet and causing bush fires etc.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on solar that goes back to the grid is the way our energy needs could become more sustainable. I oppose this tax totally. We should be encouraging this practice not diswading people. Next you'll want to tax the air we breathe.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

we paid for the solar to be fitted and we pay for its maintenance and the energy companies charge us for having it which is not fair as they do nothing to warrant this. If you want to tax us further then perhaps we should just remove all the panels and leave you to wonder where the power will be generated from next.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If you force me to pay you for the excess solar I feed into the grid I will go off grid altogether. Instead you should support me with a fair price for the electricity I supply to you. In doing this we can build a renewable energy grid with fossil fuels turned off as soon as practicable. I do not want you to support fossil fuels at all and I will do everything I can to remove myself from that process. Thank you

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

Home owners who generate energy for the grid from their solar panels should not be charged for the energy they contribute to the network. This proposal appears to effectively be a punitive tax on solar energy generated by citizens who are contributing to lowering Australia's greenhouse gases.

Rather, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the important contribution of solar production by households. The large companies which supply dirty, coal-produced energy should be held to account for the real cost (to the environment and health) of their energy production. This is where tariffs should be applied, not to solar energy.

If a charge is put on solar exports, I am sure that we and many others will fast track our interest in installing a battery, when our best communal interest would be better served by contributing fairly to the grid.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I believe it unfair to penalise Rooftop solar energy providers by charging those that export excess energy to the grid when the 'dirty' power companies are not charged. It is widely appreciated that clean, renewable Rooftop solar energy pushes down the wholesale price of electricity.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

First our feed in tariff are reduced to minimal and now we are asked to pay tax?

You are driving people away from being able to benefit the Environment, and driving customers away from the grid.

If the tax happens, I will go off-grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I wish to express my protest against a charge for solar owners who export their clean energy to the grid for the following reasons:-

- \* Feedback tariffs are ridiculously low and an added charge to export solar generated power to the grid is enough to make many people turning off the switch that contributes their power to the grid.
- \* There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
- \* It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
- \* Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- \* Victoria Energy Policy Centre Research shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Thanks

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

In a land which is perfect for solar power, more people should be able to take advantage of this free resource. Of all the people I know who have solar, the worry of paying for heating and cooling their homes is minimal and I was planning to take advantage of this before I retire in the next couple of years so that it would one less worry on a reduced income. To now find that I will be charged for having solar is disgraceful and cannot be allowed to happen so that a small number of owners and shareholders can benefit at the expense of a large number of users. No,no,no

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**Submission:**

I believe that it is unfair to charge a fee for house-hold solar generation. The solar tariff has been reduced considerably over the years, and the money received for supplying energy to the grid will not offset a fee for doing so.

We installed our solar system in order to help offset our home energy usage, and we did so on the knowledge that although we would not receive much for feeding excess energy to the grid, but that we would at least be able to recover some of the cost for consuming electricity. There was no consideration at the time to also have to pay a fee for the privilege of trying to reduce our impact on climate change.

It is extremely unfair to now force a fee on house-holds who are just trying to help the environment.

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I vote NO on this money grab proposal. If anything solar suppliers should be rewarded more for saving you generation Infrastructure and maintenance costs. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. And research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar power.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar energy producers should not be charged to export energy to the grid. Solar energy input into the grid is not the problem, the problem is that Governments have failed for decades to provide any clear indication of future energy policy, resulting in a grid which is outdated and unprepared for the energy generation of the future: renewable energy.

Instead of punishing people who have invested their hard-earned money into solar systems the Government should be focusing on modernising the energy grid and providing more storage to buffer the system so that our electricity network is ready for the future.

We have allowed our electricity generation infrastructure to reach replacement age without a sensible plan for replacing it. Now is the time to spend the money we would have had to spend anyway, to replace the old fossil fuel generation and the associated infrastructure with a network which will enable us to reduce our emissions and stabilise the grid using renewables and storage. You are looking at the problem the wrong way: input of renewable energy is not the problem, the problem is having an outdated network that isn't set up to receive renewable energy inputs.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The existing power network requires modification to accept private power generation, i.e. roof top solar, wind farms and none conventional power generators. Battery storage needs to be part of the solution, and the rising input of private none conventional generators must be accommodated, but not by imposing a levy on those of us who are already off willing to pick up the load.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Our home has for many years exported solar generated electricity to the grid. We have benefited but so has the grid and other Australians.

The need for carbon reduction is vital and taxing green energy production in this way is counter to the health of this planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

If I have Solar Panels, that means I'm using the grid less. Why then should I be charged more to use something less? If the power companies have been more focussed on profits rather than re-investing in their network and making it fit-for-purpose, then that is their fault, not mine. I should not be penalised for their greed.

Further... (1) Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. (2) It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. (3) Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. (4) There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. (5) If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I have been a resident in North Ryde, NSW for over 60 years. My extended family have always been aware of the importance of preserving our natural environment for future generations, and I studied environmental science at university. When given the opportunity to install rooftop solar panels I did so, because this would reduce the grid capacity needed, and reduce pollution created by the many coal-fired power stations.

Now, I find that the financial outlay made in good faith, which should reduce my energy bills, has not recently resulted in my receiving payment for my solar feed-in at anywhere near the rate of payment made to the owners of large-scale power stations. It is therefore unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when the big power companies don't pay for exporting.

I don't understand why this tax is being proposed, when research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Looking to the future, if all users of electricity were to generate solar and other renewable energy supplies our power grid requirements would be reduced and maybe even localised so that the widespread impacts of catastrophic events would be minimised. This could all be achieved by the encouragement of a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

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**Submission:**

I find it absolutely mind-boggling that the AEMC is considering charging solar owners for exporting clean energy to the grid. Is this country completely insane? Does anybody in a position of power actually take the time to keep updated on the latest science regarding climate change? The urgent and essential need to drop fossil fuels and massively and rapidly expand renewable energy systems has been bruited from the rooftops time and time again. The government should be doing all it can to encourage people to turn to solar energy, not doing all it can to prevent them by imposing idiotic penalties whilst doling out millions in subsidies to fossil fuel companies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why victimize Solar Owners for doing the right thing , I already have a charge from my energy supplier , they charge ME to supply(supply Charge) and a charge for having a Solar Meter ,I supply them with Clean Power ,the last thing we need is another UNFAIR TAX for again doing the right thing I SAY NO TO A TAX ON THE SUN.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Basically you want to tax us for providing free electricity For others in order to protect your profit margins. Next it will be a tax on the air we breathe because...well, why not?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Whalley-Thompson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing solar generators who feed into the grid is just nuts. The community has voted with their wallets to install solar, for environmental as well as commercial reasons. Here is a trend to take advantage of and cut the massive costs of centralized generation.

Instead of charging us to feed into the grid, offer incentives to install batteries so there's an enormous reserve of power on tap for peak periods. The citizenry will take that up even faster than they did solar panels and in a very short time there will be all the storage needed to stabilize the grid and the punters will be happy.

The only losers are the fossil fuel generators and they are the greatest danger to the grid by accelerating the climate change that will destroy power infrastructure..



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I totally disagree with this tax proposal. It is grossly unfair on people, who in good faith, have outlaid considerable capital to install solar roof top systems for the environmental benefit it provides for the nation and for our collective futures under a changing climate that is already impacting Australia and the ecosystems within it, not to mention the impact on the lives of people who rely on and are dependent on healthy ecosystems.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Stop changing the goal posts to increase our taxes

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I totally object to any taxing of my feed-in tariff

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

End corporate greed and market manipulation. Nationalise the entire grid and get rid of the so-called service providers. Solar or alternative energy feed-ins should have priority over fossil fuel sources, not the other way around. Solar power inputs should not be the reason for grid operators shedding power in an allegedly overloaded grid. If the grid does get overloaded, it is a consequence of the dereliction of the corporates and the minimising of infrastructure expenditure. Battery storage is essential at any level. Refer to the SA example. Solar power including battery backup should be compulsory and free on all new home constructions. Decentralised development must be encouraged.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We got solar to save money with the price we get charged for power how dare they thing this is ok on any level

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**Submission:**

People are becoming increasingly concerned about climate change. The concept of having a tax on solar energy feed-ins is contrary to what should be happening. Rather there should be further incentives for rooftop solar and if necessary battery storage which can adapt to grid requirements.

There is urgent need to make changes to the grid to accommodate solar feed-ins.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

The imposition of a tax on sunlight used in power generation makes no sense.

It is an ideological grab at income for.. who? Who is providing the sunlight?

The income derived from this can only be extracted for - and used for - dubious party political purposes.

At last, we the people have found a way to empower ourselves, to extricate ourselves from the tyranny of a lifetime of indebtedness to yet another major corporation for yet another service. But the capitalist system cannot abide by the idea that people can actually use a resource without paying someone for it, even if that recipient had nothing to do with the bestowing of that resource.

In connecting to the grid we pay for the use of the infrastructure. We supply our sun-generated power back into that grid for nothing. Why should we then be paying a tax to SOMEONE ELSE on what we provide free of charge?

This is something we are GIVING, not receiving. One is taxed on wealth or income received. It is a bizarre extrapolation to see it as legitimate that we should suffer a tax - an impost - on what we are giving freely (having paid for the solar panels ourselves in the first place - part of the infrastructure which power companies then profit from.)

Please reject this outrageous proposition, this transparent, peeved grab for income for what is not rightfully any one company's, but belongs to all of us people who live under the sun.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Dear Sirs/Madams

Do not even entertain the idea of putting a tax on solar installations that export clean energy back to the grid.

We have all been encouraged, and have paid many, many dollars for, to install solar systems. You can't now charge people for taking up solar when they have already paid thousands of dollars to put in their systems.

If you are going to tax anyone you should tax the dirty, environmentally damaging coal powered companies.

Solar installations are contributing to reducing our impact on the environment and are clean energy which in turn will eventually contribute to solving climate change.

Taxing individuals is an easy cop out - tax the dirty power companies instead.

As is its, people who have installed solar don't get a fair feed in tariff - this also needs to be changed.

I have solar, and have had for many years, and did so to reduce my environmental impact as well as reduce my energy bills, even though I took out a personal loan to install the system. If you tax me, and thousands like me, you are adding to my already stretched budget.

How can you even consider taxing solar installations that are benefiting the environment and our long term goal to have less impact on our earth.

**NO TAX ON SOLAR INSTALLATIONS** - we have already paid enough to have them installed.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides. Big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should my household and thousands of others have to pay to share clean solar??? Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power!!!

A sun tax won't fix inequities in our energy system, in fact it will perpetuate and exacerbate them. A sun tax would impose costs on Australians who have done the right thing and invested in clean local power they can share with their neighbours.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

can I firstly say how disappointed I am that you would even consider a sun tax.

I find it facile, ill informed and pandering to the poles and wires businesses that have loaded up the cost of electricity generation and distribution through the questionable and self serving gold-plating of their assets.

It's time to move into the 21 century and start to think about the actions that will impact our future and that of our grandchildren.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

History will not be kind to those that deliberately compromised future generations in the pursuit of the mighty dollar.

Wake up to yourselves and think of your grandchildren.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMC, Tax the sun submission:

I regards to feed in rooftop solar, I disagree with any additional charges or levies being applied to households or renewable energy feed in providers and wish to submit the following:

- 1: Rooftop and other renewable energy grid feed in should be considered desirable, as this is the best long term solution to both lower Australia's greenhouse gas emissions and electricity costs.
- 2: The problem with the grid being designed for a rapidly evolving and outdated distribution model should not be fixed by applying additional charges to the mechanism that offers the best solution.
- 3: Industry and big business (apart from the fossil energy industry and their lobbyists) have been pushing for a stable, long term federal renewable energy policy to enable the renewable market to attract investment and future stability. This will not be achieved by adding additional charges to the renewable feed in providers.
- 4: That the current grid needs updating to accomodate renewable feed in and a long term storage solution is obvious. This funding is best achieved by applying tariffs and charges to the least desirable aspect o the electricity industry, the fossil fuel electricity providers. Whilst this may increase electricity charges across all users in he short term, it will provide certainty in which direction Australia's energy grid is headed, create more sustainable employment, industry and tech know how, and pay long term dividends in lowering prices.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I think this proposal is a mockery of the need to transition to clean, renewable energy sources. People pay to install their panels, the sun delivers the power for free, why do we tax that? Do we tax the water that rains in a property, or the air that the wind blows over it? No.

On the otherhand. go ahead and tax it. I'll install batteries and disconnect from the grid completely then. So will most of Australia's solar owners, starting the death spiral of the grid.

Being paid a feed in tariff that's significantly below the cost of power bought from the grid, and the daily access charge that keeps rising too is more than enough support for grid companies.

The grid shouldn't be about profits, but about being a public good, like roads.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I believe if you put a tax on household solar, it will discourage people from turning to a renewable energy source for their power needs. Australian households need power to run. Please rethink this tax for citizens sake. Thank you. Kind Regards.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

In a free market economy all users of the network should pay equally based on the impact that they have on this network. However, the administrative costs associated with this approach are likely to be high and are unlikely to be met by individual household charges.

As consumers we already pay a network fee in our bills so why are we being asked to pay twice for network use.

The costs associated with building new coal fired power stations is not financially viable and you will need to rely on private households for the networks future.

Rather than penalise the public, harness their enthusiasm invest in battery storage devices and subsidise the costs to households to balance the network. Invest now to prevent future failure of the network.

By charging the public for the export of clean green energy to the network you may in fact achieve a perverse outcome where households invest in batteries thereby reducing overall demand on the network making base load power generation economically not viable when compared to clean energy production.

Please consider the true costs associated with the production of energy from coal fired power stations. Clean renewable energy is the way of the future. No private equity firms are investing in coal fired power generation because they are not economically viable when compared to clean energy production and transmission.

Investment in the existing network to facilitate the export of clean energy generation will provide significant benefits to society as a whole both now and in the future. It is always cheaper to invest in the right amount of infrastructure now rather than retrofit later.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We fully intend to be all solar off grid and why should we have to pay tax to send extra power back into the power grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

This idea of charging for access of rooftop solar electricity to the grid is insane. The issue is not the households but the Government agencies that refuse to invest in grid upgrades and uses of excess electricity like pumped hydro.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is a crazy idea to put a tax on solar owners when solar owners are doing the right thing, producing clean green energy for everyone to use.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am strongly opposed to the proposal to charge solar owners for exporting to the grid. We installed solar at our home despite a much-reduced feed-in tariff, negligible in fact. Australia is fast becoming an international standing joke for its intransigence in terms of adopting renewable energy, in a country with inexhaustible supplies of sunlight and wind. To further penalise homeowners who wish to do the right thing and add to cheap, renewable energy for all Australians, while the government openly and covertly supports the fossil fuel industry and an outdated energy system, is shameful and short-sighted. I have been speaking as broadly as I can within my own community about this matter. Our small town has a high proportion of households with solar on the rooftop, and there is growing anger and disillusionment about this proposal. Surely better co-ordination and oversight of the movement of power around and between states, upgrading of the grid, phasing out old power stations and encouraging uptake of renewables is a fair and ethical way forward.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposal to charge solar panel owners for electricity exported to the grid would discourage the use of renewable energy, making it more difficult to meet our commitments to the Paris Agreement on climate change. The proposed tax is also inequitable, as the AEMC is not proposing to place a similar charge on electricity produced by fossil fuels.

A further result of this tax would be increases in the cost of electricity, which is against government policy. This would hinder the recovery from the current recession.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Every person living in Australia has the right to save money on energy bills and harvesting solar power is the most common way to achieve that. Individual states should be increasing their storage and supply networks to cope with increased solar feedback and not punishing those who spread solar power around. The federal government should also be investing more in renewable energies and tax reforms not introducing taxes on solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar should be allowed to be fed into the grid, it only makes sense. Encourage the use of modern technologies to pull the excess power from the grid rather than trying to stick with the old way.

For example, turn on hot water systems during the day (if not already). Encourage consumers to switch power usage to during the day by pricing more dynamically. Implement storage systems to put that energy back into the grid.

There are so many technologies now that charging households to keep the status-quo to reduce pollution makes no sense - modernise the entire electricity generation, distribution and and consumption model. It's better for everyone, and the environment.

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**Submission:**

The day yo prove you created the sun, control its heat, light, rising and setting, then you will actually have something genuinely yours to tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

When fossil fuel electricity generators pay no tax to add their power to the grid, it is extremely unfair to expect that solar homes should pay a tax to do so. The coal and gas generators are attempting to find a way to slow down the march to a renewable future to keep their dirty, unhealthy and environment wrecking systems operating for as long as possible. This is a power play by the wealthy to punish ordinary, environment friendly people.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To whom it may concern ,

Reserch from the Victorian Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Stop taxing solar over coal

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The next thing the Government ill try and do is tax us on BREATHING. For those of us who have gone Green with solar panels we should not be penalised. The Government needs to change the way it THINKS and do something now instead of procrastinating as usual and wait too long. HAVE SOME GUTS

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

You will have heard all the talking points before, but my view is we need to do everything we can to get off of fossil fuels. We need to encourage solar and other renewables as much as we can. Just stop subsidising fossil fuel, charge them for the emissions and they will dye out quickly.

Douglas Stetner

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Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Why is there a proposal to tax those with rooftop solar power, but no proposal to close tax loopholes for major power generators?

Is it because major power generators have the assets to avoid paying tax?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Anne Boccabella

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**Submission:**

These households have paid for their panels and the power they put back into the grid reduces the need for the state to build expensive power generation infrastructure. Many of these individuals have and will install battery storage which helps us even more to reduce our public costs for infrastructure and keep costs to all users down. Under no circumstances should a tax be applied to the individual solar households. More incentives should be provided to encourage landlords to put solar on their rental properties.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I had my system installed 2011. It has just paid for itself this year being 2020. In that time my inverter wore out and I paid to replace it. My panels were ineffective so I had them replaced too. I'm finally enjoying a cheaper bill after 9 years of receiving solar credits has paid off the initial capital investment. So yes I'm absolutely against any government wanting to introduce a tax on energy exported to the grid. The govt should be thankful that the solar received from solar home owners supplements their shortfall in power supply.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have purchased solar panels because we have been ripped off by the enegy companies for many years - it is also clean energy which we should al be aspiring to in line with climate change. I am producing this energy and not being paid a fair market price for feed in as it has reduced significantly over time. I got approval from SA Power networks for this. Now you want to punish us for doing the right thing - Not a good idea there are many of us who believe this is best for the future. Also start to thin about the cutting up of house blocks into 2,3 or more - this is the cause of stress on the system as these are not built sustainably

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We should not be charged to feed energy in to the system at all



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

How can you be proposing to charge households for generating and exporting clean, renewable energy when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power.

At the same time big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy.

If this law goes ahead it will be more crystal clear proof that our government and energy agencies are controlled by and favour heavy polluting, tax dodging fossil fuel companies over the citizens they have sworn to serve.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

N/A

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**Submission:**

I fail to see the logic of an export tax on only one section of the generation side of the supply. I already shoulder the cost of maintenance, and this is not always offset by the income from solar exports. Why would I accept a shift of any profits (however small) from me, to a shareholder owned corporation ? I have no mechanism to reduce my tax, by claiming input costs that reduce my profits, as generators do. Charging solar generators additional fees or taxes is just a mechanism to reinforce the dominance of the generators, and an attempt to derail my shift toward renewables. Just..... don't.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kathy Petrik

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**Submission:**

A sun tax is absolutely abhorrent. We spent a lot of money when we installed our solar panels and we provide many benefits to the community as a result. The grid receives enormous benefits from the energy we feed in - and the small amount we receive for it . To penalise us is just plain unfair - and frankly incredibly stupid. If you want people to make good environmental decisions, recognise them for their actions.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I bought solar panels when they were expensive. I get a little back by exporting to the grid, but not enough to recover anything of the original expense. Charging me a tax for simply helping save the planet would be obscene and immoral.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't punish citizens who are trying to help the planet by using solar energy, the way of the future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We are already being ripped off by Ergon Electricity here in the Wide Bay who have absolutely no competition here for us to go to!!

I currently get \$59 back for 3 months of feeding the grid so another "Sun" tax will only make it more unaffordable or cost efficient to install solar power.

It's all a complete and utter rip off and we can't afford power now for goodness sake!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC:

I strongly oppose to the idea that solar energy providers would be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. We have a climate crisis and need to urgently do everything possible to switch to renewable energy. Why charging renewable energy providers if providers of dirty power don't have to pay for exporting? This is NOT equitable, fair, and counter-productive - we need incentives not charges to get out of the climate crisis!

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**Submission:**

People should not be charged for exporting clean solar energy to the grid. They are benefitting the environment & other people by doing this. It is hypocritical to think of charging them when large power companies are not charged for exporting their unclean fossil fuel energy to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I've just paid many thousands for solar panels on my new house to help with global warming as well as cutting my electricity bill, and now there's talk of a Sun Tax. This is unbelievable! Are you trying to do something about saving the planet or is it purely about your bottom line? Is there no thought of the future for our children and grandchildren?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The sun is free to the universe. Only a fat greedy politician would think to tax something that's free.

Stop selling and taxing our water too. That's free also.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

purchased solar to do the right thing by our environment and it cost me nearly \$10,000. I do not agree to being taxed for doing the right thing for the environment, in fact the government should be investing in more solar around the country and not more coal mines. NO to solar tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

You cannot tax what you don't own or service The property owner purchased the equipment and the rights **Get stuffed!**

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is ludicrous to suggest that people who are supporting sustainable solar energy with research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. And rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. We are paying out of our own pockets to negate climate warming and help others.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

This smacks of not looking at the current inefficiencies with the networks and addressing them rather than penalising the very people who are actively trying to find sustainable solutions.

Regards, [REDACTED]



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I already paid for the electricity network through decades of paying tax before it was privatised.

I already paid tax on my solar installation via GST.

I received no subsidy for it's purchase or installation unlike fossil fuel powered generators.

I pay a network fee via my quarterly Ergon accounts.

If I'm to be taxed again I'll disconnect from the grid and keep the energy I generate for my own use.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Penalising people for positively contributing towards improving the climate crisis is a completely backwards move!

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Over the past few years the feed in tariff has been gradually reduced, now with the cost of annual maintenance engineer to check the system its not worth having. Put a sun tax on the solar and I will turn mine off.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please accept this as a submission into the proposal by the Australian energy marketing commission to charge solar owners to export energy to the grid

To charge people like myself to export power after investing thousands of dollars in solar, reaks of corruption and an agenda by the government to punish solar owners and preference big power companies who will not have to pay a cent

Our feedin tariff is pitifully Small as it is

And I call for a Fair fedin tariff that recognises the health and environmental

Benifits that solar owners contribute

As well as the network savings to the grid

Research by the UNSW for the energy sucurity board indicated the impact of solar on the network has been grossly over estimated

Research for the Victoria Energy Policy

Indicates clearly that the benefits solar provides fat outweighs costs to the network and drives down costs to the consumer

Thanking you for your consideration

Christopher Pont

South Golden Beach

NSW 2483

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To whom this may concern,

what an absolute joke! You want to tax people for doing the right thing for the environment and make money off it you must be kidding me! The energy company and government agencies conspire to rip the general public off! The sun is not owned by anyone so how the hell can you people justify pulling a new tax out of thin air! Next thing there will be tax allowing people to breath air! You can go stick your tax where it fits, the 2 major government party should hang there head in shame, give someone decent to vote for. Disgusted! Jason Rowe.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Only traitors and criminals would even consider this disgusting 'sun tax'.

Is that clear enough for you?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No Way, how dare you destroy our opportunity to save the planet.

you are already making it hard/costly to reduce my footprint.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I'm furious about hearing this news. I worked hard to save for my panels. I work from home & felt they were necessary to help reduce my impact on the planet. And now you want to tax me?  
Unbelievable!!!!



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a home owner who has invested in solar PV and hot water to reduce our emissions at the scale of the home in the absence of a clear national strategy to reduce emissions, please consider the following:

- While our energy costs are significantly lower than they were pre-PV, one third to one half of our energy bills remain as fixed costs to our energy provider from whom the feed-in tariff is minimal. We therefore ALREADY contribute to the running of energy infrastructure in Tasmania.
- Australian housing is among the least energy-efficient in the developed world and affordable rooftop solar provides a crucial strategy for homeowners to offset the resultant energy losses and costs that are built-in to our housing.
- These losses result primarily from low building and appliance performance standards and poor regulation of new housing developments (e.g. orientation, shading, vegetation cover etc). Charging homeowners to grid feed sets up a disincentive to partially remediate this large-scale energy wastage that is beyond our control. It is morally flawed and opportunistic for householders to be forced to pay for systemic energy wastage that the AEMC has the power to resolve by other means.

Thank you for taking these points into account,

Wendy

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun is free, we have to pay for protection from it and we have to pay tax for the equipment to use it as well. parts of the fixtures are all ready taxed by the Government, and the installer debit us in the purchase of the equipment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** David Jackson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is totally unacceptable for there to be any charge on energy produced from private solar panels being exported to the power grid. We are currently effectively taxed by the outrageously low feed in tariff.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is absolutely ludicrous!...if solar owners are to be taxed for sun, then every single person that walks outside in the sun needs to be taxed! What's next, taxing people who collect rain water for their personal use because they live in remote areas where they are not connected to city water or sewerage? The world has gone crazy! If you're planning to tax me for the sun, then credit me for the winds that i must endure due to climate change, because I have noticed the huge increase in wind that buffets me 9 months of the year! Thank God I am nearing the end of my life....You're all stark raving bonkers!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The sun is a free resource that no one has the right to tax.

Efforts are better directed at improving our reliance on the abundance of clean renewable energy rather than the polluting, earth destroying, expensive energy that will eventually be scrapped in place of smart, clean and affordable renewables.

Stop putting off the inevitable, embrace renewable energy, be a world leader And show our country you actually care about us and this land.

Remember our devastating bushfires, you canâ€™t pretend that climate is not changing, we are smarter than to believe the climate denial codswollop we are being fed.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Please give every opportunity for these efforts to be proven and established before giving the go ahead for established and more climate impacting energy providers to develop new and untested entities and services.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A sun tax won't fix inequities in our energy system, it would impose costs on Australians who have done the right thing and invested in clean local power they can share with their neighbours.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If there is any charge to export to the grid it should be imposed on all exporters to the grid at the same rate per kWh and published on all electricity bills



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Sun Tax Proposals,

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Look at South Australia where battery storage has proved to smooth out the grid when a lot of solar is being produced. We should be looking to the future and not propping up old dying fossil fuels.

The uptake of solar has meant that we have not had to build more power stations - where is this saving factored in?

The fossil fuel industry does not pay for the massive amounts of water used, the health effects on communities or exporting to the grid. How much longer are we going to drag out our inevitable transition to clean green renewable energy?

If solar households are financially penalised then I would think more will get a battery or go off grid entirely.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

You are living in the pockets of the fossil fuel industry. Please Have the confidence to start thinking about the future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Hi there,

I'm strongly against the sun tax proposals. At the moment we need more incentives than ever to get people switching to renewable energies any any changes in regulation that deter people will be damaging for the sustainable long-term growth of the solar industry in Australia.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This sun tax will be the end of solar in Australia. Charging people for powering the grid is completely wrong as none of the big generators get taxed on their inputs and people with solar already pay for grid infrastructure through their utilities bills.

So in effect the consumer will be getting taxed twice .

This is completely unfair and makes renewables something that the public will have second thoughts about investing in.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Stop giving millions of dollars to help coal fired power stations & stop the sun tax. Just let the private sector do what it does best, work out its own level playing field.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Distributed solar is a way to use an unused resource without taking up land and creating wildlife hazards. It is a way to maintain community care and concern for shared infrastructure and to support the uptake of alternatives to fossil fuels. Why would you tax the barely there amount most of us receive?



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am opposed to any charge on exporting solar power to the grid.

Governments and associated bodies should be providing more encouragement to convert to lean energy and help save our planet from greater climate disaster, not imposing penalties for doing so!

The disparities between feed-in tariff and cost of import from the grid already represent a smack in the face to those who have taken the trouble and expense of installing solar panels.

I stongly oppose the introduction of any charge on the export of clean energy to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Sun Tax is outrageous, I have invested my own money to supply electricity for my own use and to help supply power to the grid to help reduce carbon footprint as I want my family and others to enjoy a cleaner environment. Solar is the way of the future not coal burning power stations, but the government is sending the wrong message by trying to introduce Sun Tax when they should be encouraging more people to help the environment by installing solar which produces low cost electricity with no negative impacts to the environment. I really want to be part of a country that is leading the way to the future by helping the environment not one that is ignoring the facts and helping the destruction of the world.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We installed a solar system to save on electricity costs and make this available for other users. We strongly object to being penalised for doing what is good for the community.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMC,

Your mission should be too support solar not block it.

If you had done your job properly you would have the networks at lower voltages already.

Punishing solar because you were asleep at the wheel is not the solution.

Your sincerely

Sabina Campbell

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Sustainable energy is a valuable commodity - it is one that is needed in this time of climate induced climate change.

Solar produced power is free to a greater extent from any form of pollution and is the easiest renewable to install in our communities in the form of solar panels.

It is easy to install in remote communities and bring power to marginalised people who can then access basic services that most of us take for granted at a hugely cheaper rate than was previously possible.

People who install solar power in the community are doing the right thing for the future of our planet - they should not be punished by being charged for doing the sustainable thing.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is an outrageous proposal - you don't pay me enough already for my contribution to saving the planet and now you want to charge me for my efforts?

Who ever came up with this proposal is truly a bastard of the first order.

This Liberal-National government is a trans-national crime syndicate masquerading as a government and should be classified as a terrorist organisation for the efforts they are putting in to screw us all over and destroy our children's futures.

All this proposal is is a way of pandering to their fossil-fuel donors and delaying the inevitable and they should be ashamed of themselves for even thinking such poor policy be considered.

Appalling.

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**Name:** Jock Grieve

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**Phone:** 024-388-2574

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

i don't get paid enough for exporting to the grid already - how on earth can you justify charging me to save the planet from greenhouse gases?

Absolute highway robbery and you should be ashamed of yourselves for even thinking that this is good policy.

Outrageous!

The government should be implementing every policy under the sun for making it easier, cheaper, faster to transition to a national renewable powered grid but all they do is pander to their fossil fuel donors.

The Liberal-Nationals are a trans-national crime syndicate masquerading as a government and should be classified as a terrorist organisation for what they are doing to the planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I was alarmed to hear that you were considering the dastardly idea of punishing residential solar owners by charging them money to be able to provide power to the grid.

These citizens have already invested considerable amounts of money in their solar systems for marginal benefits. Their use of solar energy takes some of the pressure off the grid, because they reduce their own grid energy consumption.

In somehow deciding to victimize these people, you are arbitrarily deciding to ignore the fact that what these people have done is make a proactive move towards our future energy systems, benefitting their neighbours and the community more than themselves. This strange decision also seems to indicate that you place no value in our suffering natural environment or public health, which will rely on curbing pollution and fossil fuel burning energy sources.

This decision to punish residential solar owners also seems to indicate that you are not interested in doing what is right, but in favouring big energy companies, their profits and their rampant pollution over the very citizens that allow them the social license to operate in Australia.

Our grid needs urgent investment to maintain its current performance and be upgraded to be better placed to operate in the new landscape of more responsive power switching of the future, and a fair and equitable market place that rewards anyone who can help provide energy to the grid.

Punishing residential solar owners like this is egregious. They are the best of us, that have already made 20-year investments that the grid already benefits from, in an uncertain regulation environment and simply doing the right thing.

Read the room. This sun tax will only bring disrepute upon your little organisation and a very public backlash.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Richard Roebuck

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I purchased my solar panels and inverter without any assistance from the government, electricity provider or wholesaler, or any other agency. My intention was to meet my domestic power consumption requirements and to use a clean energy alternative to existing options. This is ultimately better for the planet, and East Gippsland where I live. There is no need, or indeed no place for fossil fuel sourced power in Australia. **FFS** get the message.



Any attempt to now tax sunlight is preposterous in the extreme. Like the impertinence of any government to raise money by taxing what is freely available to anyone who has the initiative to do the right thing. Absolutely absurd.

The government does however, have my permission to pass on my excess power to someone more needy than me; a pensioner or charitable organisation or the school across the road, for example.

Don't tax my excess solar generated power. Simply think through the options. there are many.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have rooftop solar and am proud that I make enough to be able to share some back to the grid. However I am shocked and upset that while the major companies pay nothing to export their dirty climate warming power from fossil fuels to the grid, you are considering charging me to export my clean renewable power to the same place.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the grid has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity, even in a recession, and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Australia has a responsibility to fulfil our commitment to the Paris Climate agreement. The Sun Tax Proposal would be a major step backwards making it less likely that we could achieve that goal. Therefore this tax would not only affect Australians, now officially in a recession, but all life on this planet, and..... bring shame on this country.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid. It's a clean energy source not like big dirty power companies which don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To charge me for making enough clean renewable power that I can share some back to the grid is simply unjust when big coal companies are charged nothing for exporting their climate wrecking coal and gas produced power.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Australia is officially in a recession. Do not add extra financial burden on families who have invested in a their clean energy future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please do not tax my solar infeed.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is a totally unfair proposition. To be paid around 10c/kW (if you're lucky) for energy that is then onsold for over 30c/kW is unfair enough let alone being charged to do so. .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The Australian government and energy market authorities should be supporting measures to encourage more households to adopt renewable energy, rather than looking for ways to penalise and disincentivise uptake. The proposed measures are short sighted and not in the long-term interest of Australians nor consumers, especially given that the impacts of climate change are already being clearly felt across the entire country.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We the consumer have attempted to address the climate crisis by installing roof top solar to help ease the load on outdated coal fired power stations to help reduce emissions. Due to the fossil fuel driven government who promised cheaper power we all took action to reduce our own electricity bills.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Compared with addressing climate change globally, addressing the Covid pandemic is a mere walk in the park because Climate change threatens all life on earth.

The heat from the sun is the basis of all life on Earth and Australia is the world's continent best placed to take advantage of solar power.

From the mid 1970s I have had solar water heaters installed on all the homes I have lived in since then and since 4th February I have had PV arrays installed in both my past and present home. Thus the person who purchased my last home had a

PV array on their new home.

Australia has the highest percentage of homes with PV arrays in the world, so the public believe utilising PV power is the way towards a more sustainable future even if neither of our major political parties and the fossil fuel industries are yet to accept this essential change in direction.

Like most parents, I value my children and grandchildren as much as I value myself. I want to say to my children this is a better world now than the world I inherited from my parents. I do not want to say to those who come after me ;this is your world, welcome to the ruins.

The idea of taxing Australian taxpayers who are doing the right thing for the future beggars belief.

It is about time the dodos go to live on planet B.

All the best in the future you choose for those you cherish.

Harry Johnson.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The only party that will benefit from the sun tax will be big dirty power companies. At a time when households are losing their incomes left, right and center, this unfair proposal should not even be considered as it will result in additional financial burden.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

will give me 10 cents for my power but sell it back to me at 28 cents with out doing a thing how is that fair

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jean Tarratt

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why do people spend thousands of dollars to invest in solar energy production?

Investing many thousands of dollars on household solar system to produce energy is not a decision that is taken easily. However, it is a decision that benefits the whole of society, not only in the reduction of pollution but also the cheap energy that is exported into the grid by privately owned solar systems, thus reducing the overall cost of power available to everyone.

The proposal to charge homeowners who export energy into the grid, instead of paying the very modest amount to them will be a definite disincentive to anyone to invest in this clean and renewable source of energy production. This proposal is blatantly unfair in that large corporate energy producers would not only pay nothing for energy that cost them nothing to produce, but would also charge householders for producing that energy. If passed this proposal would take away any benefits to homeowners to invest in solar and thus keep them reliant on energy suppliers who continue to charge outrageous prices. This is nothing but another attack on clean energy production by those who benefit most by keeping Australia reliant on fossil fuels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

My partner & I care about the environment & the world we will be leaving our children. One of the ways we intend to contribute to a cleaner, greener, more sustainable planet is by installing rooftop solar panels. We should not be penalised for our efforts to support the health of future generations. Given current climate concerns, any tariffs should be paid by individuals or organisations who fail to adopt more sustainable & environmentally favourable practices, not those who do!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Arie Van Duijn

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the AEMC Commission

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I am considering rooftop solar for my home. A tax will make this more expensive and provides another obstacle to combat global warming, especially with this governments obsession in continuing and even promoting the dirty coal industry.

This government should transfer coal subsidies and support to the solar industry especially in this time of recession, creating more jobs than the coal industry can give us.

Respectfully, Arie van Duijn.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am opposed to your plan to impose a tax on solar owners who export clean renewable energy onto the power grid. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy

I believe it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I believe that a solar tax, such as the one you are considering, would impact seriously and negatively on our household budget. We invested in solar panels so that we could contribute clean energy as well as provide that energy for ourselves, so that we could be part of the solution. Now you would tax us for contributing!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to a proposal to make home solar owners pay to export energy to the grid. As a proud owner of a 10 kW system on my roof, I found the very idea of having to pay to provide the network emissions-free energy an absolute affront. It is also a completely wrongheaded approach to addressing the limitations of an outdated distribution network that is in desperate need of an upgrade to enable more solar owners like me to contribute energy to our communities and reduce our emissions so we can get on with undoing the climate emergency we have created.

I strongly urge you to consider ways to reform the electricity network to adapt to the growing uptake of decentralised generation and democratise electricity generation so that individuals can play a greater role in creating a sustainable future.

Best regards,

Oliver Barrand



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

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It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The only way into the future is alternative renewable energy

Promotion not hinderance is imperative to a new advance into economic recovery and hope for a better future for us and generations to come, itâ€™s our absolute duty to provide a better safer and well balanced earth for our future

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

Dear Commission members,

I donâ€™t agree with the proposal of charging solar owners who export electricity back to the grid for the following reasons:

1. Rooftop solar helps to drive down the wholesale price of electricity and provide network benefits by supplying local energy to the grid.
2. While solar owners export clean energy to the grid, big power companies export dirty energy and they donâ€™t have to pay anything for their dirty exports. They also donâ€™t have to pay a carbon tax for polluting the planet and speeding up global warming. What the proposed â€œsun taxâ€ will amount to is penalising solar owners for doing the right thing by trying to reduce our carbon footprint and help save the planet. Surely, they need to be rewarded for their efforts instead of being imposed yet another tax.
3. What is needed is a fairer feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar as well as the network savings that solar provides to the grid. A recent electricity bill is showing that I have been paying about \$0.61 per kWh for Peak electricity usage and only getting back \$0.12 per kWh for exporting electricity to the grid during daytime. For a country that swears by the market forces of demand and supply, electricity seems to be one of the few (if not the only) commodities that have 3 different tariffs, depending on who is selling to whom and when is the trade happening (a peak usage tariff, an off peak usage tariff and a feed-in tariff). And somehow, itâ€™s always the consumer that ends up with the shorter straw.
4. Given the current Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting economic recession, there are a lot of Australians out there who are already struggling to make both ends meet. Imposing a new â€œsun taxâ€ on solar owners will certainly drive those of them who cannot afford to pay close to desperation. The timing of the new tax couldnâ€™t be worst, with many battlers already struggling to come to terms with the new â€œnormalâ€ of increasing job losses and higher unemployment levels.
5. According to research undertaken by the UNSW, it appears that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated and that there exists cheaper and simpler ways of enabling more solar. Already, for us residents of Victoria, weâ€™ve seen our public utility companies being privatised during the Kenned era. The idea apparently was that increased competition in the utility sector would have led to cheaper prices, hence benefiting all consumers. But we all now know that none of this happened. Instead, prices have skyrocketed in all utility sectors (gas, electricity and water) since privatisation and they are still going up. This is already a perceived need for government

(at state and/or federal levels) to intervene (more) to ensure that people below or close to the poverty line are able to afford basic essential utility services. (Personally, I only recently became aware of the Victorian Default Offer, set by Victoria's independent regulator in relation to electricity prices.) And I've just learned with great concern that Australians are already paying for gas (extracted in Australia) at a higher rate than (residents of) foreign countries importing that same gas from us. Clearly, this doesn't make any sense whatsoever.

Again, government intervention is urgently required regarding this situation.

If the private sector cannot ensure fair and reasonable electricity prices for all Australians (without imposing further taxes like the 'solar tax'), the ultimate solution then might be for the whole energy sector to be handed back to new public utility companies so they can ensure that the most vulnerable members of our society (i.e. the poor and the elderly) can afford decent electricity prices in future.

Finally, if the 'solar tax' proposal is allowed to proceed, then who knows what else the powers that be would next be thinking of? Imposing a new tax on consumers for collecting rain water or for breathing air? Surely, it's unreasonable (and unconceivable) for people to be taxed for anything that Mother Nature freely provides to all of us.

Thank you for your kind consideration!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

It is beyond belief that the AEMC is considering a tax on solar energy feeding back into the grid. If this happens I will go off grid altogether and invest in a battery. With many others considering making the same move, this will seriously affect the profit margin of the retail/wholesale grid pro-coal energy providers. This will speed up making their coal based assets stranded. Your greed knows no bounds; rest assured the combined action of solar panel owners will beat you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am an aged pensioner who spent \$13900 on solar panels and a 10kw battery from my limited savings as a means of reducing my cost of living as my age pension is my sole source of income and it does not cover my current frugal living expenses.

The balance of my solar purchase is on time payment. If you allow nemo to cut off my solar at will you will reduce my income which pays off my solar system and i will not be able to make repayments. do not allow this reduction in my solar income.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is totally unfair. We paid a lot of money to do the right thing by the environment. This is discrimination of those who want to make a better future for us all. There is NO justification for charging solar owners to feed into the grid. What is this really about... looking after the polluting power generators and the retailers??

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Amy Blain

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposal to charge solar owners a sun tax is perverse. At a time when we know we need to move towards renewable energy why introduce a disincentive? If you're looking for someone to charge, tax fossil fuel power. That would be a great motivator to shift from fossil fuels.

Points to note:

1. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
2. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
3. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- 4 There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Can we please start prioritizing environment over profit.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

AEMC should all watch the abc tv programme on electrical energy called The Great Acceleration. Not considering a punitive negative sun tax on rooftop solar generators. This is simply a bullying monopoly tactic by the large fossil fuel and power generators. It should be quite the opposite and consideration given to rewarding the rooftop solar generators more with a better feed in tarriff.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I would like to submit to you that solar owners should not be taxed to export their excess electricity to the grid. The main reason is that all commercial generators do not pay to use the grid for the energy that they export for us to use. So if they don't, then it would not be fair nor reasonable for solar owners to do so.

Solar owners are helping the country by reducing the need for more fossil fuel power stations thereby transitioning Australia to an environmentally cleaner future. They should be rewarded and not taxed for their effort.

Please stop this nonsense of taxing solar owners exporting excess power to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not apply a charge on electricity fed into the grid by private or community solar system owners. It would be inequitable to charge them but not the large generators.

It is clear that small distributed producers supply the grid close to consumers, which requires little new expenditure on the grid. Small producers are not paid for this benefit and have not claimed payment but might do so if hit with a solar tax.

However large new producers have been permitted to locate in areas distant from the main grid, requiring very expensive and visually intrusive new overhead power lines. Such poor planning increases system costs, which have to be paid by all consumer

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing the sun is daylight robbery.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is patently obvious the use of renewables is highly desirable to reduce costs to the householder and reduce pressure on the environment. Further, it is unconscionable that the highly polluting big producers supply electricity to the grid at no charge while you as a government threaten to charge us who are supporting the environment when you should be supporting our efforts.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Keep solar free of a tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The last thing we need is deterrents from people taking up solar! Renewable energy is the future and we should be encouraging households to help us reduce dangerous global warming



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

SA Power networks has spent millions of dollars gold plating the local power grid while forcing up power prices so consumers pay for it.

Now AEMC wants to tax solar roof owners to prop-up an out-of-date grid that can't cope with the reality of renewable energy.

Give me break.

I'm buying a battery.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Those of us who have bought rooftop solar have done so at considerable personal expense. We have done so because we care about our environment and are willing to 'put our money where our mouth is'. But it appears that the government wants to force us all back onto dirty fossil fuels by punishing us for the contribution we make to reducing the load on a decrepit and destructive form of power production - a very strange thing when fossil fuel generators pay nothing to export to the grid and reap a harvest of environmental destruction at the same time. We are, in fact, providing a service to the government by generating power and paying maintenance on our systems, which is considerable. It seems only fair that you pay us generously for doing the work which would otherwise be a cost to the state and that everyone be encouraged similarly to establish rooftop solar. It would be far cheaper and easier for the government.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

The argument has been put that only the wealthier end of the socio-economic pool is able to afford solar and that the poor are left without solar and a disproportionate burden for paying for network costs. This is easily solved by subsidizing the installation of solar infrastructure to lower socio-economic and landlords - after all the aim is to increase solar take up rates and the ultimate demise of fossil fuel producers.

In an economic rationalist /neo-liberal world the word 'subsidy' is a dirty word, however the economic system is rife with subsidies as they allow governments to implement policies that are deemed desirable.

Diesel Fuel rebate anybody?

7 Billion dollar per annum.

<http://environmentvictoria.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Fuel-Tax-Credit-Scheme-budget-briefer.pdf>

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

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There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jens Svensson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Every solar panel saves money for every Australian by putting less stress on the demand for electricity and less demand means lower price. Too much supply around midday should be used to produce hot water, hydrogen or just stored in batteries.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ralph Dittmann

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do the right thing by the Australian citizens who have made large investments in solar power. We already pay network supply charges .So we don,t get a free ride. Don,t penalise us because we care about the Australia we are leaving our children and grandchildren. We, re not all Texas millionaires.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Wayne van der Vlist

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises the health and environmental benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. If the dirty coal fired electricity producers aren't paying a fee to feed into the grid then why should solar providers.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do you intend to require coal fired /gas power stations to pay for their contribution to the grid? Why only solar? Your ridiculous bias is there for all to see.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ian Kaye

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What an absolute joke. Solar system installed on domestic roof should be paid

The equivalent rate per kilowatt for both input and export power, not taxed by a bureaucracy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Will ALL suppliers of electricity be charged? Why/why not? It is a bad idea. How would the system cope if rooftop solar suppliers launched a coordinated campaign to turn their supply on and off? they should be your friends. Don't alienate them with this ridiculous idea.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Don't tax our sun

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

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Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kevin Bell

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**Submission:**

Who the hell do the proposers of this insipid tax think they are the sun is FREE end of, We pay for the solar panel infrastructure NOT the government this is just another way to get more money off the working person who pays taxes through their noses all this tax proposal does is discourage people who are thinking of getting solar and those that have it to disconnect it one of the idea's of solar is to produce CLEAN energy to help the planet. Who is behind this tax idea the owner's of energy companies it would not surprise me at all. Cant have the working class HONEST people getting ahead can we.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair to change rules now many people have responded to governments deals on solar and placed solar units on their properties. Especially as the government grants were when higher infeed rates were being paid. So it is actually cruel to change the rules and also tax on what is a subsidised product

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

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Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

As an early adopted of roof top solar we also picked up the costs and took the risks . To now want to penalise us for taking the lead is not fair . There seems to be plenty of support for fossil fuels with credits for fuel and no penalties for the pollution they cause . We also see our roof top solar as a safe guard that is coordinated could provide grid security In times of high use . We would happily be part of providing power In times of emergency . Instead of annoying us why not look at us as a resource Or back up battery ? It is time for big polluters and governments to step up and work on grid interconnectivity and how we can reduce emissions by making users pay instead of those creating green power .it seems that you have the whole equation the wrong way round . Why not start with the premise that rooftop solar is the solution and then work out how you can support more families to reduce their bills and become self sufficient . We pay no bills over summer and have invested the savings in community solar programs such as Pingala and Clearsky solar .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jon Othitis

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Good evening,

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have rooftop solar on my roof and I will not pay any form of solar tax. If required, I will get a petition with thousands of signatures opposing this move and send it to the PM and have this disgraceful policy proposal overturned immediately. Polluting gas and coal producers should be paying a pollution tax to send their dirty energy to the grid. A solar tax is an OXYMORON. A pollution tax is what's required. Redirect the tax to dirty coal, LNG and oil power being exported.

Please scrap the solar tax proposal IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Now i get 8 cents a unit for what go into the grid so with the tax of greed i expect i will get nothing and may as well turn of the solar panels as my electricity use has not dropped by much ...

This will be a greed tax to stop the expansion of the solar use by deserving people and i guess it will be a tax on the polluted air we breath next to add to the greed tax burden ..

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I absolutely do not support any move to charge solar owners to export clean energy back to the grid. Solar energy is cheap and sustainable - we should be encouraging not penalising behaviour that drives down the wholesale price of electricity, is good for the environment and in the long run benefits everyone.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I oppose a tax being imposed on householders who are exporting renewable energy into the grid. With the impending costs of climate change, Australians should be encouraged to generate renewable energy to reduce the country's reliance of fossil fuel energy generation. Supporting roof top solar will also reduce the wholesale energy price with sustainable energy rather than destroying the environment with short term fossil fuel mines. In fact, solar batteries should be subsidised to stabilise the grid, establish local energy networks and take full advantage of the real estate that is roof top solar. Taxing solar households during this recession will only reduce consumer spending and prolong the catastrophic economic downturn we are now living.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

we have done the right thing by supporting the SA government and installing solar panels to reduce the load on the grid. Now the big providers have been crying that they wont make any money. well thats fine if they were to supply at the same rate as they pay me to feed in. If there is an increase because I have solar and a battery well then I and a lot of other people will go off grid and the big retailers will miss out completely.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** David Davis

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**Submission:**

The question is not can energy providers charge solar panel owners? it should be Can energy providers get away with charging solar panel owners EVEN MORE THAN WHAT THEY ALREADY CHARGE?. My solar panels have been slowly paying back my investment for the last 6 years. I am still \$2,000 out of pocket. In that same 6 years my energy provider has made \$2,400 profit from MY solar panels, with NO capital outlay on their part. They did that because YOU let them sell MY electricity to my neighbors at 4 times the price that they pay me for it. By the time my \$8,000 investment breaks even they will have made \$3,200 FOR FREE!!! And you are actually considering letting them make even more! Bloody ridiculous. If the energy providers think think feeding solar power into the grid is a problem, then we'll stop doing it, see how soon they complain. It will be easy enough to configure inverters to NOT feed excess power into the grid. See how they feel about that.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As an owner of rooftop solar system, I protest against introducing, and charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively a tax on the sun. Solar feedback tariffs are already very low, and grossly dis-advancing solar systems owners, basically giving (feeding back) away extra solar energy back to the Energy companies for ridiculously low feed back prices. We are then charged three or four times more for the same energy by the Energy companies. This in itself is very heavy handed & unfair. We invest, install, maintain, produce, then feed (send) back the excess of the clean energy to the Energy companies without charging them for all above.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Rober Briggs

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This proposal to charge people who export clean energy to the grid is outrageous and could only be dreamed up by big polluting fossil-fuel-loving energy companies, who don't give a fig for the environment and are only concerned with making as much money as they can before the planet is totally destroyed by their limitless capacity for greed. Our house has had rooftop solar panels since 2009 as well as solar hot water and we are proud to have done something to help the environment. And that is something the fossil fuel lobby cannot say.

. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission.

I am strongly opposed to the proposal to charge owners of rooftop solar a levy for feeding into the grid.

1. It would be discriminatory

As large commercial generators are not charged, nor should households be charged.

2. It would be discouraging

To reduce emissions we want more rooftop solar. Charging households would be a disincentive for new solar.

3. It would put at risk/remove benefits that roof top PV provides to the network.

The 2019 study by the Victorian Energy Policy Centre found that rooftop solar reduced the wholesale price in Victoria by 8%, the equivalent of over \$200 million dollars in total.

Clause 6.1.4 of the NER protecting households with rooftop solar from such charges should be retained.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Having made the choice to install solar heating, I'm very pleased with the decision both financially and as a modest but important step away from fossil fuel and global warming. I reject the gambit claims of the fossil fuel industry and their lack of a credible case based on scientific evidence. Our future lies with renewable energy sources, not long outmoded 18th century solutions.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gayle Russell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun tax is an appalling idea. There are so many reasons to reward people who export renewable solar power to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Don Thomson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There is international consensus that climate change is real and every nation is required to take action to reduce pollutants which contributes to climate change. One such action is to reduce our reliance on coal for our energy requirements and develop alternative, non-polluting means of generating energy using the sun, tides, and wind. Australia is well situated to harness these three sources of energy power. Roof top solar power is one way property owners can contribute to the reduction of pollutants and at the same time provide energy for a world that is energy hungry. To impose an export tax on property owners who have roof-top solar systems and contribute to the nation's energy needs is inconsistent with the need to halt or at the very least minimise climate change. The imposition of an export tax on owners of solar panels is a disincentive for people to install solar panels on their homes.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not tax or disadvantage solar or any other renewables.

Please TAX DIRTY COAL and GAS and stop giving favours and tax payer dollars to your MATES.

Ultimately those ignoring the CLIMATE EMERGENCY will be held responsible.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As far as I am aware, no present generator of electricity (coal, gas, hydro wind or solar) is charged for supplying energy to the grid.

In fact the cost of building power plants is ultimately charged to business and household consumers. Similarly, the cost of the grid infrastructure is charged to customers. For example, the gold-plating of the grid over the last decade or so substantially increased the cost of electricity to consumers rather than having an impact on the costs of the generators (who no doubt were quite happy not to have this imposition on their profit margins).

To now have a proposal which requires solar sourced generation to pay a supply tax is entirely against historic practice. If such a cost is to be imposed on one group of suppliers, is this cost also to be imposed on another group of suppliers? Perhaps we can start with coal and gas generators whose practices have contributed to climate change and substantial health costs to the community. Maybe we call this a carbon tax?

On the other hand the considerable amount of solar generation we have in Australia has acted to both mitigate carbon emissions and to put downward pressure on the cost of electricity for all consumers.

I note that the significant, and growing, number of households and business that have solar are also charged the full rate for electricity supplied to them from other sources. So if there is to be a solar tax one group of Australians will be charged twice for being in the market and another group will go scot-free (Scott Morrison free?)

So what exactly is it that the AEMC intends to signal with such a policy - is it to punish households for actually doing something positive.

If the AEMC is concerned about costs, perhaps they can do something about gas exports being substantially cheaper than gas supplied to Australians. This is currently costing the Australian economy an enormous amount of money. But maybe this is about the AEMC wasting time with a bit of vandalism rather than dealing with the big problems first.

This solar tax is unprecedented, unnecessary, inequitable and ludicrous. Get on with some real reform of the NEM - not this.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It cost me \$20,000 for a 1.4K System why should I pay anymore for the electricity I make. The Grid System gets it cheap already. So NO for any Sun Tax.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Lawrence Guppy

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It's about time we started to TAX Politicians for the air they breathe. Federal Government seem to feed forever more incentives to create FILTHY BLACK COAL POWER!!!!

When are you blind pollies going to see the light of day. HANDS OFF PRIVATELY OWNED HOUSEHOLD SOLAR. If want to tax anyone go after the capitalists who have installed SOLAR FARMS purely to make money. NOT THE PRIVATELY owned household that is just trying to keep the Bloody lights on and enjoy a bit of home comfort!! HANDS OFF HOUSEHOLD SOLAR!! OR BE VOTED OUT FOR CERTAIN NEXT ELECTION!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Laurie Krepp

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have spent a lot of money on solar panels and I believe it is unfair to charge solar owners when they are a long way from recouping the cost of their investment.

Solar owners provide benefits to all energy consumers which far outweigh the added network costs.

Solar owners shouldn't be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter REXEIS

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do not charge me for supplying solar to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Thank you regards Peter

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** george mercier

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

don't tax the sun or to do anything that discourages the promotion of renewable energy. instead there should be greater solar panels and batteries installed in public housing buildings.

so please start doing your job properly and make our energy cleaner.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Darren Johnson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Valerie Tepper

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have decided to upgrade my solar system because I believe it is an important contribution to reduce carbon emissions at this critical time in human history. It is an expensive outlay but the long term investment makes the decision financially viable. Already it is a relatively small return from the electricity company who charge comparatively excessively for the electricity supplied to the grid via rooftop solar. To argue they need to recoup the cost of this doesn't make sense to me as we already pay hefty service charges anyway. This is a strategic time in Australia as we transition to fossil free energy supplies and we ought to be encouraged, not penalised when coal companies are actually subsidised to add to the energy grids. Please play fair for the homeowner.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We are facing a crisis and need to cut emissions urgently. Imposing a tax on sunlight would only be a disincentive to people who want to take action. I am firmly against any form of tax on clean electricity. It would also make it far more likely that people will leave the grid altogether to avoid the tax. This is a crazy idea in the current situation and must not occur.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We object to being charged for producing sola power and exporting what we do not us. We are helping Australia to have enough power where we have limited power station and no plans to build new plants. If charges are introduced sola private would simply go to batteries. Itâ€™s like stain mate



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Bev Woodburn

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Stuart Scott

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**Phone:** 041-741-7510

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Any serious consideration given by the Australian Energy Market Commission to tax solar owners on what they export back to the grid can only be interpreted as grossly unconscionable, inequitable and underhanded. Your Commission is part of the Government - Right! We paid out around \$10,000 for our solar system, partly lured because of the Government subsidy being offered, to save ever increasingly energy costs (which are already excessively greater than in other Western countries) and to reduce our carbon footprint on accelerating climate change. Now you, a Government Commission (yes, part of the same Government structure) want to take back part of what you offered as an inducement for us to spend our \$10,000. In other words, you are now considering indirectly applying another charge to the little man (hard working Ozzies) for our electricity supply. Isn't that the opposite to what you should be doing? That borders on being criminal. As the AEMC, your corporate emphasis should be totally and solely invested in reducing energy costs, including alternative means and certainly including seriously pushing for nuclear power stations. Stuart Scott

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ann Potter

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

IT IS INIQUITOUS THAT SILAR ENERGY PROVIDERS TO THE GRID SHOULD BE CHARGED EXTRA.WE ARE RESPINSUBLY COLLECTING AND SUPPLYING A RESOURCE THAT IS SUSTAINABLE ANS IS THEREBY LESSENING THE BURDEN ON THE GRID.OUR RESOURCES ,COAL,SHOULD NOT BE BEING FLOGGED OFF TO BENEFIT THE LARGE ENERGY SUPPLIERS.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Darryl Pinch

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMC - I consider the proposed 'tax' on solar panel owners completely unfair. We paid for our solar panels and installation on the understanding of a government agreement that we would be paid for excess energy fed back into the grid - we were not warned of a retrospective 'tax' on our feedback!

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. So why don't you follow-up this research? Is it because it's easier to just shut down our systems when it suits you? It certainly appears that way!

And also certainly, It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big pollution-producing power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Darryl Pinch,

Craigburn Farm, SA.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar power providers should not be charged for the grid costs. We are reducing energy costs and decentralising power production. We are leading the way and should not be dragged back or slowed in our quest for a better world.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gerry Stockhammer

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** JOHN BUTLER

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

do you really believe you have the right to tax people for free energy generated by sun you are paying a pissy 6cents for it and selling it for 3 times that muchbe happy with that.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sanjay Sircar

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The proposed charge for solar owners to export their clean energy back to the grid seems like a desperate money grab, as well as being grossly unfair. As it is, solar owners get a pittance for what they export, which is then sold on for 2 or 3 times the money!

When I invested in solar panels I did NOT sign up for this!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I cannot believe the absurdity of this proposal! The people who have invested a substantial amount of money to access clean energy being charged for producing it is the most ridiculous thing I've heard in decades. This is typical of big polluters like our current government, and coal burning energy companies. To think we are living in a country like Australia in 2020 and still using fossil fuels for energy is disgraceful to say the least!

The people who are trying to do the right thing for us and planet should actually be rewarded, not punished!

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Stop this revenue grab from ordinary working people who have, in good faith, purchased solar panels in the belief they would reap mutual benefits for themselves and the environment. This is a shameful betrayal and outright corruption.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Elizabeth Young

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I would be very unhappy with a tax on exporting clean energy back to the grid. The government should be encouraging renewable energy, including with financial incentives, rather than hampering it. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. And rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Please consider the future of Australia and our planet by investing in clean energy rather than charging extra for it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

You must be a complete party stooge to even think of charging Soar Panel persons for sending their extra energy to the Grid. They're doing you a favour and you only listen to the Power Coy lobbyists. We'll vote you out because you're not one of us.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Robert Mitchell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I find it a ridiculous proposal to charge householders and business owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. The very people who invested their own capital in solar to drive down pollution causing greenhouse gasses, reduce the need for more energy infrastructure ( which would also add to greenhouse gasses) and save on their energy costs whilst reducing their carbon foot print.

I find it abhorrent to even think about charging the very people in our society that are actually doing something about climate change, something most big business and especially the energy retailers want nothing done about. Not to mention the government ministers who are working for big business instead of the majority of Australians they are supposed to be representing.

It is obvious to me that this charge is being driven by the greedy energy retailers who I believe should have never been given the right to sell the energy of which the infrastructure was in the majority of cases paid for by taxpayers and I believe should be put back 100% in state government hands.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

It is about time we looked at the scientific facts, not they people who will profiting by the proposed changes.

Yours Sincerely

Robert Mitchell

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Trevor Ash

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar Energy saves lives - hundreds of people dies every year in Australia due to air pollution from generating electricity, moving to a renewable power is great for people & the planet you live with.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Those with solar panels on their roofs are heroes. During higher temperatures there is great need for airconditioning to keep cool. Those who have solar panels are generating much needed power. If they are at home during these hot daylight times they are using their own power and not drawing from the grid that could collapse during high demand. If those solar panel residents are away from home, their power is going to help support the grid, averting grid collapse. Solar power residents are heroes either way. So support them and encourage more in Australia to install solar panels on their rooftops and be a Government that is a beacon for the World in support of renewable energy and let Australians be part of the greatest success story in our lifetime.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Nina Bishop

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power. To change things as proposed is a backward move. It is unfair on all who have invested in solar with a view to doing something positive for climate change and hoping to get some money back over time.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar energy shouldn't be taxed. Its a no-cost energy source. Solar system owners contribute to energy production and as such should be encouraged, not axed. The result of a tax will discourage householders from insalling solar systems, to the eventual detriment and cost to Australia's energy oput. We can no longer rely on coal and gas. Other cutries will eventually impose lrage tarriffs on Australia's exports as w are being seen as a dirty, uncaring nation.

No tax on solar energy. Please!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Barry Thomas

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not believe that any responsible State or Federal Government would allow a tax on feeding renewal energy into the Grid while not taxing non renewable energy.

Any such Government would certainly not get my vote.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ross Fiddes

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If the government wishes to tax what we receive from solar exports to the grid, it is only reasonable, and fair, they should allow a tax deduction for what we pay for power - whether we use electricity or gas or both.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Fred Knowler

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**Phone:** 040-135-0503

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean renewable energy to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ian Modistach

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly oppose any taxation on rooftop solar. The way forward is to invest in increased energy storage on the grid and to phase out fossil fuel technologies. Waste to energy, sustainable biomass or geothermal can bridge any shortfall that solar and wind cannot supply. Taxing solar is not a long term option.

Yours Sincerely, Ian Modistach.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Michael Grutzner

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't tax people who are doing the right thing. I get less than 11c per kilowatt and I shouldn't be penalised any more when I know I am making a difference.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Tim Newbery

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This idea is totally unreasonable. We pay for equipment to produce energy for everyone who uses electricity in Australia. The amount we are paid to do this in itself is unreasonable given what the electricity companies get paid.

I thought that we were being encouraged to save the cost of electricity not increase it.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** rose ovenden

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing solar inputs seems quite a regressive step, considering the need to reduce our carbon emissions as we go forward. Why not stop subsidizing fossil fuel production instead?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Brian Hemsworth

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No I don't think it is in any way fair for the AEMC to charge us for exporting power back to the grid. They are already charging us to bring the power we import in so why should we pay them to export especially since they are only paying us about half the value that it is going to be sold for. We've struggled to get solar so that we can generate our own power if they charge us a tax of any sort we'll have spent all the money on solar and achieved nothing. Governments have been encouraging everyone to put solar on their homes for enviromental benefits but the AEMC seems to be on a different track.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There is no practical justification for the charge to export power from a domestic installation. The distribution system when sized and implemented correctly should allow energy flows in in either direction. For a system with intermittent but cyclic (PV solar power panels) it can be envisaged as a tidal flow of energy into or out of and area as the generation capacity increases or decreases and falls to nothing in the night. If the current grid is not capable of returning an equivalent amount of power to the source the grid is likely undersized for supply. In fact if the distributed PV generation is consumed by a local area the demand on long distance distribution will be reduced and transmission losses actually reduced, improving system efficiency!

There is already an implicit charge on exporting power from a property. This is based on the differential between the export credit paid and the import charge for power bought into the property.

As PV, and wind are not always available the generation systems will need to change. Excess peak energy generated from PV and wind systems will need to be stored for the periods when PV and wind power is not available. Currently this is put into large scale battery storage and pumped Hydro. Expansion of these energy sinks and energy sink technologies is required to absorb these peaks.

For a renewable system to function the cost of energy (electricity) for charging batteries, pumping water, or charging new energy storage systems (Hydrogen generation for later burning, direct heat storage) must remain at a low cost. Imposition of a cost to export (or donate) energy to the grid will actually slow the transition to a sustainable and stable renewable electricity grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I really don't think that we should pay tax on our solar power as we are the ones who provide the extra power into the grid plus I also think that those of us who are pensioners should be given a free upgrade to the new 6kilowatt system plus be given the back up storage free as well so that we can compensate for the fact that our pensions still do not meet the average minimal income that others get. We struggle from pay to pay trying to survive on less than \$500.00 a week

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The reason for this tax is bewildering, given that there are no taxes on coal companies when they export their power onto the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Also - rooftop solar can eventually drive down prices - as stated above - & this can assist the ready availability for electricity for all.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not charge domestic solar panel owners for power fed into the grid. We have paid to install our systems, helping the environment, and we should not be penalized for exporting our power.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This further tax of charging solar energy providers for their input into the grid would, in fact, be a double tax since we are already paid significantly lower prices for our energy which is then sold on at much higher prices. Is the AEMC trying to make the poles and wires redundant by forcing solar energy providers to stand alone?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do not charge household solar power generators for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The Sun Tax proposals are grossly unfair and would provide a further barrier to the propagation of renewables, as if the LNP hasn't done enough damage. The reality is that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

This is a egregious grab of solar energy exports to the grid, a grid that is from the 1960's and has lacked ANY serious capital investment from the govt. sanctioned operators. This policy is against renewable energy, aims to stifle its uptake for the benefit of coal burners. How about a forward thinking policy that brings the grid into the current century to benefit US ALL by utilising renewables, having a 'smart' distribution systems to cut emissions and allow voters to pocket the profit from investing in solar. The coal, gas, business should not be propped up by TAXPAYER funded subsidies that rob us of a sustainable future. Yours sincerely, Richard.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I am opposed to any taxes being levied against home owners with solar panels. We are already paid an insufficient feed in tariff and a tax imposed would be patently unfair considering that highly polluting fossil fuel companies are given half huge fuel subsidies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The AEMC and the govt should be doing everything they can to encourage a switch to solar and other sustainable energy sources away from fossil fuels across the board. Any effort to attempt to hamper or to make a profit from other peoples' efforts to do the right thing in relation to climate change is immoral in my opinion.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Linda Taylor

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have put money into two rooftop solar systems and am delighted with them. The feed in Tarif has been mean but still it's worth it. Batteries to make better use of my captured power is the next move of course.

Networking battery storage to cover high demand periods would seem a sensible option so hopefully companies will try to work with small providers and not rip them off and make ENEMIES of them. Like it or not the small renewable participant is going to be part of the answer so please don't treat them as fools. Good will between men is needed here.

Linda

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Like air, sunlight is and will always be free! Donâ€™t mess around with it. In other words I am against any kind of charge on solar panels or the electricity those panels produce.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am a single woman of 63 whose son is living with me to save to purchase a house. I live in a modest house in a modest suburb, and I only have part-time work. Our electricity costs were only small. Even though I knew I would never recoup the cost of a solar system in my lifetime, I had one installed last year as I think it is the ethical thing to do. I am appalled that this costly investment may now end up costing me more money if there is going to be a levy put on the export of solar energy to the grid. If this does happen, when my son moves out of home and stops paying board, I may have to sell here and buy a house WITHOUT solar, and my house will be less attractive to buyers. This seems a ridiculous idea. Please do not punish people who have tried to do the ethical thing by making us pay for the inactivity by governments to solve the issue with the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A sun tax is utterly ridiculous. If more money is required tax coal and not subsidize all mining and charge the correct royalty of 75%. Solar should be encouraged but the revolving door of fossil fuel mass corruption is killing the planet let alone destroying our economy. Don't worry about corona as coal kills thousands of times more than corona so why are we not treating this far greater danger in the same way as corona or is corona being used to silence the masses.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the AEMC,

clean energy is the number one priority for me when I vote. Solar power is abundant and is the way forward. Other clean energy sources including wind and tidal/wave generated energy are also the way forward. Old power infrastructure is worthless when the planet depends on us making decisions now, which will ensure a safer future for all life on Earth. The uptake of clean energy by consumers must be encouraged and taxing, or levies, of solar generators is a terrible idea.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair to charge solar owners to export clean energy to the grid. We are doing our bit for the environment & have already paid for the privilege. Any credit received is peanuts.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I was recently advised by my supplier that my feed in tariff was to be cut by 15%. Now the poles and wires people are not getting enough so they want to tax me for the privilege off transmitting power I generate to my neighbours. These companies will do anything to maintain their inflated profits. I just hope this rip-off is not going to be endorsed by the regulator.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Citizens who care for the environment should not be punished by the government. The government should catch up with their infrastructure to cope with more solar input.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

GOOD DAY;

PERHAPS WE SHOULD FORCE YOU TO DECLARE WHAT PROFIT LEVEL YOU CHARGE, USE UNQUALIFIED STAFF[CHEEP & UNQUALIFIED] AND HAVING EXPERIENCED ; IN 2009, POOR QUALITY'IN MY OPINION' EQUIPMENT/PANELS.

YOUR PROPOSAL MIGHT ALSO APPLY TO USING OUR AIR WHILE WORKING ON MY HOUSE AND HAVE A FAIRER WAY OF PROVING /JUSTIFYING YOUR CHARGES. AN ONGOING PAYMENT TO ME WOULD USING YOUR THOUGHT PROCESS BE 'FAIR' WITH ME. ANY LOWERING OF INPUT/ BENEFIT ME ONLY & WOULD RELATE TO YOUR EQUIPMENT.

ALSO HISTORIC POLLUTION PRODUCED DURING THE LIFE OF AMEC. WOULD ALSO BE PAID IN FULL TO THE COMMUNITY.

REMEMBER WE PAY YOUR WAGES & EXPENSE'S AND FOR THE LIVES YOU 'INJURY DURING CONSTRUCTION--REMEMBER THE PINK BATS IN QLD. & NT?

NEXT YOU WILL WANT US TO PAY FOR THE TRAVEL COST'S OF THE SUNLIGHT!

BRIAN STOREY.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Hello

I am very concerned about the prospects of a tax being introduced on solar panels. I didn't put my panels in because it was going to be cheaper for me, I put them in because I want to be clean, green and give my family a chance of a long healthy life. Not everyone is doing panels for economic reasons.

I'm serious about saving this planet and as yet our government has not joined this cause in any serious cohesive way.

We know that solar owners provide so much to energy consumers that far outweighs the added network costs.

Local energy initiatives are popping up to help each other more and more.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

I think (like so many other energy initiatives from our Federal Government), that this is a step in the wrong direction.

Kind Regard

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do not impose the suntax. It is most unfair and is literally daylight robbery. It's bad enough the the feed-in tariff has ben reduced to almost nothing when ordinary folks are investing their hard earned money into clean renewable energy so that we do not need to burden the national grid, now you want o tax us for that? It's like taxing the energy producers for producing energy. Stop this nonsense.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am appalled at the thought that I would be charged to export energy generated from the solar panels that I paid to put on my roof. I am contributing to the overall energy grid by providing carbon free energy, thereby contributing to the lowering of our greenhouse gases if my clean energy is used rather than dirty coal or gas fired energy. The companies that produce this energy are not charged to export, so why should I? More solar from rooftops is what should be encouraged, not penalised.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

I would like to register my clear and comprehensive objection to people with solar being taxed to 'use the grid'.

I understand energy pricing is a complex process that must account for multiple factors, but after a hugely informative seminar by Solar Citizens and an excellent briefing on findings by the Victoria Energy Policy Centre, I feel confident that energy produced by people who have solar panels has contributed much, much greater value and benefit to us all than any added costs to operating the grid.

To be clear, I consider it insupportable (cheap and underhand) to select private solar power producers as the next bunnies to prop up grid operation, when it is a political stalemate that has persisted for years now that is failing to address and drive solutions to energy supply issues.

Enough already! Private citizens who shoulder the full risk and responsibility of going green should be seen as valued partners of all grid operators everywhere. I believe recognition of their contribution to Australia's transition to renewables is overdue.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam. I do not support a charge on solar owner for exporting clean electrical energy to the grid. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Instead of placing a charge to export solar energy there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

There's a fundamental injustice here. If I take something from anybody, I usually expect to pay for it (or have their permission). But here we have a proposal that somebody will take my electricity from me and not only not pay me but take my money as well. Next time I catch the train, the transport authority can pay me for it; next time we do the weekly shopping, the supermarket can pay us to take the goods away; perhaps the water supply people will pay me to use more water. Not!!

The state constitute reason is the feared instability of the grid. It is not necessary technically to adopt this sort of measure: shutting down feed-in from large contributors such as wind farms and solar farms will produce a much bigger effect without slugging the so-called mum and dad generators; and the commercial operators will be in a position to build such fluctuations into their costings in a way that domestic providers never can.

I had thought that AEMC were of more independent mind that to fall for a proposal such as this, which has all the hallmarks of being driven by the coal-supporting climate-denying luddites that make so much ill-informed noise around the place. If the grid is threatened with instability, then take less power from the dirty coal generators and take all that's possible from the clean generators. Time the renewables sector got positive support, to go alongside the \$6 billion subsidy the coal producers receive every year in diesel fuel consumption rebates on their mine sites.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Our electricity bill is already high enough without some ill conceived scheme added to tqax solar owners for exporting back to the grid. Talk about propping up dirty power companies!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I got solar panels prior to retirement in order to do the right thing for the planet and so that I would be able to manage better financially. The proposed attack ie. Sun Tax, will hurt many pensioners like me and is completely unreasonable. Outrageous even!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I think it's disgusting that electricity companies can pay ridiculously low feed-in tariffs compared to their charges for the same quantity of energy. To then be charged for the the privilege of providing them with free, clean energy to sell is nothing but an insult! I strongly disagree with any charge on solar owners for their contribution.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing solar power input would send a bad message re renewable energy



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/Madam

We are pensioners who installed solar panels to reduce our carbon footprint & our long term energy costs. The proposed tax will be very unfair to all of us who installed panels in good faith & in the knowledge that the benefit to the grid far outweighed any detriment (according to inter alia to a study conducted by UNSW) It seems this tax is designed to protect the fossil fuel industry. The tax is unconscionable. The proposed sun tax is a very bad idea, for consumers & for the environment. We should be encouraging more renewables not disincentivising them.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I believe that any energy my solar panels provides to the grid far outweighs any costs incurred on the network and actually is a saving to the network! It benefits the environment and health requirements as it provides clean energy! I think any suggestion to charge homeowners who have invested in solar panels with their own income to provide a saving in energy costs would be grossly unfair!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It ts unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean reliable renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies dont have to pay for exporting.

I have solar panels on my roof and a battery storage system. I would be investigating additions to make my house independent of the grid if my solar were to be taxed!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kelvin Fleming

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposal to tax people who export clean energy to the grid is as ludicrous as it is unfair. It's a shabby attempt to yet again prop up the ailing fossil fuel industry, which already receives big subsidies from the government. It's time Australia dragged itself into the 21st century and encouraged, not discouraged rooftop solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The more rooftops - and there are more and more schools, Councils and businesses too as well as private homes - the better. When coal companies don't have to pay to export to the grid, why should householders?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This proposal is not warranted we have gone to great expense to install clean energy solar for the future of our children. NO TAX

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rather than a SOLAR TAX, domestic generators of solar power could be rewarded with a proportion of the value of the carbon they DO NOT add to Global Warming.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to any proposal to charge owners of solar panels a fee to export power to the grid. Do we not already pay a for the infrastructure!

I understand the network operators claim that households without solar panels are subsidising those with panels. This clearly is a not true!

Each and every household connected to the grid already pays a significant and fixed service or supply or network serviced charge. This is supposed to pay for the poles and wires.

From the government's own website:-

<https://www.energy.gov.au/business/large-businesses/energy-procurement/understand-your-retail-energy-bill#toc-anchor-network-service-charges>

â€¢ Network costs are set through a regulatory process and charged to energy retailers who pass on the costs to end users.

â€¢ Retailers generally pay network services charges and then pass them on to end users. These charges can represent about 10% to 20% of total costs for large energy users, and about 40â€“50% for residential consumers.

â€¢ Network services charges consist of Transmissions Use of System and Distribution Use of System charges. They are usually aggregated on your energy bills as Network Use of System charges, but you can negotiate with your retailer to have the components presented separately.

No matter how much or how little power is exported to the grid the solar panel owners have to pay are the same Network services charges.

To ask solar panel owners to pay additional costs is grossly unfair. They are being asked to pay twice.

Will government institutions that have solar panels installed be made to pay this proposed fee.

Will all power generators big and small be made to pay the same fees.

AEMC appears hell bent on ensuring that Australian citizens will not be able help in addressing climate change. First reducing the solar infeed tariff to a lousy 10.2c and now this.

Will AEMC have the courage to stand up to big business?

Dirk KURPERSHOEK

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

I have invested in solar power on my home in order to produce green energy and to move towards a more sustainable future. Placing a tax on domestic solar systems would be a very retrograde step. We should continue to encourage Australians to adopt solar energy, not regulate disincentives.

Thanks

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am a pensioner and have invested some hard earned money into solar panels.

I have done this partly because I believe that renewable energy will help our planet survive potentially disastrous climate change. The proposal to make solar owners pay for the energy we export to the grid is preposterous. Especially when you consider the large amount of subsidies provided to coal and other fossil fuel companies!

Please put this idea back into the bin where it belongs!!

Sincerely

Peter Lamb

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Unfair to penalize the small guy while letting big business off free.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This has to be one of the most unfair taxes ever proposed. I paid for the panels and their connection. My rebate for the power I put into the grid has decreased over time and now a tax is proposed. How about charging the carbon polluters a polluted air tax!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

i don't get stuff all from selling back to the grid? and now you want a tax?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Philip Thornton

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If there were a tax on my solar power ie, be charged for it being exported then this would have a huge impact on my household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

my wife and I are age pensioners. When we bought solar panels ,we did so in order to ease the cost to us of electricity which has been increasing at a ridiculous rate for several years now.The electricity companies now wish to deny us this method of attempting to relieve this financial pressure on us.I

cannot understand the regulators even considering this suggestion and trust that they will remember their obligation to look after the mostvulnerable membersnof society at this difficult economic time.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This will definitely keep me and many othes from installing solar power. Please stop this tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I chose to have renewable energy for my house as my way of recognizing the importance of 'walking the talk'.

I didn't expect to be penalized for acting responsibly because I support the widespread need for more renewable energy projects.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I don't agree with penalising the owners or operators of domestic or small business solar energy systems. There should be a fair feed-in tariff for their clean energy.

The uptake of domestic solar started years ago and its growth has been obvious and predictable for nearly as long.

If governments and authorities have not kept pace then it is they who should pay the price. Appropriate infrastructure should have been put in place commensurate with this growth - other countries appear to have managed this well, so it may indicate the requirement of political will to get in front of the game.... not playing catch up to the detriment of those who were initially encouraged to make significant investments in their solar systems.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

The Government is still pushing for people to add Solar panels to roofs and adding batteries, what a two faced group they are to then try and tax anyone who follows their suggestion. Regards, John

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Don't tax all those people who are trying to make a difference to the environment. It's not right, it's a big backward step and it's just money grabbing from many who can't afford it.

Name of Organisation: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information: No

**Submission:**

To The Australian Energy Market Commission.

Re: Submission on small scale PV export to the grid.

Charging small scale generators (usually an individual dwelling) to export to the grid is not only unfair to the household who have already invested in the system and will blow out the payback period by many years, but will also favour the large corporations who once again will have the upper hand in any negotiations with the mum and dad owners.

Feed in tariff's re-reimbursable to the household should be fixed and to be fair should in effect be no less than 10% of the retail cost of selling the electricity. The retailers are in effect receiving free 'product' to sell.

Small solar systems help to maintain a competitive market by reducing the ability of further monopolization by the larger corporations.

Local Solar PV generation is clean, environmentally friendly with benefits in the reduction of large scale distribution networks.

Please do not tax householders for using the sun and trying to getting ahead.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We should not be taxed for using solar power. Solar power is the future of our country.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I cannot believe such a ridiculous tax is being considered on clean energy being generated from millions of rooftops Australia wide

Clean solar energy is something w should be encouraging in this sunshine filled country of ours

It should not be discouraged as this propsed tax would end up dong

I strongly disagree with the proposed tax on my solar output



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

As a low income earner who invested in solar batteries, this seems punishment for having a go and doing the right thing. How about you do too. Donâ€™t rip me and others off for caring.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I paid for it, nobody can make changes

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Millions of Australians have done the right thing and installed rooftop solar. Millions more could do so and should be encouraged, not discouraged by a proposed tax. I thought this Coalition government was all about incentive and lower taxes. I was wrong.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

We have the expertise and ability in Australia to set up local energy grids. Why is this obvious benefit not being rolled out?

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Because I cannot have solar where I live (in a retirement Village) I offered to purchase it for my grandchildren so that they could be saved money and because I believe it is good for the environment. I would hate the idea they are being charged particularly when the feed-in tariff is so low anyway.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am shocked at this proposal to charge people to add solar power to the grid. It would be an act of responsible government to put them at the least on the same footing as companies deriving their energy from polluting sources such as coal and gas. Solar could be a massive earner of export revenue if solar was encouraged.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Why would you impose a charge on homeowners who are providing power to the Grid for almost free?

We still pay our \$1.03 per day Service Charge and pay taxes.

We are subsidising the Power Grid and other electricity users.

I pay up to \$0.54 per KWh received from the Grid and only receive \$0.10 per KWh for electricity I export to the Grid.

I have more than made up for any Govt. subsidy I received and I now help relieve the load on the Grid.

Last summer we would have had up to 10 blackouts if it wasn't for solar panels topping up the electricity deficit that we would have otherwise had.

It doesn't make sense to penalise people who are helping prop up the Grid and alleviate the need for more Power Stations.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I strongly believe and support a fair feed-in tariff for solar owners that recognises the environmental benefit of solar electricity along with the network savings and additional capacity that solar provides to the power grid. It must also not be forgotten that solar systems are expensive to purchase and it takes many years for a system to be paid off so a 'sun tax' would significantly disadvantage and penalise solar owners. This is a very important political issue that solar owners and others in the community view as critical in relation to how they cast their votes in elections. The science of climate change is irrefutable and solar electricity is an important way that community members can feel engaged in fighting climate change. The nation's voters will not support any government that allows a sun tax or any other type of regressive policy in relation to curbing the effects of climate change. You do not need to look very far back to see what happened to Tony Abbott who was a vocal climate change skeptic. While his dethroning from PM may have been political, his ignominious dumping from his own electorate two elections after was a reminder of how the electorate treats politicians who do not view climate change as one, if not the most important ongoing issues of our time. Protect the planet, encourage and invest in renewable energy sources and support those who are already doing so. Do the opposite, and the electorate will vote accordingly in the next Federal election.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The proposal to charge rooftop solar owners for exporting to the grid would result in many disconnections from the grid. The purchase of an additional battery would make owners such as myself completely independent with no more bills from power companies. The massive investment in poles, wires and transformers would be made redundant.



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I wish to let you know that I am a solar owner and opposed to this so called tax on the sun where electricity retailers can charge for exporting my solar produced electricity to the grid. They already have lowered FIT rates several times and are selling my exported power at a much higher rate to my neighbours! My God when does it stop? Maybe all solar owners need to put on batteries and not export at all and then not pay as much for grid used electricity = Less money to the electricity retailers....they won't be happy with that I bet. Come on some sensibility is required here, either that or a backlash at every election from now on. I did not spend thousands to have to then pay for the rooftop electricity exported to the grid at all time low prices and then resold at three times that plus this proposed fee/tax. Think long and hard about this decision as there is actually a lot more against it than you think. Remember that about 1 in three or more opposed to this will actually sit down and put it in writing but all will make it known when voting for Government, Councils etc Thanks for your time. Sincerley, [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. There should be local (village) battery installations to even out local demand/supply during the week, funded by the network companies, who could make/save money from the stored energy by not having to pay peak demand wholesale prices. Not everyone will want batteries installed at their house. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is another tax burden targeting the smaller consumer. The sun is not a commodity and you should not have to pay for it.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is ridiculous to be proposing to charge for rooftop solar to flow into the grid - and offensive to be looking at changing these rules to discourage Australians who care about the future and paid a premium to adopt solar earlier.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please do not tax citizens with solar rooftop power as they are exporting a low emissions product for others to use. It does not make sense that large power providers who own coal powered generation plants aren't taxed for providing power into the power grid when small scale producers will be. All solar power producers combined will create a significant proportion of power in the now and the future and taxing them will hamper the take-up of low emissions technology.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

There is a disconnect between the various authorities claiming the merits of solar. Feed in Tariffs have been falling over the past few years but to now propose that private entities pay for connecting and supplying power to the grid is nothing short of suppliers attempting to impose a monopoly charge.

Consumers already pay a fixed daily fee which is labelled a connection fee. This is we are told to pay for the infrastructure. Any company who operates in any environment has to invest to earn a return. It seems like electricity companies have a ready made monopolistic market to recoup the cost of investment Which they should pay for.

After years of marketing green renewable costs, consumers who have chosen to invest in reducing carbon emissions despite the longer than 5 year pay back are now being threatened with the imposition of another fee that for all intents and purposes is a subsidy for the operators of the grid. Amazingly there is no similar proposal to tax operators of large scale solar farms who are just as responsible for injecting electric power into the grid. So why is it reasonable to tax small scale solar providers but not large scale providers.

In addition, there is an absurd prohibition of using solar power generated by one roof top solar while there is a disruption to electricity supply. Consumers have been told that this is because they are connected to the grid. So consumers pay to be connected to the grid but cannot use their own generated electricity when the grid is not able to deliver electric power to the consumer.

This proposal is clearly an attempt to take advantage of consumers who have no choice but to connect to one of several retailers which are all supplied by the one single wholesaler for their area. This is a clear case of passing on costs which should be paid for by the providers of the electricity service.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hello, I don't have solar panels on my rooftop but this suggested tax is so egregious I feel compelled to add my voice to the objectors. If you want more revenue then raise taxes on those who pollute whilst producing energy. Every single roof in the country should have solar panels - it would immediately solve two major problems: 1. power availability to each household during times of extra strain on the grid, and, 2. the threat of a cyber attack on our grid bringing it down because of a centralised source of generation.

This suggestion is so stupid I thought it might be April 1st again for this year. A bad joke none of us need, nor should entertain. NO TAX ON SOLAR. TAX GREENHOUSE GAS GENERATORS, NOT ALLEVIATORS. Throw this repulsive idea into the metaphorical bin. Now.

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**Submission:**

this is crap solar owners should not have t put up with this sort of rubbish proposal



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I propose that all solar owners turn off their panels and not input to the grid for the same 2 week time frame, why should we bother to have solar if we have to pay to produce, then we will see how much that solar owners contribute to the power system and save polluting power stations pumping out rubbish.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

There should be more ways for the population to have solar and batteries to store and use power.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The reality of anthropogenic climate change is indisputable unless your economic ideology or fossil fuel interests blind you to the truth. Climate change is not a problem which will manifest in some distant future. It is with us now. We have a moral responsibility to cut our greenhouse gas emissions rapidly. We also have international obligations, including the Paris climate agreement. The best, easiest and now the cheapest way to begin rapidly decarbonising our economy is to switch our electricity generation from fossil fuels to renewables.

Why then do you propose to tax those of us who have installed solar PV systems on our rooftops and export surplus electricity to the grid? The vast majority of us are paid far less for our exported electricity than retailers charge our neighbours for it and our surplus electricity keeps the wholesale price down for everyone.

Polluting, climate damaging fossil fuel generators do not have to pay to connect to the grid. Nor do they pay for the climate harm they cause or the deaths directly resulting from the pollutants they emit. It would be a travesty to tax households for helping to overcome all the very serious problems associated with fossil fuel generation.

We are informed ad nauseam that those of us who export our excess solar PV-generated electricity are destabilizing the grid and hugely expensive fixes must be implemented to prevent us causing chaos. There are fixes available which are effective and relatively inexpensive, but the costs are almost invariably deliberately overstated. It seems the incumbents are a protected species and the federal government and its bureaucrats are determined to do everything they can to discourage any competition. This is despite the fact that millions of households now have solar PV systems.

The message from the majority of Australians is crystal clear. We want cheap, clean renewable energy and the jobs bonanza it will support when the vested interests are no longer allowed to determine our energy policy. Don't tax the sun!

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I email to express my objections to the proposal to charge grid connected solar PV owners to export electricity to the grid.

This proposal is clearly a desperate attempt by the grid owners, regulators, and incumbent generators to blame domestic PV for their poor grid management and stability issues, and to try to disincentivise domestic PV.

It is unacceptable for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when polluting, fossil fueled power companies do not have to pay for exporting, and are subsidised to pollute.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Additionally, there should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefits of solar PV, along with the network savings that solar PV provides to the grid.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To AEMC

As a pensioner and consumer and generator of solar panels I request that you not tax our solar export. I have paid considerable money to set up my system so I would not be burdened with a bill every month and so I would not be contributing to more green house gases. My tariff is pitiful at 9cents a kilowatt so do not get a great return if at all and do not want to be penalised for doing the right thing for the environment and for the general community by lowering electricity prices. A solar tax is an outrageous step backwards in weaning Australia off fossil fuels. Individuals who pay upfront for a solar system should be rewarded with higher tariffs rather than being penalised with a solar tax. Please consider my request not to introduce a solar tax, we will all be worse off financially, morally and environmentally.

sincerely [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMCommission,

I have great concerns regarding a proposal that seeks to tax rooftop solar owners for exporting electricity to the grid.

This regressive proposal undermines the attempts of many Australians to reduce the nation's carbon foot print and will stop more Australians investing in rooftop solar.

Rooftop solar reduces the nations reliance on polluting carbon intensive fuels. Continued investment in alternative energies such as solar will benefit all Australians citizens not only in reduced energy bills but in better health outcomes.

The AEMC needs to start making decisions that benefit all Australians and not for a small clique of energy suppliers who prefer profits to the nations health and Australia's obligations to the Paris Climate Accord.

It is time for the AEMC to make bold decisions that encourage and enable local rooftop grids. Bold decisions in linking new alternative power sources with the national grid need be made, now!

Regards,

Johan deBree

Frankston

Victoria

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**Submission:**

As distributed energy generation contributes significantly to reducing carbon emissions, whilst at the same time reducing wholesale energy prices and thereby benefitting ALL consumers I most strongly object to the proposal to impose charges (a tax) on rooftop solar that feeds into the grid. Any such tax will merely hasten the day when I (and possibly many others) decide the time is right to finally go off-grid and be totally self sufficient.

It's bad enough that existing fossil fuel generators aren't required to pay to utilise the transmission network so imposing charges on rooftop solar would be nothing short of discrimination.

I request that the AEMC veto the proposal and do everything in their power to hasten the decarbonisation of the grid by all appropriate means (i.e. connection rules)

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A sun tax is neither logical nor economically justified. My family is vehemently opposed to any such tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Since when did ST Vincent De Paul become experts on DER ? Well done AEMC for finding people that will state an outcome to suit their agenda.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't tax solar users for feeding energy back into the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

This is a disincentive to Australians who carry the extra cost of installing solar. The government should be encouraging Australians to make Eco choices in these times

Regards

Alkira Orlindhia

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am totally opposed to any charging of solar roof top panel owners exporting clean energy back to the grid essentially charging the sun!

This would be an inequitable tax . It appears the whole system of power supply needs to be reviewed with sustainability front of mind on this issue.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

DONT tax rooftop solar

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I installed rooftop solar panels when I retired some years back. Two main reasons for this decision were - concern for the damage fossil fuels were causing to the environment (in particular the ever-increasing impacts of global warming) and - saving money on my power bills.

The feed-in tariff I receive - for the excess power I export - is around a third of the price I pay for the electricity I use when my solar panels are not meeting my power needs. Recently - the feed-in tariff I receive has been reduced - at the same time the price of electricity I purchase has increased - so the gap between what I'm paid for the clean power I export (the FID) and the price I pay for purchasing electricity from the supplier has widened even further.

What happens to the electricity I - and others with rooftop solar panels - export to the grid? I'm assuming that the electricity companies on sell the electricity they receive from rooftop solar panel owners at the current market price for electricity - in other words there is a huge markup when you consider what the electricity companies pay rooftop solar panel owners for the excess electricity they export and what the electricity companies then on sell that same clean electricity for. There is something wrong with a system that allows these private electric companies to generate considerable profits - due in part to on selling cheap clean power they receive from rooftop solar panels at around triple the price they paid for it.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local clean energy.

The energy companies have made millions in profits since these services were privatized - and mismanaged the electricity grids due to lack of investment. Now the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. I suggest fixing the real issues - make the power companies reinvest some of their considerable profits into fixing the grid issues - issues of their making - rather than introducing what is effectively a tax on the sun which puts the price of years of mismanagement and neglect by private companies back onto ordinary citizens.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I don't have solar panels but would if I could. Instead I am happy to pay a small amount extra to my energy provider to ensure my power is 100 % renewable. I have left the large stinky gas/coal energy providers like origin and AGL because they are too invested in keeping their rich mates at coal plants rich.

It is outrageous that subsidies are given to fossil fuel Companies but solar from the little man is taxed!!

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The attempt to penalize Austrians who have installed solar panels and who are putting clean energy back into the grid is disgusting. We all need to get off of the dirty energy. The Australian Government should be supporting EVERYONE to do so!

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar energy and other sustainable energy should be encouraged and supported not taxed.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is retrograde step in times when giant gas and coal polluters are not taxed, for the government to hit households who are promoting clean energy.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hello

Stop this crazy idea to tax solar inputs to the Grid.

Our cost of power is near the dearest in the world and now you propose to do this when our solar inputs are helping the grid is just ludicrous!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't tax individuals who are trying their best to harness a free natural resource without damaging our most precious resource, and the very thing that sustains us as humans - the environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. People who have install solar panels are already contributing to renewables. Australia of all countries should recognise it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I find it outrageous that the AEMC would consider punishing residential solar owners, because the government agencies have failed in their planning, to deal with the amount of solar power being generated during the day.

When you sign up for a residential PV system there is an implied but very real contract that offers PV owners payment for use of their energy in the grid. Any charge to residential owners is tantamount to a breach of contract. I am very angry about this.

I have gone to the trouble and expense to fit out my house with solar PV so I can contribute clean energy to the grid - and help hasten the close of dirty, polluting coal fired power stations.

What we need is a way to manage the solar output from residences - be it pumped hydro storage, grid or local community batteries - crank up demand during peak solar production times - NOT PUNISH SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS - which is what we are.

We should be making big polluters pay - not punish the little householder producing clean energy for his or her community.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I ask this as a matter of great concern. I am an elderly woman seeking to reduce my carbonfootprint on this planet. I ask that you do not place any levy or tax on those with the good sense to be ahead of the federal government by installing solar power

Thank you for the opportunity to implore you in this issue.

[REDACTED]

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**Submission:**

We already pay govt income tax at 30% on any revenue obtained from selling excess renewable energy. Any further tax is a deliberate attempt by the Morrison to punish anyone not using their filthy fossil fuels instead of renewables. In my book that's corruption. By now coal should be in wind down (to zero by 2040) At the same time, their outrageous tax payer funded \$29Bn p.a. coal subsidy should start to be wound now to Zero by 2025 and instead, partly be used to provide alternative careers and miner retraining.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I wish to object to the proposal to charge small solar generators a fee to export excess solar generation to the grid, for the following reasons...

â€¢ In many regions, particularly in metropolitan areas, solar exports are not responsible for over voltage problems. For example I have a meter that displays voltage among other things, which is plugged into a GPO in our kitchen. On any night at around 7pm, long after the sun had gone down and my solar system had stopped exporting, the voltage displays is well above 240v, not 230v which has been the standard in Australia for several decades. Obviously solar exports are not responsible for this over voltage.

â€¢ The vast amounts of air-conditioning installed over the last several decades have required the grid and distribution systems to be considerably upgraded to cope with the huge load that must be supplied for a few hours per year. I do not recall any demands that the users of A/C should be obliged to pay for these upgrades. My guess is that the proponents of these charges to solar owners are only being contemplated because their location is known. Anyone can install an A/C system and, unlike for solar systems, there is no official record of when or where they are located.

â€¢ Solar exports have reduced the wholesale cost of electricity for everyone, not only those who spent their own money to install solar systems. One study (by Bruce Mountain) has calculated that small scale solar has reduced cost per kWh to all users by 4 times more than the cost of upgrading the grid to cope with solar exports.

â€¢ Major generators are not charged to export to the grid â€” why should small generators be treated differently?

It is understandable that the existing generation/transmission/distribution/retail businesses would rather not have the competition from their customers generating power for themselves and their neighbours, thus reducing the businessâ€™ income, but this is not a reason to punish those customers who have made the investment. Surely a more useful course of action would be to upgrade the network before over voltages become a real problem in about 5 years due to continuing high levels of solar installations. For example â€œcommunity batteriesâ€ are being installed by a distributor near Perth, and similar batteries will soon to be trialed by Ausgrid in several locations around Sydney. These batteries absorb excess local generation during the day and supply the grid after dark, reducing the risk of overloading.

I urge you to reject this unfair proposal.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Climate change is a greater risk to our lives than Covid-19. There is a mountain of scientific studies backing this assertion - start with looking at the World Economic Forum and follow the data if in doubt. We simply must move away from using fossil fuels so we simply must move towards renewables. The sun is not owned by anyone. As householders consider these realities, many of us have invested in solar panels. I will not live long enough to recoup my investment from the tiny feed-in tariff I get but it cannot be fair that I am further penalized by having to pay a tax on the sun. No one owns it or pays for it to be available.

Distributed micro grids that avoid the costs of major transmission infrastructure should be fostered, particularly as we move into an era destined to experience more and more extreme weather events and the infrastructure damage that accompany them.

Please do not bow to pressure from well-funded fossil fuel lobbyists when all our futures are at stake.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The benefits of Solar far outweigh the costs. This is proven.

As households are producing electricity they should not be charged or the costs of obtaining Solar keep escalating.

Put half the money the government pays to the fossil fuel industry and popping up the destructive forestry industry into supporting more Solar on domestic, schools, hospitals and industry, this would reduce emissions and positively effect Climate Change.

How can you unfairly charge households for reducing the effects on the Environment?

Solar should be subsidised by an encouraging amount so more and more businesses and households install Solar.

A government that is alert to the horror of escalating Climate Change and the need for an ethical, sustainable economy would recognise this.

Start charging more tax on filthy, polluting fossil fuel industries who are stealing our precious, limited water and polluting the rest.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

I am strongly opposed to it, because:

â€¢. It proposes that ordinary people who paid to install solar panels (including me) would be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. This is unfair!

â€¢. instead there should be a feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides

â€¢ research shows that solar owners provide far more benefits to all energy consumers than they add to network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Be fair, and support strategies to address global warming, to big dirty power companies.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am extremely upset to think that I will be taxed because I have invested in solar panels. I wanted to help the fight against global warming and at the same time keep down my energy bills during my retirement. My solar panels provide clean energy to the grid free from the sun. I should not be taxed for this benefit. The ones who should be taxed instead are the big polluters who are responsible for global warming.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This proposal is a perverse incentive. It will encourage withdrawal of exported solar PV energy to networks and lead to shortages. Instead the networks should look after their own house by updating to properly manage the availability and storage of exported energy and ensure that power can be distributed equitably.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

As aged pensions we invested in solar to reduce the high cost of electricity during our retirement. Any monies taken in a sun tax will reduce our standard of living, whilst taking long to recoup the initial outlay. If indeed we will ever recoup the outlay

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

The rooftop solar is our way of contributing to reducing our carbon footprint. It's also a great investment. Where else can you get 12% return and at the same time reduce transmission losses on the grid? If you were offered that on your car fuel consumption you would be crazy not to do it. But because big coal and gas are opposed they want to handicap us. We all already contribute to the grid maintenance through the daily availability fees.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Renewable energy should be the standard for all power suppliers. If the government is not prepared to support a shift to renewables, individuals should have the right to choose to use a renewable energy source on their own property. If they are transferring energy to the grid, then that is a bonus for the grid, and they should not be taxed for doing so. Perhaps the government should spend more time converting all of our energy in Australia to renewables, and less time arguing about an unfair tax on consumers who are frustrated and have taken matters into their own hands.



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Taxing solar exporting is a great way to turn some people off installing it. The federal government won't engage fully with climate change but millions of concerned citizens and businesses are doing their bit. Don't put a disincentive in their way. Remember 2050!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No tax on solar energy!!

People need to be paid not penalised for supplying extra energy to the grid. We desperately need To lower our carbon emissions for a sustainable energy future. Solar is the future. Not outdated fossil fuels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

To whom is charged with reading these,

A sun tax is an unfair indictment of those who have had the forethought or generosity to begin a change to more renewable energy fields.

It would be a dereliction of duty to the community at large to not embrace this power being supplied by private citizens by paying them fairly and installing sufficient infrastructure to properly accomodate this incoming power.

If it was that a company built a solar farm and was channeling that into the power grid, this company I am certain would be paid for their efforts, however for some reason when a group of individuals does this, their efforts are spurned by the 'big boys' and repeatedly attacked by those in power with this ridiculous concept of being charged for the power they already paid to supply.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar Owners who export their clean energy to the grid should not be charged to do so. All Australians should be encouraged to install solar to mitigate the dreadful impacts of climate change.

I feel confident that the vast majority of Australians recognise the benefits of solar and would not support charging solar customers to export.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar Energy is one of the only renewable options for the future. There will be a major task to create enough renewable energy to replace coal fired power stations when they reach the end of their lives and power electric vehicles and other energy sources. It is the responsibility of Government to make sure the grid is capable of handling this changed and larger load. Roof top solar is contributing to this task and is no different to large scale solar and wind farms which will need a grid to handle future demands. Taxing roof top solar owners is a distraction from the major task facing the energy authorities which they need to address properly.

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Many pensioners have put solar on their roofs for economic reasons - ie to save money. They will most certainly not forget any Party that charges them for doing so.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I put in a rooftop solar in good faith, calculating whether it was worth it or not based on the assurances of the company that supplied it and the existing feed in tariff, and because it is the right thing to do.

BUT I have had my solar feed in tariff slashed and slashed again, now it's a ludicrous 7.5 c per kwh. At the same time the supply charge keeps increasing. At one point it was a sound economic decision, now I am losing money. It is really not fair to encourage people to do something, even providing subsidies, and then to start talking about charging them for making energy! Do power companies pay you for the privilege of exporting power, and polluting at the same time??

There must be more cost effective ways of stabilizing the grid. I invested heavily in my system, and now you want me to pay to use it? Simply unbelievable.

Trust that I, and a lot of other solar citizens, are voters, and we will remember this. We need urgent action on climate change, and making rooftop solar MORE difficult and expensive is not the way forward.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

â€¢ Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

â€¢ It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

â€¢ Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

â€¢ There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

â€¢ If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.



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**Submission:**

It's a disgrace that the Morrison government is prepared to charge ordinary people a tax on supplying power to the grid after encouraging them to install panels in the first place yet they, the government give a discount to their billionaire mates in the power generating industry. This is surely the act of a conservative government ruled by the rich

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Australia needs less knee jerk reaction (like this tax) and more vision in its currently failing energy policy. Taxing households' contribution to the grid penalises people for investing in renewable energy and is obviously a policy which will endear the government to its fossil fuel donors who want to see the inevitable transition to 100% renewables delayed as long as possible. Please stop meddling and obstructing and get on with the urgent task of enabling and taking the electricity industry completely out of Australia's carbon footprint.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Do you charge the electricity supplier for sending their power out from the coal burning generator. They went to a lot of trouble to find the funding to build and buy the infrastructure and to maintain it. Then they create an output. Do you impose A CHARGE to minimise the reason for why they went to all that trouble. They didnt do it from the goodness of their heart, they expected some return. They would not do it other wise at all. Is this what you want? By the same token do you want to impose A CHARGE to minimise the reason for I went to all that trouble. I also expected some return. I would not do it other wise at all. Is this what you want? You are using double standard. I am a producer now too because I am buying the infrastructure and paying for all the maintenance for society's good just as the coal companies do.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

My family and I have a solar system on our roof because we want to contribute to the input of clean, renewable energy to our country's electricity grid. We do this by using a minimum of fossil-fuel generated electricity, and by adding some of our solar-generated electricity to the grid. As an early adopter, we get a favourable feed-in tariff for the present, but the cost of installation at the time was high, and I don't know that our investment will be recouped. Our feed-in tariff will drop dramatically in 2023, so if our costs increase due to an extra charge, our cost of living will rise dramatically.

I note that many other families, as well as businesses, have embarked on solar generation too, and that Australia increasing its proportion of renewable energy as a result.

I am concerned that AEMC is considering charging solar owners for exporting our clean energy to the grid.

This does not seem justifiable on the basis of cost. Research shows that the benefit provided by rooftop solar outweighs the added network costs. The network can be optimised for regional sharing, thus providing benefits by supplying local energy.

On the basis of fairness, it seems unfair to charge suppliers of clean energy when major fossil-fuel based companies are not charged for their exporting. On top of this favouritism, these suppliers are contributing to the huge present and future costs of climate change which the whole country will have to pay for.

Research has also shown that, far from disadvantaging the networks, more rooftop solar can be enabled cheaply and simply.

The environmental and health benefits of clean, renewable energy should be recognised and encouraged. The proposed solar charge would be detrimental on both fronts, and a safe future should be considered an advantage, not a burden.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

how ridiculous solar contributions have saved the government huge investment in power stations and this is how they repay the citizens of Australua. Contributors get a pittance for the feed into the grid and then pay over 3 times to buy it back.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I export far more KWH to the grid than I take from it. I pay far more for what I take than I receive for what I produce, and it's clean juice. The more the citizens of this country produce and contribute in this way should, the more the rest should be encouraged. Penalise the polluters! The country's bathed in more sunshine than most places on the planet and we should capitalise on that fact.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have rooftop solar, and the impact on my power bills if this Solar tax were imposed would be such that i would add batteries to my system & leave the network all together - it would be much better for me & i would not have to pay most of my bill charges for the poles & wires.



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**Submission:**

I have had solar panels for 11 years, and rooftop solar has provided cheap clean energy which retailers have on-sold for a profit to other consumers. This rooftop solar has reduced the need for some augmentation of networks (as it provides the electricity closer to the consumer than large centralised generators). The big issue for the network is the peak demand on summer days by air conditioners, as this is what defines the target for generation and the capacity of the network. It is a cheap shot to penalise rooftop solar, yet ignore the houses with air conditioners.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I was encouraged to invest in clean energy and supply to the grid at a minimal fee of return additional cost would make it in not financial .We are also helping in reducing the carbon footprint energy companies produce no to any charge for supply .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Sustainable alternatives to energy created from fossil fuels is probably our most important weapon in our fight against climate change. To penalise those people who have already helped in that process is insanity. I purchased my solar system because I believe in clean energy not because I would save any money compared to standard electricity supply. I do not expect to be further penalised because I have taken an environmentally responsible action. We need to subsidise and encourage more people to do the same, not tax them. Are we to tax the air that we breathe as well?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I have rooftop solar panels and find the idea of being charged for exporting energy to the grid outrageous. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To charge Solar owners is a crazy idea. Solar owners should be thanked for generating the power they do and actually providing relief to the Service Providers so that they do not have to spend extra money on infrastructure or purchase extra power elsewhere.

I am absolutely opposed to this idea and any Government body that supports such an idea do not simply understand and I can only assume that they are being influenced by external forces who are interested only in their profits.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What a joke!

The benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is so unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

All they do is pollute our environment and increase the effects of global warming.

All you people seem to care about is money, not the environment or the polluting effects these putrid companies put out.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Don't punish Australians for doing the right thing for the environment with solar power. Solar power needs to remain a cost effective option for those trying to help the economy and the environment. Power companies are already profiting well enough from solar power owners buy buying up their surplus solar energy very cheaply and then selling it on to other users at an inflated price for almost no input effort. Solar power is not the problem but is part of the solution, it needs to be promoted and costs kept low. The solar power industry has already just been saddled with the very high cost of compliance to the new standard AS5139, if the solar industry folds certainly it will take employment and the economy down much further with it! We can't just keep blindly burning dirty coal, oil and gas, now is the time to transition to clean energy without energy company profiteering!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The Sun is part of Mother Nature , not man made . Governments are greedy , and will always find ways to tax , and make money especially middle class/ poor families!

GLOBAL WARMING , CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL!!

This is disgusting and a joke , next are we going to pay for babies being born ???

This world is not about humanity ! HUMAN DESTROYING THE PLANET , AND ALL LIVING SENTIENTS TOO !

COVID-19 we are not over it and still will get worse , if we do not get some other deadly virus.

Wake up so called Politicians and Leaders !



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

You conveniently omit the obvious impact of solar panel owners that they feed into the system is at a local level and allows the providers to avoid having to upgrade their systems to carry an increased demand load because of local supply this effect cascades back through the system allowing all major suppliers to avoid having to upgrade their systems due to local inputs

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is a crazy idea, par in these times, to discourage investment in more renewable energy resources!  
We need as many people on solar as possible.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

First and foremost, solar panel & battery storage owners are already bearing some of capital costs of developing Australia's renewable energy capacity. They should not be penalised for doing so.

Next, the incentives for their investment are diminished; since installing solar panels on our house in 2014 there has been insidious erosion of feed in tariffs - 17c, 12c, 11c and now 8c (kWh).

Lastly, to suggest that consumers now pay for the privilege of exporting excess generation is an insult.

I respectfully suggest that under no circumstances should a Sun Tax be levied on consumers, already overburdened by some of the highest energy pricing in the developed world.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging solar owners for exporting electricity is regressive, counterproductive and unfair.

My parents have the ability and are generous enough to export power for the good of the community. Through their initiative they reduce the amount of coal required to support the electricity usage of their neighbours for the good of generations to come.

They (as one house) generate about 13 megawatt-hours per year, reducing coal use by 13 tonnes and CO2 emissions by 10.7 tonnes per year.

They are paid a pittance in feed-in tariff, only 21c/kWh vs the generator/retailer charging is 31c/kWh plus daily access fees. They are not getting rich, but getting paid for their power exports at all is an offence to the generators & grid operators who are harming our environment and trying to weed out good citizens trying to do their part for climate change.

The big power generators believe only they should get paid for electricity generation. This is ludicrous.

The grid is not stressed in any significant way by my parents exports. The grid works the same in both directions. Their home service is fuse protected at 63 amps, allowing them to import 15kW. Their solar inverter can only export 5kW.

They already pay a network access charge. A power export tax is a double charge for grid use.

I encourage you to reconsider this, solar is the way of the future and by doing this you are simply encouraging big power generators to monopolise an already backwards industry. I implore you to reconsider.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

International research tells us that rooftop solar taxes are regressive. All states currently charge GST on all solar exported and every watt purchased. This means that under current grid connect rules every rooftop solar owner with a standard connection pays GST on the same energy twice. Once at the Feed in Tariff rate and the second time at the retail price rate. The very idea of a grid export tax will in fact tax the same watt 3 times. This unproductive rent seeking practice is akin to theft. Instead of considering such a bad tax, the opposite should happen. Remove all GST on rooftop solar, and reduce grid connect charges to a national average of 60 cents per day. Instead of the current unfair net-metering rebate system it is time we introduce a true net-metering system that will encourage the establishment of independent post-code based community owned micro-grids with battery storage configured into behind the meter Virtual Power Plants. Anything less is not just bad policy, it is a policy that underwrites the continuation of the existing distribution monopolies that are hindering electricity market reform.

Regards

Siegfried Angerer

International Energy Adviser and Expert Government Consultant

ISESR Knowledge Board Member <https://www.isesr.org/>

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I oppose to Sun Tax.

This is very negative motive which is not in the interest of people who invest in generating electricity with a heart on environment and the future generations.

It is unjust and support only big corporations who sell electricity with huge profits. This is not in national interest & future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is not right, clean energy should be supported not taxed.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am concerned that the AEMC new proposals to charge owners of rooftop solar systems for exporting clean energy back into the grid.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid when the owners of polluting coal fired power stations do not incur any such charge as well as not incurring any cost for the environmental damage they are causing.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

I urge you to reject this proposal which is blatant rent seeking from the big producers.



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is ridiculous! The government is really clutching at straws here. This is a sure way to the back bench for any politician.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Any introduction of an input tax on residential solar installations will only slow the transition to renewables.

That would also be a direct betrayal of the intent of the original installation subsidy programme. Go and take your extra funding from the polluting coal power companies instead, let them pay for the damage they continue to wreak.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Ridiculous proposal. It penalises the average person over the conglomerate. Large entities need to transition to the new energy sources. This proposal reduces incentive to change, apart from being manifestly unfair

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I can understand why electricity generators would want to shut small-scale PV producers out of the market. It is basic business sense, but it makes neither ethical nor economic sense.

Competition is surely an intrinsic ingredient of a healthy economy, which serves both producers and consumers, and a healthy economy is surely essential for the welfare of the community which it serves.

In short, the presence of small providers in the marketplace will benefit both producers and consumers, so putting self-interest to one side and focussing on the welfare of producers and consumer is in the interest of both, and AEMC is clearly in the driver's seat to ensure that the market serves both producers and consumers of distributed electricity.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

What a rip off. An the authority will allow this sort of scam to happen.

This is another example of abuse from the big company and people who supposes  
to do a proper job and be balance on the little people.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am strongly opposed to a tax on solar energy. We should not have any constraints on the public willingness to fund their-own sustainable energy supply.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

With the alarming level of climate change becoming ever more manifest. Now is the time to maximize the uptake of solar energy, so taxing solar energy is completely contradictory to this goal.

Given that our government seems to be paralysed with regard to the transition to renewable energy, it is increasingly being left to individuals to step up. The main way is to install solar panels followed by battery storage and then upgrading to an electric vehicle.

So please do not discourage the uptake of solar by taxing it



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**Submission:**

I am a pensioner who has arranged for a new solar installation on the understanding that this would achieve two main outcomes; firstly, that it would save me money on my power bill and, secondly, that by exporting to the grid it would in some small way help Australia on the way to clean energy.

I now find that there is a proposal for small users like me to be charged to export their surplus energy to the grid, while large corporations and power companies are exempt from this charge. I fail to see how this can in any way be considered a sensible or, more to the point, a fair scheme.

I feel it is about time that Australian governments and authorities had a meaningful discussion about the whole future of energy production in this country. While so many countries around the world are developing wind and solar installations to power their towns and villages, Australia is lagging woefully behind. We have one of the sunniest climates in the world, and yet we are being hamstrung by those who fail to embrace technologies of the future.

It is obviously not possible to switch from current forms of energy production in the immediate future, but it is possible to decrease our reliance on them and to increase our use of cleaner energy. To penalise Australians who have made the decision to try to create a cleaner world is extremely short sighted.

For all those who have embraced solar energy in the form of rooftop installations and who have seen their investment, little by little, eroded by the weakening of the feed-in tariff, the proposal to now implement an export charge is another blow, which feels like a betrayal of what was originally promised.

Please reconsider this ill-conceived plan and, instead, continue to provide households with adequate feed-in tariffs without burdening them with a cost for exporting to the grid.

Sincerely

Rosalind Wigham

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I write to express my opposition to the imposition of export tariffs on domestic renewable energy exported to the electricity grid, unless the same tariffs are also applied to the major energy producers (and at the same level).

When I export energy from my PV array to the electricity grid, I am paid about 25% of the amount I pay when I import energy from the grid. That energy travels a few metres to my neighbours, who then pay full retail price to their energy supplier.

So, suppliers already receive high profits per kWh of my transferred energy, which has almost zero transmission loss as the distance that energy travels is very small.

The energy I export has zero emissions associated with it, and helps move Australia towards a responsible CO<sub>2</sub>-e emissions reduction. It should be regarded more valuable than the fossil-fuel-derived energy I import.

A regime of charging unreasonable amounts to export clean energy will just push me towards disconnecting from the grid, completely. Such an action

could be described irresponsible from the nation's energy utilisation viewpoint. But applying charges selectively against the most sustainable forms of energy generation are also irresponsible. They are also seen to be patently unfair.

I submit that the wholesale and retail cost of energy should include a charge for the level of emissions produced during the source fuel extraction, the conversion of fuel to electrical energy, and the loss of energy during transmission to the end user. And that where there are severe health consequences associated with different fuel types (PM<sub>2.5</sub> and 10 emissions from existing fossil fuel power stations are thought to kill several thousands of nearby people in Australia every year), those consequences should also be factored into the price.

Any failure to use womb-to-tomb pricing models (which capture all of the benefits and all of the costs over time) represents a failure of policy and a skewing of revenue towards oligopolistic suppliers at the expense of the population.

Please do not allow the export of emissions-free energy to be unreasonably taxed. This will make responsible, clean energy generation harder to achieve and will hurt Australia.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not impose a tax on people who have done the right thing in installing Solar Panels. A tax would increase the cost of power particularly for Seniors like my wife and I who are on a restricted income.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Greg Edwards

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why should rooftop solar be penalized by way of solar tax for sending power to grid when coal fired power and gas powered stations send their power to grid for nothing?? Don't penalize the power that is cheaper and the future of our society!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jessica Keast

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposal to charge solar owners a fee for exporting clean energy back to the grid is ridiculous. It is a money grab from an organisation that is supposed to be independent and calls into consideration whether they are truly independent or just another arm of this LNP government. It is obvious from this blatant money grab that their real role is to protect the coal and gas industry and not to be .. making and amending rules for the National Electricity Market, elements of the natural gas market and related retail markets; and providing strategic and operational advice to the COAG Energy Council. It is dirty politics to charge solar owners for exporting clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting and don't have to pay for the ongoing pollution that is associated with coal and gas fired plants .

- Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.
- Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
- Roof-top solar provides essential network savings to the grid that are not calculated and not adequately recompensed.

We recently moved. Our first electricity bill was \$1500. We did a full assessment of our energy use and based on our usage, the energy provider could not determine why it was such a large bill. After installing rooftop solar it dropped to \$350. Pay back is 2 years, the savings ongoing.

I will be talking to my local member about this money grab. I am furious.

J Keast

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am trying to save the planet from pollution and global warming by having installed solar panels, and now you want t tax me?

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This charge would be very unfair to us solar owners after spending money to have the panels installed and not getting much of a feed in tariff anyway. We don't need anymore costs as a retired couple. There should be more encouragement to install panels, not a disincentive. The environmental benefit far outweighs the network costs.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Why should we be taxed on using the sun which is a free resource. It's just the energy companies trying to get money and deter people from using a clean green energy. They should be appreciating that we are building the infrastructure to help them go green. At our own cost. They want to tax us putting excess power into the grid because they then have a lower demand and costs for their power supply.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Siobhan Holmes

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Sir,

I am very concerned at the proposal to 'tax solar'.

We have had solar panels on our roof (in our present house, and on our previous one) because we believe strongly that with the changing climate, it is essential that we urgently move to clean renewable energy.

We are totally against subsidies for fossil fuels !

We believe there is a huge benefit in individual households exporting their solar energy to the grid, and that far outweighs the supposed added network costs.

We have noted that the research by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there ARE cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

We are strongly in favour of a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental benefit of solar, and acknowledgement that there are network savings that solar provides to the grid.

As two 80 year olds, we would be significantly impacted by any charges for us, as solar exports, and we feel this is totally unfair, when big dirty power companies do not have to pay for their exporting.

Please ensure that there is NO Sun Tax for small family solar exporters.!

We spent our money hoping to help the environment; we didn't expect to get sluggish by a solar tax for our efforts to stop climate change!

Yours faithfully,

Siobhan Holmes

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**Name:** Heather Hill

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

please dont taxthe sun. We are trying to do the right thing by reducing the use of fossil fuels and you are trying to stop that by taxing solar users.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Hoang Nguyen

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Is this the way government does to support cleaner earth?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Bill Rowlands

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have invested heavily in my Rooftop solar panels for the dual purpose of helping to reduce my carbon impact and to save money on my energy bills, I consider a tax on my investment is unfair and should not be implemented.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

My husband and I have installed roof-top solar and some batteries on our residential property, to reduce our impact on the environment, by reducing our use of electricity generated from fossil-fuels. There was a cost to install this equipment, which is not offset by the low feed-in tariff we are paid for the electricity we export to the grid. We are not fully independent in our electricity production, so are still connected to the grid.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. We don't ask for parity with the big providers, but we do ask for a fair independently set price for roof-top solar providers.

If the AEMC were to introduce a charge for us to feed electricity into the grid, we would be very worried about this. We are retired and have only our savings to live on, so the loss of the power bill savings we hope to make by our solar investment would seriously affect our standard of living. We would consider a further investment in batteries and disconnecting from the grid, rather than submit to this unfair charge and the uncertainty of relying on such a low export tariff.

What is the cost justification of considering a charge to roof-top solar providers and not large-scale solar providers? Has there been any independent research and analysis of the benefits, or otherwise, to the environment and the network, of solar production from an increasing number of small-scale residential producers?

One instance of UNSW research funded by the Electricity Security Board is not enough reason to introduce a charge to many people which would have a detrimental affect on their finances.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If they want to tax you can claim depreciation

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Mike Tenner

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Very unfair I installed solar to achieve lesser bills this will negate it happening

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is imperative that the energy system de-carbonised and roof top solar is an important part of doing that. Solar owners should not be penalised for contributing clean energy to the grid



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Andrew Crawn

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am definitely against any charges or taxes on energy I produce ! Even now I'm subsidising power I produce , I'm being credited by approx 12cents per kw but they are selling my power out at 28 cents so I'm already paying !!!

Not happy at all

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Anthony Vippond

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Australia should be encouraging a transition to renewable energy. A sun tax is a negative that will slow down renewables. If anything there should be further rewards for enhancing the transition. Australia should be a global leader in renewable energy, this concept of a sun tax is from the industrial revolution.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Mary Mortimer

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Our apartment building is currently discussing putting solar panels on our roof. It is important for everyone to switch to renewable energy as soon as possible, and stop using fossil fuels to provide our electricity.

People will not sign up to solar energy if they have to pay for it. They can be persuaded to pay for installation if it will save them money, not otherwise.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Mario Farrugia

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To put a tax on solar is a backward move. Solar households lessen the Drain on the grid and put back power into the grid. When we recognise we need a base power we should also see the less drain on that base power the better. This Tax is just another bad idea that will further discriminate against Solar power users and providers. I hope you see sense.. If anything in the land of the FAIR GO You should be giving solar owners a fairer Feed in Tariff equal to what we pay for PEAK ELECTRICITY!!!!!! That is a better idea than this Baloney!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Allan Morris

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am strongly opposed to the imposition of a tax on our solar power installation for a number of reasons as I have outlined below.

- 1) Our action was to make a contribution towards helping reduce carbon emissions/green house emissions.
- 2) The imposition of a tax implies opposition to saving our planet and the use of renewable energy.
- 3) Such a tax, no doubt, will slow down the installation of high tech renewable energy facilities and thereby reduce the expansion of employment in this industry. It is also important to remember that fossil fuel power generation employs fewer workers in an industry that is becoming more and more highly mechanised to reduced costs.

4 A tax on our solar power generation is a tax on the solar energy that streams onto our property which is God given and free. So what right do you have to tax the sun which God gave freely to all humans!

So lets have some common sense and honesty with regards to this tax proposal, leave 19 century technology to the benefits it bestowed in the past and embrace the benefits of 21 century technology for the now and the immediate future.

Sincerely

Allan Morris

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is a ridiculous proposal - when will government realise that coal is a dead end and people don't want to give tax payers' money to support coal and gas companies? We need a flexible grid and forward thinking leaders!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Chris Pugsley

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I DO NOT agree at all with the proposal to tax solar panel owners on the power exported to the grid, we have made the decision to install domestic solar at our own expense in an effort to reduce our costs and assist in lowering emissions. We are also exporting unused power back to the grid to reduce the load on the power producers at a time when the demand is probably at it's highest during the summer months. The sun is NOT owned by the AEMC and therefore the AEMC has no costs involved in production of solar energy. DO NOT hit the easiest target with an unfair tax, those people who do not have the resources to fight back, those same people who have had the foresight to install solar panels.

I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO ANY TAX ON THE EXPORTING OF ENERGY BACK TO THE GRID FROM SOLAR PANEL OWNERS, YOU WILL BE TAXING THE VERY PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TO CLEANER ENERGY.



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I object to any charge to roof top solar owners for feeding back into the grid. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers and to energy companies who buy that solar power at incredibly low prices and sell it back to consumers at enormous profit, far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. Roof top solar owners have also covered the cost of installation often with no rebate from Government. This needs to be recognised by energy purchasers as well.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. It is so typical of the energy market that the people least able to have a voice or to lobby government are the ones most disadvantaged by the energy market systems.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Already the cost of producing energy is coming down since the uptake of renewable generation. This needs to be recognised and there needs to be more funding for renewable energy storage projects and less

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household. pent on trying to prop up ver inefficient and polluting coal fired power stations.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff for roof top solar owners that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. It should also recognise the monetary outlay for the purchase and installation of the generation system.

We are already paid a pittance for the energy we generate. Energy companies that purchase that energy we produce make huge profits out of our system and ad insult to injury by selling it back to us as at up to seven times the amount they purchase it for. A tax would be devastating.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Janet Reynolds

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposal to tax people who export solar power to the grid is ridiculous. In fact these citizens are performing a wonderful service to our country and the world. At their own expense they have put a system in place that is of tremendous benefit to everyone. The more individuals who follow suit the better for the health and well-being of us all. It may not suit the owners of dirty energy producers but it is an ethical and moral issue that will improve the health of our country and planet.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I don't see the point in taxing solar. We need to be encouraging its ongoing development.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** JOHN COULTER

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**Phone:** 040-859-6052

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Having installed solar panels in 2009 (when they cost much more than today), having a FIT incentive was important. I have also learnt a lot about energy efficiency (a fact often not associated with solar panels). Any charge on households for exporting to the grid will be retrograde, encourage people to install batteries and go off-grid completely, leading to a death spiral that is not in anyone's interests, especially after so much has been spent on the grid and national network.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

My family and I hear that the AEMC is going to tax us for having solar power. This is beyond understanding and so unfair. We bought the panels years ago at quite a hefty cost but we believe it is the way to help give a future to Planet Earth. We still pay for our power, just not as much as before - but the environment isn't paying the price. AGL for instance is the highest emitter, is going to ruin the wetlands at Crib Point against the public wishes and absolutely gets away with murder in everything it does. Where is the penalty for AGL and all the other ghastly polluters? Be fair. Don't tax us. There are a lot of lies being spread by greedy polluters.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I don't believe home owners with solar panels should be charged a tax to feed their solar energy back to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Colin McQueen

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on solar installations would be a regressive step. The power supply system needs to be configured for increasing input of environmentally friendly solar power generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Paul Keig

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The grid input imposts being proposed are nothing more than sop to fossil fuel generators who are being overtaken by widespread uptake of renewables; right down to household self-funded levels. It has been established, for instance, in SA, that grid voltages are \*not caused by renewables input, but are due to poor management of the grid output by those running it.



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Persons; I am writing to oppose the imposition of charges for solar rooftop owners, we already pay \$100 per quarter to our network for maintenance etc, also my understanding of the movement of electricity leads me to believe that the power I produce does not travel very far along the lines before being used. The constant resistance of your commission & other vested interests to any movement to a cleaner & more localised energy industry is disappointing.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Clarke

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is another case of the Liberal /Country Parties looking after their own. You should be ashamed of yourselves. What would your mother say if she knew what you were about.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We have been supplying the grid for over 10 years, it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. In these days of Covid-19 we do not need yet another tax on our household!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households have to pay to share clean solar? Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Anthony Foot

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This tax proposal is intolerable.

I paid for the installation assisted by a State grant to reduce my electricity costs and my greenhouse footprint.

Now to appease the power generators and the grid network the government wants to apply a charge for electricity generated, to my disadvantage and increased energy costs. In effect a TAX. By a government who claim to be reducing energy prices and low taxing. This proposal would certainly affect my voting if implemented.

If it is affecting the distribution network let them fix their own problem at their own costs. they have had plenty of warning as to what is happening, and this is just more rentseeking off the Government.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Vivien Smith

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If I am to be charged for providing a service (exporting to the grid energy from my solar panels that I do not need), will my energy company pay me when I use the energy from the grid that they have produced?? If taken to its logical conclusion, this concept is ridiculous. The person who dreamed it up would be better employed writing scripts for a Monty Python revival.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We have just installed a solar system partly because of the cost of electricity but also because of concern of global warming due to power generation. As we are both well into our 70's our concern is mostly for the world that we have held in trust for our grandchildren, and our strong wish to leave the world in better shape than we found it, for their sake. A tax on solar will punish us for holding that wish.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides.  
And there are plenty of better ways to make our energy system fairer for everyone



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Bagnati

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The attempt by the AEMC to now charge owners of solar power systems for connecting their systems to the grid is ill conceived and obscene and are only pandering to the power generators and retailers. Currently residential solar power generators are getting a fraction of what they should get for the power they feed into the grid and to the benefit of the power generators and retailers who then on sell the power for a profit; this is nothing but disgraceful! NO!! to the proposed charge to solar owners who export their clean energy to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Quentin Dresser

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is time that solar power was promoted as one of the crucial aspects to combat dangerous climate change. Charging people who create it is perverse.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Heather Hubert

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I really think that the government has no right to charge m for the power that is geneated by the sun. Coal and other energy producers don't get charged for the energy they pass on to others. Why hould we. W have already paid for our solar panels anddone our best to lower our emissions.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Steve Bellew

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rooftop solar is part of the future energy mix. Paying to export is ridiculous, unfair, and a backward step in Australia's establishment of 100% 'clean' energy.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is not OK. I have paid a lot of money to go solar and protect our environment. I have helped reduce the need for accessing energy supply chain. I help put energy supply into the grid. How dare you think it OK to charge me for doing so.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I think It is totally unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting it.though they do get grants from the Government that the Australian taxpayers' have to pay for.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This proposal is completely misguided.

- At a time we urgently need grid upgrades and renewables investment on a larger scale, this proposal would encourage less uptake of rooftop solar, by charging exporters of solar.
- what we really need is huge investment in research and development so that battery storage can be improved and coal fired power as well as gas can be rapidly phased out.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The proposal to tax solar exports would be biased, unreasonable in terms of levelling the playing field with traditional energy supplies and contrary To Australia's Paris commitments. It should not be supported.



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I strongly object to the proposal that solar power exporters be charged, as the environmental and economic benefits of producing energy from the sun are beneficial to all consumers.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Gillings

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rather than imposing an extra cost on those generating clean power, you should be increasing the Feed In Tariff to something closer to a fair market value.

Tax the fossil fuel generators wasting our finite resources and polluting the atmosphere.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

dont we pay enough tax my answer is NO

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 041-253-7698

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun's energy is an opportunity, not for a corrupt government to tax, but for a less polluted world.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The proposal to charge small co-generators a fee to export electricity to the grid has the potential to act as a severe impediment to climate repair initiatives.

The Paris Climate Agreement recognizes the imminent danger to the all citizens of the planet that will be caused by uncontrolled global warming.

The South Australian government recognised the need to shore up its electricity supply and at the same time, introduce measures to limit carbon emissions going forward in time. Its solar rebate scheme, inter alia, has driven a take-up of small scale solar sourced electricity generation in the State and has successfully introduced small scale support of our antiquated electricity supply market. The Australian Electricity Market Commission (AEMC). has surely been monitoring the initiatives of State governments and individuals to address what must be considered the most significant threat to our global environment in living memory.

It is my view that the proposal to charge only one segment of the electricity market a fee for exporting electricity to the grid may be both discriminatory and short-sighted.

The people of South Australia and the other States and Territories entered into the incentive schemes designed to reduce carbon emissions in good faith and on specific conditions. Conditions that did not include a measure by the AEMC that will have enormous flow-on effects for the environment, individuals and the solar generation industry.

The incentive to take up solar power will disappear overnight.

The ramifications for the solar industry and all of its employees will be draconian and permanent.

The faith of the people of Australia in their authorities will be severely impacted. Especially as it appears that only they will be impacted. The reasons for the need to impose a tax on roof-top solar generators are being refuted by experts in the press on an almost daily basis. Again, the people of Australia will look at the reasons the AEMC is offering up for this proposed tax grab and they will become even more disillusioned and distrustful of such bodies.

I ask in the interest of the planet and all its citizens, that the AEMC does not proceed with the taxation proposal.

It is short-sighted. Will destroy an industry and diminish Australia's credibility with the rest of the World.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

In fact the use of solar to help with reversal of climate change should be given a tax reduction to encourage its use over fossil fuels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Thomas Davey

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**Phone:** 026-558-3025

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Commissioners,

I object to the proposed sun tax.

The solar panels on my roof, together with thousands of other households' panels, have saved the government millions of dollars for the cost of building new power stations. We are the power stations now.

Without our solar contributions during the year (especially over our 6-month-long summers) the power grid would be overwhelmed. We are the power good guys.

Any tax on supplying my solar power to the grid will simply push me faster towards going off-grid, with battery affordability getting better as each long hot summer passes. Tax us and we're out. (How's the budget looking for new power stations?)

Sincerely,

Thomas Davey



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** David Ritchie

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**Phone:** 035-775-2922

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi,

I think it's preposterous that a new charge on consumers/businesses who export excess power to the grid is being considered. This is clean energy and doesn't result in pollution, waste, increased CO2 and methane levels etc etc.

We all know, and are experiencing, the major effects on our lives (unstable climate, increased temperatures, wildfires....need I go on?) of the old ways of producing power and if any power is taxed it should be coal and gas, not renewables.

thanks david

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Marttin Gray

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**Phone:** 049-800-1480

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The way energy is made is required to be considered. Anything not positive for the earth is to receive a higher tax. Clean energy, no tax. Simple as that.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** elizabeth zyla

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**Phone:** 042-875-2825

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is a policy attacking the voters again. Many pensioners rely on the rooftop solar to pay for the electricity used. No dividends are being paid by banks due to covid. Why is the government increasing taxes on people already struggling.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Is Oz Minerals going to be taxed for the solar used to run the new Carrapateena mine? I think not. Poor decisions but old men in government with friends whom own old dirty power producing coal/gas/oil. No vote from me next election.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I wish to very strongly state my objection to any new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

The reasons for this are:

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Cecile Storrie

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Neither God nor anyone else outside earth sends me a bill for the sun - it is free!! So why are you wanting to extortionately rip us off and charge for it?

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I understand that some pressure is being applied on governments to permit households to be charged for feeding green (sun generated) electricity into the electricity grid.

This only makes sense to me if companies that feed in 'polluting' electricity are charged a higher fee. Of course, companies that feed clean energy into the grid should be charged the same fee or less than households are charged, for their input of bulk, clean electricity helps to reduce the wholesale cost of electricity.

If a government were to approve charging a fee to households that feed clean energy into the grid, I shall not donate to support that government's election or re-election; I shall also donate to parties that oppose such a counterproductive fee on people who have pay for the installation of solar panels.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

No why try to get ahead only for another fax grab

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alex Parle

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Even entertaining the thought of charging people for an investment they made in renewable technology (which household solar is) makes no sense. Given the increasing challenges faced with a warming planet, rather than punishing people we should be encouraging more households to invest in solar and incentivising the network operators to evolve their networks to better manage this growth for the benefits of all.

If this was to come to pass I risk my investment never paying off - who's going to compensate us in that case?



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Teresa Lodge

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am absolutely furious that the Govenment are thinking of applying a tax on my solar panel use! W saved and spent a lot of money to get Solar Panels and we deseve to be able to use the energy we produce without taxes! The Energy Industry is digusting, deeguated and charges SOARING AND UNREASONABLE CHARGES that leave the average hard working tax payer and resident staggering in debt! Please do NOT place a tax on he use of my solar panels.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I wish to register my objection to the proposal to charge owners of solar panels for exporting energy back to the grid. I object to this on the grounds that energy companies that produce electricity using fossil fuels are not charged for exporting their energy to the grid. The proposal therefore amounts to discrimination against renewable energy and discourages people from investing in solar panels at the very time that Australia needs to be producing more renewable energy to meet it's Paris Agreement commitments.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Sir/madam,

I work in the solar industry. I think that Australia needs a smooth transition to renewable energy. This is the goal that the AEMC should be trying to achieve.

I think that discouraging the growth of the solar industry with more charges will distance us from our green energy goals.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Damian Cox

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It's absurd to even be considering a tax on feeding clean energy into the grid especially when big dirty Power companies don't have to. There are many benefits to exporting to the grid such as taking the burden off an ageing coal fired system. The more people that invest in solar the cheaper it will become

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alan Koo Pursch

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Home owners who have installed solar, mostly at their own expense, are doing their bit to help Australia transition to a low carbon future. They should be financially encouraged, not penalised, for doing so.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Stop bowing to these power companies and support Australian citizens.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Edwin van Ree

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

When do we Australians come to our senses and start embracing the clean energy generated by our sun and wind???

We will be totally left behind in the world and will become a 3rd world country when we do not move away from the fossil fuel energy NOW.

Instead of punishing people who try to do the right thing and invest in renewable energy, you should encourage the use of solar. There should be a fair feed-in tariff and certainly no charge to solar panel owners. This is not only unfair, but also gives the wrong signal to Australians.

I am not sure what kind of person would want to destroy our beautiful country and world by continuing to pollute and destroy our environment. We live in the best location on earth to generate enough power with wind and solar.

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING, CHOOSE RENEWABLE POWER OVER FOSSIL FUEL!!!!

Regards, Edwin

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

changing the rules down the track is fraudulent there is very little trust in any government currently this will reduce that even further --respect has to be earned you have not earned it



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Mike Hobbs

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**Phone:** 041-288-9736

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Having solar panels is like running a small power station/business as this involves on-going costs such as cleaning, occasional check-ups, replacement of meters when systems change eg when switching from the the previous government feed-in tariff scheme, and then again when this ended, loss of generation time due to neighbouring trees etc.

I just paid \$1400.00 for panel removal and re-installation to fix a roof leak caused by the original installation done prior to availability of current fixing systems which do not require drilling of tiles,

A tax on feed in payments is simply one more deliberate disincentive/ deterrent from our right wing led government resulting from the lobbying of vested interests trying to protect their out dated business models.

Mike Hobbs

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Brian Sage

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not tax sunpower to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** 040-641-1064

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No sun tax

Obscene to even propose this

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I strongly object to a tax being imposed on owners of domestic solar systems. It would penalise those who have, in effect, financed a mini power station which benefits them and the community. The huge uptake in solar power has benefitted the entire country and reduced the need for new centralized and expensive power stations. The upgrade of the power grid was long overdue and Solar owners should not be taxed to pay for transmission costs when power stations are not.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I believe the idea of charging people who have solar and their leftovers go to the grid is preposterous! I have paid for my solar panels after the 60cent feed in tariff I have reduced my electricity bills somewhat however I have not received the amount of money I paid for them. We are experiencing a radical change in our climate we do not want to have to be charged for extracting energy from the sun and have dirty fossil fuel be exempt from paying for their pollutants and be subsidised by this government!

Embrace the opportunity to reduce our dependency on fossil fuel for our energy and wake up ! We are the laughing stock of most of the world! We have an abundance of natural elements we can harness to get our energy from but we use the dirtiest and now beginning to be the most expensive form instead.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Bill Harvey

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have rooftop solar and there would be significant negative financial impact for our household if we were charged for solar exports.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Chris Adams

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please note my anger at the idea we should be charged a fee for exporting solar energy to the grid when we are only paid a fraction of the fees they charge us for any electricity we use from the grid. We paid for the installation of the panels and inverter so we should NOT be penalised for reducing the money the energy companies have to spend on new infrastructure.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

We have invested in rooftop solar for two reasons: reduce Co2 emissions and reduce our energy costs. Why should we have to pay for poles and wires? To charge us is pure exploitation and is not equitable at all!

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We invested in rooftop Solar to lessen the impact of electricity costs in our retirement. We have seen our reimbursement for what we feed into the grid drop inexorably year after year. We are outraged to think that this might drop even further, or even become a cost to us. I'm sure there are many retirees like us who have outlaid money to help support us, only to have that benefit eroded by policies that favour big power companies.

Please ensure people like us are not discriminated against.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

we should be supporting the solar industry not detracting form it. it is the future, not coal or oil.  
save the planet and local jobs to encourage as much solar as possible.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please do not change the rules that prevent networks from charging solar owners for exporting their power. For starters, it would be extremely unfair because the big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy.

In addition, the Victoria Energy Policy Centre research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs. As a rooftop solar generator, I believe the benefits we make to the environment should be rewarded.

Please don't make us pay to export to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Taxing solar owners for exporting energy to the grid, instead of taxing fossil or carbon emitting fuel sources for the pollution they cause, simply because the energy grid isn't keeping up with technology is insane. There are so many options to decentralise the grid, but instead, the energy commission seems to be listening to fossil fuel focused corporations, and ignoring the research that proves solar power is not the problem.

This will set back Australia's progress to clean energy for all, and instead keep us tied to the climate wrecking power stations we have now.

If you tax solar, that's effectively what you are signalling you want to happen.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar power plays a big part in our progression from fossil fuel based energy sources to renewable. We need to encourage those prepared to lead the change. Adding a tax, is not going to help. Give solar energy producers a better deal on solar feed in tariffs. Distributed energy produces can be paid more for their energy as there is a reduced cost of supplying energy to other customers. The lower distribution costs should be passed on to the solar producers not the network.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

No i do not think that solar should be taxed



**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The use of coal is declining in many advanced economies in favour of other alternatives such as renewables. Coal is a major source of toxic pollution impacting our waterways and contributing to climate change. Coal is profitable for a range of different investors who DO NOT have to pay a cent to export the energy they produce from coal.

I have made a commitment to doing what I can to reduce my my part in climate change by purchasing solar panels. I already pay 4 times more for the energy I still need to purchase from my energy provider compared to what I am paid by them for what I feed back into the grid. I am not happy about the inequity but I find it even harder to accept that I may be charged for this in the future while greedy profiteering coal producers can continue to thrive.

I have an all electric house, live on my own and am a pensioner. Being charged for feeding energy back into the grid will create a level of financial hardship.

I would hope the AEMC is able to demonstrate a level of integrity and concern for those of us who have chosen a cleaner power alternative and not enable the imposition of a sun tax.

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

We paid large amounts to have our solar system installed. You now want to go and move the goalposts and punish us for lowering our dependence on the power grid. How is this fair?

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Rather than charging solar makers, why not harness the excess solar feed into the grid by investing in community battery storage that can be used at night. Thereby smoothing the daytime spikes of excess power in the grid. This would help to eventually lower the coal powered loads needed as dirty power is taken off the grid

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is absolutely laughable. When you start charging the coal and gas companies for exporting their energy and for polluting the environment ,then it will be a fairer system. Not by taxing people who are trying to do the right thing in our fight against climate change. I have rooftop solar (13KW) and I would rather spend my money on a battery than pay a sun tax. When is this government going to commit to investing in clean, cheaper, more affordable energy? Buildbackbetter

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I think that any form of sun tax on house holds, is a disgusting trick. I, as a pensioner who is paying off my loan for my solar. Think that this would be the final straw to the people of Australia. The tariff we are paid back by the extra power we generate is a pittance. If this comes into being, then perhaps I would be shutting down, any excess that would go into the grid. We are already over charged for electricity as it is. So this tax to me, would be a very low form of money grabbing from people trying to do the right thing for Australia and the future

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Verity Cooper

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear Members of the AEMC,

I am writing to protest at the proposed tax on households that feed solar energy into the grid. We have invested thousands in buying and installing solar panels, because we believe that to save our planet we all need to invest in clean renewable energy, and if the major power companies aren't doing it, then we will. We need more pressure both public and governmental on power companies to reduce their dependence on fossil fuels, and to increase their use of renewable energy sources and investment in these. Taxing householders who are doing the right thing for the planet makes no sense whatsoever.

yours sincerely

Dr Verity Cooper

**Name of Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have rooftop solar and charging me for solar exports would have a very negative effect on our household budget. It seems VERY unfair that after the substantial outlay we have made, we should be charged for exports which benefit the whole community.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

ROOFTOP SOLAR MUST BE ENCOURAGED FOR ALL THE OBVIOUS REASONS. I HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN CLEAN ENERGY ONLY TO BE DOWN TRODDEN BY GREEDY DIRTY POWER COMPANIES. NEED MORE INCENTIVE NOT INHIBITING TAX'S. GOV. SHOULD BE CONDEMNED FOR PRIVATIZING.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Diane Brooks

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do not tax OUR sun

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Denise Reynolds

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have roof top solar and to charged on top of this would affect the family financial position significantly. We installed solar for environmental reasons, which we do not regret, however we have found the feed-in tariff is not fair to consumers. I understand, as well as this the ability to add to the network is shut off when there is a peak of contributions to the grid. As our electricity tariff has always been extra to account for green power, it is obvious there is a positive contribution to electricity companies brought about by customers, such as us. Again, the normal household is the one that encounters these taxes, rather than big polluters

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kim McConchie

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**Phone:** 042-796-4257

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As one of the many Australians who have invested in solar systems to not only provide a renewable energy that offsets costly grid power, but to also contribute to a cleaner environment that hopefully reduces the onset of global warming, I am appalled that charging for the power we generate could be considered. It is a totally retrograde step and out of touch with community expectations and move to a renewable energy future. As I hope you're aware, research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy, and may be a basis for islandability of communities during grid outages, particularly important when bush fires are the cause. Seriously, you can't be serious - you want to risk all the positives that we, Aussie householders, are supporting? If you want to be truly looking forward, you should be setting a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Not taxing us for doing the right thing - I would seriously consider going off-grid if this tax is imposed, you won't be getting my hard earned if I can help it, and I'd work damned hard to encourage others to do the same.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Anna Anselmy

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No tax on SUN !!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Customer could implement export limiting and/or add a hybrid battery if the export charges go ahead. If an export charge is implemented the target should be getting as many power consumers to Off Grid systems as possible. Best way is to hurt them in the pocket. I am in a position to help make that happen if required.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please don't tax people's solar electricity contributions

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** kay Hage

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar should not be taxed ,for residential and commercial customers who have solar or will get solar, don't penalised them for doing the environmental friendly alternative, solar takes the pressure of the grid ,we should be giving incentive's to encourage more people to connect to green power & the AEMC needs to work on the transmission of solar to the grid - not compatible, the grid is outdated, needs to change to support the future of green energy ,the old systems were made for fossil fuels, its not going to be one solution that fixes all ,its a combination of changes, Solar is one of the very important ones, readerly available and affordable DONT TAX solar

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please do not tax solar energy being fed into the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am of the view that the production of clean energy is a net benefit to a grid that needs to get out of fossil fuel input immediately.

Environment damaging fossil fuel generators are not charged for providing energy, services. So charging clean energy sources to connect to the grid is sending the wrong message to the market. It is fossil fuel that needs to be penalized for the health and environmental damage it does, not clean energy.

As a producer of energy, I am currently being offered only a third of the retail price of electricity, which seems to me to leave more than enough fat in what I and my fellow renewable energy suppliers are already contributing to make the necessary upgrades to the system that should have been done more than a decade ago, instead of gold plating the poles and wires and allowing peak gas generators to rip the system blind.

You want renewables producers to pay for your inertia, pandering to rent seeking vested interests, ideological obfuscation, delaying reform and denying climate change. and now that events have overtaken you, you are squealing for us to pay for your blind incompetence!

And finally, I am quite wealthy, so if I want to ramp my home energy system up to self sufficiency in order to ■■■ you off completely and permanently, I am very happy to go down that road, because I am very angry with the desultory and half ■■■ fashion that our absolutely necessary transformation to renewable energy has been so far handled.

If you want more money out of me than the over \$6,000 I have already spent on producing green energy, you are going to have to produce a case that looks vaguely equitable and rationally facing in the right direction, in order to get us out of fossil fuels not in 2050, nor in 2040, but 2030, because by now, we should have already made the necessary arrangement to ensure our children have a future worth having.

And finally, my advisers are telling me that the cost of making the necessary adjustments to the grid to make it work in a less centralized fashion is not, at least in the immediate term, that difficult or expensive, particularly if you have some intention to move from being operators of a traditional 'dumb' grid to a smart one that can manage more than one variable at a time.....

Nagle

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear Australian Energy Market Commission,

I am strongly opposing any proposals to charge solar owners for exporting electricity back to the grid.

Not only would this be unfair relative to the treatment power supply companies receive, but it would also have detrimental effects on wholesale electricity prices and a fast transitioning process to a clean energy future.

Negative impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, as UNSW research has shown. If there are any remaining stability issues, they should be fixed on the grid side, not the supply side as the number of solar households is going to increase, which is a good thing overall.

Thanks for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Dolores Neilley

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We must encourage households to use renewable energies like solar. A tax on our contribution to a cleaner planet is a crime!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging solar owners for exporting electricity is regressive, counterproductive and unfair, but this is what the generators & grid operators want the AEMC to do.

We export power for the good of the community. We reduce the amount of coal required to support the electricity usage of our neighbours.

We generate about 13 megawatt-hours per year, reducing coal use by 13 tonnes and CO2 emissions by 10.7 tonnes per year.

We are paid a pittance in feed-in tariff, only 21c/kWh vs the generator/retailer charging is 31c/kWh plus daily access fees. We're not getting rich, but getting paid for our power exports at all is an offence to the generators & grid operators. They believe only they should get paid for electricity generation.

The grid is not stressed in any significant way by our exports. The grid works the same in both directions. Our home service is fuse protected at 63 amps, allowing us to import 15kW. Our solar inverter can only export 5kW.

We already pay a network access charge. A power export tax is a double charge for grid use.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Greg Rogers

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is a disgraceful attack on those of us who have made the effort to change our carbon footprint for the betterment of the environment and society. Punish those who won't make attempts not us. If this goes ahead then batteries and moving from the grid. I will not pay!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ken Doidge

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**Phone:** 041-889-1437

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am writing to express my extreme disgust at the proposal to "tax" energy produced by roof top solar installation, energy that is clean and renewable.

I like many people have made a considerable investment in solar power but still have to pay the same grid charges as before.

I have watched as the feed in tariff has been eroded to a level that is approximately one third of the amount that is charged for consumption from the grid. Feed in tariff should be equitable and serve as an incentive to increase solar power production.

This "tax" is simply an impost driven by the fossil fuel companies who see their relevance (and profits) decreasing and a government hell bent on supporting them to the bitter end.

Encourage solar power.

Don't obstruct it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Rob Reid

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We have the highest electricity charges in the world and now you want to attack solar that saving household is from not having power because they can't afford it Enough is enough stop gouging the people everywhere are you can

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Matthew Taylor

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**Phone:** 041-539-5145

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I find it astonishing that this would even be considered. My solar panels have taken the load off the grid and i utilise my battery during peak periods to also lessen the load when demand is high. By punishing solar owners you are effectively punishing the earth.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting and along coal companies get huge taxpayer subsidies.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Andy Yeomans

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To AEMC regarding proposed charges to home owners exporting solar energy.

Large exporters of fossil generated power pay no charges. Why should exports of clean solar energy be charged for?

It has been shown that the contribution of roof top solar generation reduces the wholesale price of electricity. With appropriate re design of local and regional grids and especially in conjunction with battery storage, household and business solar generation can make an even more effective contribution.

A rapid move towards all renewable energy generation is a vital part of necessary actions to mitigate climate change. In addition solar is far less environmentally destructive compared with mining of fossil fuels and their combustion for electrical power.

As clean energy, solar generation should be awarded with fair feed-in tariffs, not discouraged by fees to export it.

Sincerely,

Andy Yeomans. B.App.Sci. Environmental Resource Management

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Brian Andrew

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It would be totally stupid to tax the existing export of energy to the grid as we need to take every step we can to move to a non-carbon future. Every small step should be encouraged and all public institutions should get out of the pockets of the carbon polluters

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A carbon tax should be applied to fossil fuels - there's no time to lose to stop them from incinerating our planet. Focus on incentives for a rapid transition to renewables, not a regressive tax regime.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Geoff Rehmet

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The proposal to charge solar owners for the ability to export power to the grid will be counter-productive and will discourage the investment in a renewable resource. It is important to remember that it is unfair to charge small-scale solar owners when commercial generators such as coal-fired power stations are not charged.

Research by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated. Rather, there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Furthermore, research by the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Wholesale costs are driven down by rooftop solar. Discouraging this will only benefit commercial generators, while being unfair to consumers.

There should be a feed-in tariff that is fair, and which recognises the environmental and health benefits provided. By generating power locally, rooftop solar also creates distribution network savings.

Charging for rooftop solar exports would be a further, unfair addition to household costs. This is only being driven by large generators who want to make the investment in rooftop solar by households less viable and who want to make households more dependent on commercial generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kim Burrell

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**Phone:** 040-080-1314

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I thought the liberal government was anti tax - so why do this? Inconsistent policy! Move with the times - this is a saving to gov rather than a cost... Your subsidies to the coal industry are a waste of public money!! Invest in the future!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Maree Schell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am furious! This is MY SOLAR. Installed on MY property

Installed to save money on my outrageous power bills, which I remind you were the HIGHEST on the whole nation. I had to borrow thus money.

Installed at YOUR pleading for we Citizens to install!

It's your doing, your stuff up How dare you expect me to pay for YPUR mistake.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Glenn Hamilton

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No sun tax. No tax on any energy efficient systems. Incentives are the way to go.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A sun tax is not supported. I've seen my feed in tariffs reduce substantially over the years, reducing the return. An additional tax may see me shutting of the system altogether. A new tax is a BAD proposal



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I paid tax when I bought my solar panels, I paid tax when I bought my batteries, now you want me to pay tax on exporting solar (produced at my expense) to the grid.

How true it is when they say there is nothing certain in this life but death and taxes. I would like to point out that if you impose this tax you will be OVERDOING THE TAX SITUATION.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please save our precious wildlife from extinction

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is extremely unfair. We are generating clean energy, and doing our bit for the environment. Just to be penalised so the fossil fuel companies can stay alive!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

Charging owners of solar panels for exporting energy back to the grid is unfair for the following reasons:

- Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
- It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
- Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
- Solar panel owners have invested in renewable energy based on getting a return for excess energy and it is very unfair to change arrangements in this arbitrary way.

If the issue under consideration is equity of access, then a fairer approach would be means-tested subsidies to enable broader adoption of home solar and batteries to facilitate greater access to the benefits of solar across the community.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I cannot believe that this could even be considered. Solar is generating electricity which is far cleaner than other forms. Encouraging home owners to generate power is the way forward for our environmental future. Putting a tax on that will help kill that market altogether. This should be rejected outright.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am disgusted that the AEMC is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively a tax on the sun.

As a roof top solar power system owner and former solar engineer, I am staggered that this decision is counter to common sense and previous research.

eg. Rooftop PV and electricity distributors: who wins and who loses?, Victoria Energy Policy Centre, June 2020. To name just one.

I hope that all these submissions impress upon the AEMC what a bad idea this is and how vocal rooftop solar system owners will be should this proposal not be dropped immediately.

Regards

Keith

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**Submission:**

Some people in Yass valley Shire are opposed to large wind turbines - but do not object to roof top solar. The FIT I am paid for exported is 7 cents kw. It is a rate that favors my grid power supplier who in the spot market would pay a great deal more at time of high demand. I am quite conscious that my investment for providing enough solar power for self consumption also allowed enough for supplementing grid unsupply ( a kind of community obligation for having solar panels) . There is no payment for providing this assurance to a semi government body. To ask me to provide such assurance on a continuing basis and then pay for the providing a community obligation component will influence me to removing my excess availability to the grid. How will I do it? by self consuming every KW I produce

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on solar energy is a despicable way to treat citizens who have spent their savings on installing solar systems that that service the survival of humankind byreducing degradation of the environmment.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Filthy Stinking Coal Lobby criminals

LNP need to pull their corrupt heads in or they will be dealt with !

Stealing money from Solar Owners will be the death knoll for LNP or any other coal lobby supporters !

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

this is about preserving life on earth. we need to use solar as much as we can, wherever we can. the more solar energy the system the better. australia has so much potential for solar, we don't need to use dirty fuels at all. please realise that dirty fuels mean the death of all our grandchildren.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I absolutely oppose this dreadful proposal for all the following reasons (which you would be well aware of), and more, eg:

- Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs;
- Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy;
- It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting;
- Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar;
- There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

And finally there are the personal and financial impacts, should such a proposal be approved and implemented. I, like many informed and concerned Australians, borrowed money to put rooftop solar in place as soon as it became available to the general public. We are now retired pensioners who not only rely on the feedback tariff to reduce our ridiculously high energy bills which we can barely cover (last quarter over \$600 for a 2-person household which also uses gas) but who have been servicing the interest charged on money borrowed in good faith many years ago! We have lost money and continue to do so without any further tax imposition. We have lost our faith in government decision-making and policy direction and we despair for our children's and grandchildren's future as current government policy erodes their futures.

I find it almost unbelievable that you could even contemplate such a policy suggestion ... especially right now as we face Australia's deepest recession since the Great Depression!! As our country increasingly faces the frightening effects of climate change yet hastens to worsen it with each passing day.

I am appalled that I have to even spend the time writing yet another submission to express my concerns about the proposed sun tax. If this "Trump-like" suggestion were to be put to any reasonable, informed person anywhere else in the world, it would be laughed at (until the realisation dawned that the proposer is serious!)

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I was awarded the Thesis Award for my work on Power Systems Engineering at Usyd; have a Harvard MBA; served as a Harvard Consultant to The White House; worked as senior management consultant for Deloitte/Touche; consulted to US Dept of Energy on Alternative Energies in 1980s; backed Beyond Zero Emissions in Aus; and have designed my own PV+battery behind-the-meter systems.

There is rationale for regulators to ask large solar farms to add 'power-factor correction' services, because adjusting the syncing of solar IS reasonable. But NO other restrictions or imposts on solar feed-in are ethically justified.

Any such restrictions or penalties on solar are correctly seen as a 'reverse carbon tax' - running against Australia's treaty commitments, and against humanity's future. Abbott and Taylor may champion such an approach, on behalf of IPA, Rupert, Gina and other mining/FF interests, but let's keep in mind that electricity is a state matter under our constitution, so we can't allow dinosaurs at the Federal level to take control.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Yet another example of the community being held to ransom by the fossil fuel industry. Any government that goes down this path has forever lost my vote.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Distributors have had decades to prepare for solar input as it has increased. Why are they not able to deal with it? Because of denial of the central issues. While electricity prices have increased this has resulted in little benefit for consumers. One would think that with high demand for air con in summer rooftop solar would ease the situation!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I think it is short sighted to allow the charging of rooftop solar owners for exporting their clean power to the grid.

Rooftop solar properly managed should save network costs as the power is delivered closer to the consumers than it is by distant fossil fuel power stations.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

An export tax would discourage further penetration of rooftop solar to the market and impede the move supported by all Australian States to carbon neutrality by 2050

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The feed in tariffs are very low and do not encourage the installation of rooftop solar. People who have invested in this energy feel let down.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

There must be no tax or impost on Solar power generation that is supplied virtually for free to end users. All the while assisting Governments and consumers meeting reductions in CO2 commitments for the betterment of us all. Governments generate a lot of hot air about CO2 reduction methods and programs. Yet here in our own back yard solar producers are doing all the heavy lifting to meeting Government and global targets in CO2 reduction. To impose us with a tax or other impediment will drive investment and participation down rates down and free up fossil fuel generators to pollute at full steam ahead. I for one but am not alone will with drawn from the grid if I'm taxed or the returns are not above the investment I made. This maybe looked at as he's just one what difference will that make, we are not a charity and can not give away solar power for nothing like the recent WA model. Where you now get 3 cent/ kw before 3pm then 10c/ kw till 9pm at night. Tell me what system is generating power at 9pm at night for it must work of moon light and I want to buy it. This is a disincentive that will halt home solar investment that have contributed so much energy to support our ailing power industry. Who are the true motivators behind this tax idea to prop up and increase share holders profits to the determent of us all. The only fair system is to pay a connection to supply fee to roof solar generators. We all currently pay a fee for connection to grid supply, which is to pay for generation/ maintenance /replacement costs of the grid system. Our roof top systems have about a 15 to 20 year life span before they degrade as unworkable and need replacement. We just get inside the payback area from our original purchase and then we have to do it all again. So a \$2/ day connection fee to roof top generators suppliers is the same as grid suppliers do and will go a long way to address the looming replacement solar cost born by us. Exactly the same as main stream generators suppliers do and no it will not break the bank or lead to black out/ ruination of all. As main stream energy suppliers tout to the media on many occasions to support their business and profits. It will support mums and dads solar suppliers looking to make a very small return and leaving the world in a better state for our children.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Renewable energy must be encouraged and not discouraged for the sake of the planet. Charging solar owners for exporting energy back to the grid is disgusting. Another LNP ploy to discourage renewables and to encourage fossil fuel companies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

To tax solar energy that is returned to the system this way. Only shows the government is not focused on helping the community. It's only focuses are it's purse and getting votes next election. If you want to ensure votes next election then this tax should be never be accepted. Then you can say that you did a positive thing for the Australian people.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I say NO SUN TAX. We get nearly zero for the energy our  
Panels produce from the energy companies this is to  
Much tax already. Any more tax would encourage all  
Solar people to get of the grid completely.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We have already paid for our own solar panels and battery system. We export OUR excess energy freely when we have an excess. We PAY for any that we need to take from the grid on occasion. So NO to taxing us for providing energy. I would rather mothball my system until common sense and decency prevail and the major providers and government realise that renewables are the way of the future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I do not think it is fair to consider charging people to export solar power to the electricity grid.

The argument is made that we pay nothing towards the infrastructure. This is not true we pay a daily charge for the electricity lines to our homes on top of the cost of the electricity we use.

We are paid one third of the cost of electricity for what we export to the grid so the electricity companies are already making over 60 % profit on electricity produced by solar panels.

Corporate greed is behind wanting to charge people to export solar power to the grid. Charging people to do so will only drive more people to go off the grid and the electricity companies will lose the clean green energy we supply.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging solar owners for exporting electricity is regressive, counterproductive and unfair.

We export power for the good of the community. We reduce the amount of coal required to support the electricity usage of our neighbours.

We generate about 13 megawatt-hours per year, reducing coal use by 13 tonnes and CO2 emissions by 10.7 tonnes per year.

We are paid a pittance in feed-in tariff, only 21c/kWh vs the generator/retailer charging is 31c/kWh plus daily access fees. We're not getting rich, but getting paid for our power exports at all is an offence to the generators & grid operators. They believe only they should get paid for electricity generation.

The grid is not stressed in any significant way by our exports. The grid works the same in both directions. Our home service is fuse protected at 63 amps, allowing us to import 15kW. Our solar inverter can only export 5kW.

We already pay a network access charge. A power export tax is a double charge for grid use.

AEMC must not impose an export charge on solar owners.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

solar is the right of all. Is is not a tax grab. How can people take away from others that are acting best for all life.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** MARY MADIGAN

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Putting a tax on solar is a disgrace !! We put our hard earnt dollars to use solar energy to protect this planet for the future and penalising this is NOT ON !@!!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Andrew Miller

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

we have solar on our roof in fact have just added panels , it has been done with three things in mind

1) to power the household during the sunny daylight hours

2) to provide clean energy back into the grid , it is not a profit riven exercise given what we are paid per KW

3) we have a north facing house and its in a perfect position to generate clean renewable solar ,energy to be taxed , for both the sunlight itself and as individuals who have financed our own panels is tragic

A sun tax is la backward step, we are trying to protect the planet and rooftop solar helps with that so to tax solar makes it prohibitive and in the meantime literally make temperatures rise hypocrisy I want to achieve the Paris Accord Surely thats what the government wants too

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am appalled by the proposal to charge solar owners for exporting energy back to the grid. Rooftop solar is making an important and increasing contribution to our clean energy future and reducing global warming. Tax should be increased on fossil fuels, not renewable energy. In addition, subsidies received by polluting industries and energies should be removed.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. This is particularly important at a time of high demand e.g. when air conditioners are being used on hot summer days.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

I urge the AEMC to reject the proposed tax on the sun and instead advocate in support of renewable energy.

Regards,

Luke Selleck

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

hi the death spiral of the energy market is imminent if this sun tax goes ahead. it will encourage people to go off grid and waste precious clean energy when their batteries are full. or by discouraging people to export they will also set their inverters to not export. again wasting renewable energy. I assume the reason for charging to export is either to control voltage rise in the net work which modern inverters account for. or they want more income for fossil fuel companies. instead why not charge more for night time consumption encouraging people to get batteries or use less during the night. if there was a carbon tax this wouldn't be a problem. how about fund large batteries to control grid voltage rise. like the big Tesla battery.

regards alain

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The plan to include an exporting tax for solar is ludicrous when we do not get a fare feed-in tariff. Big polluting coal power plants do not pay for exporting why should home owners, especially when household budgets are so tight and Solar is one of the only ways to take control of our power bills.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. This move just looks political, putting donor profits before every day people.

Solar is also one of the biggest ways home owners can reduce their carbon footprint helping to ensure future generations have a hospitable planet.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Taxing natural sources of light and energy would be like taxing us to surf or ocean swim. A sun tax in any guise would be shocking, un-Australian and inappropriate. We have lived with pollution from coal and other fossil fuels - the sun energy must remain tax free.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

the science is crystal clear . To avoid runaway global warming we need to utilise our sun to provide clean energy for all . Any attempt to impede this is an injustice to us all

Please desist and allow us to achieve 100% renewables as quickly as possible



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun tax is ludicrous! How about taxing the coal and fuel companies then you won't even need a CO2 tax! The whole idea of solar energy is it only costs the initial set up! This is going too far!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A third of Australians have voted with their rooftops in support of renewables.

Would you willingly alienate this constituency by fining them retrospectively?

A tax on pv exports is a cynical betrayal and will arouse great antagonism.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Norma Day

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**Submission:**

I think it is highly unfair that those of us who are trying to do the right thing and use renewable energy sources should have to pay, when the big power companies (who are still being subsidised to use dirty coal) don't pay anything to export to the grid. Get with the 21st century and do all you can to support renewables !

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The logic behind the posited imposition of a tax on energy exported from solar panels makes no sense, will discourage the spread of solar and discredit any govt that espouses it. It is counterproductive. You need all the cheap energy you can get - don't blow this.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

we invested money to reduce our carbon footprint and to reduce our elect bill in retirement .now it seems the goal posts are to be shifted again in favour of the big companies . they do not pay to feed in elect to the grid why should we . if this is to be the case we should be able to claim this on tax as a deduction as they would. these companies just want free elect supplied by the average person to bolster their gains to shareholders . who cares if we are in a recession and cannot pay bills as long as the big companies make huge money . the government should have never privatised utilities . rooftop solar is installed to reduce living costs and have clean energy something the gov cares little about and should be encouraged not penalised .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have heard that Commission will consider taxing rooftop solar owners who export their excess energy to the grid. This cannot be allowed to happen, If anything, rooftop solar installations reduce the need for more network expense. In any case, the Commission should be looking to the future and finding ways to encourage, not discourage, the uptake of rooftop solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Tony Tucker

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Should there be a charge for me supplying what is essentially very cheap electricity to the grid(Feed-in tariffs are laughable) then I will simply turn my system off, or investigate the feasibility of going off grid. Given that coal generated electricity operators pay nothing for grid access, this proposal is iniquitous, and probably open to a high court challenge.

Given the growing awareness of how serious the climate challenge is, better management of solar inputs is clearly a better solution to reaching zero emissions.

What sort of fools do we have in politics and management?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have had solar panels for over 15 years and have been very happy except for the very low feed-in tariff that has resulted from regulations which have progressively reduced that tariff. To now learn that a tax will be added to my export of power seems unreasonable without similar charges being levelled at the commercial producers or an increase being made to the feed-in tariff. We need incentives provide clean energy to the grid, not taxes.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I'm against the Sun Tax Proposal for the following reasons:

\*Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

\*It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

\*There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

\*I have rooftop solar, and this would have an impact on my household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Paying a fee to give a company something they on sell at a large profit is both immoral and extremely un-Australian. No other company in Australia does this deliberate extortion. Deliberately raising the supply voltage at our house above the set maximum (we had it checked) to reduce our input to grid is another immoral and in fact illegal practice.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Governments, state and federal, are already making it extremely expensive for householders to "go solar". A tax instead of the feed-in tariff we now get to off-set our bills is just another regressive step in the inexorable move to renewables. Governments need to look to the future and ease the way to a carbon-free energy supply rather than put further bars in the way of Australians trying to do the right thing by themselves, their fellow humans, and the ecosystem. Show some intellectual courage and honesty, politicians - and untie yourselves from the archaic fossil-fuel industry lobbyists.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

Please act in a way that is likely to benefit the community, not just 'the economy' (whatever that means).

Sincerely,

Gordon Kennard.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

No way. These people should be REWARDED not punished.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is not a fair tax on citizens who have outlaid large costs for solar power infrastructure installation to ameliorate energy consumption. When are corporations going to be taxed for their filthy emissions and hubris? We all need to lower our consumption of energy and educate the public and provide assistance to improve housing insulation, planting more trees around housing, parklands and better housing development planning.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is an unfair tax that my family cannot afford. Are you going to tax the Power companies for exporting to the grid. The solar my panels generate benefits local supply



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The many of us with the initial expense of installing solar panels expect to be rewarded, not penalized, for the environmental and health benefits of our action. The benefit we provide to the grid needs to be recognized. As solar energy decreases the wholesale price of electricity, it is completely unfair to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

hi

the proposed solar fee in charge is unjust. As the residential solar is reducing pollution, reducing health conditions associated with fossil fuel power production. it is also reducing the need for local system upgrade. a broader solution for the overall community would be to follow west Australia where they are trialling localised batteries for a area . this would eliminate all the problems that the new charge attempts to ameliorate. pls consider the research from UNSW for the ESB On residential solar

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I firmly believe that a charge to export excess solar to the grid is both unreasonable and unfair. This excess is brought back at a greatly reduced cost and then on sold for substantial profit to the energy companies. Solar greatly reduces the need for dirty fuel powered electricity. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

More work should be conducted to ensure that both methods of power production can coexist, and that in times of excess solar input, a suitable storage solution is available, or more beneficently, solar becomes the main provider during these times. Of course this comes at a cost to big industry producers so would not be politically acceptable.

Please desist from this silly idea of charging someone to provide you with something that is free, saleable and clean! Pay a fair price and solve the problems, not try to pander to big business.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not charge us for exporting our solar power as we get very little right now

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

When you tell me why we should pay you for sunlight. What's next? Tax air? Water? Gravity? We haven't needed a government for decades and we certainly don't need THIS government and its money t all cost attitude. Beware or people like yself will consign you to the rubbish bin of history...

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMC

Householder Export Energy Charge

I am dismayed at the above proposal which would totally undermine household solar power generation. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting fossil fuel based power.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Already feed-in tariff has fallen from 13C to 10C per kWh, which undermines solar.

The proposal is a major backwards step in the goal for renewable energy in the unending battle to counter climate change and global warming caused by fossil fuels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am very disappointed to learn that the AEMC is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid.

Given the clear, worldwide recognition of the urgent need to replace fossil fuels with renewables, this is a retrograde step that is only going to make the fight against Climate Change harder.

We need all the renewable energy we can produce, and everyone should be encouraged to join in, in whatever way they can, and not discouraged.

The Victorian Energy Policy Centre research shows that rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity, so the benefit that solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

The contrast with fossil fuel powered stations, who are paid for what they put into the grid, clearly shows up how unfair and ridiculous this move would be.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

In contrast to this absurd idea, it would be much better to have a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Geoff Law

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I oppose taxes that make solar energy more expensive or which deter investment in rooftop solar-power generating capacity. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMO has said that it is possible to reach net zero emissions by 2050 without relying on a large boost to the use of gas. Surely this means that every opportunity should be taken to foster the use of renewable energy. Charging solar owners for the export of clean energy to the grid would be a real disincentive to the uptake of household solar and an unwarranted penalty on those who have already invested in this move to reduce emissions.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Joan Nelson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alan Gribbin

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I write to firmly declare my objection to a "sun tax"™ on solar users. Having researched the use of solar I find there is clearly much misinformation by current energy providers. Solar "saves"™ on all areas of energy delivery and provision and is not a burden to other energy users in any way...rather, it greatly assists in lowering total energy costs and perhaps the federal government should fully support its provision in the energy market. Time to live sustainably...with integrity. NO SUN TAX.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Its will reduce the number of people getting sola systems. tax will not help any one.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Some years ago we made a financial decision to install solar rooftop panels. This was a financial sacrifice however we worked on the basis that it would help to lower power bills but more importantly we would be doing one small thing to support a cleaner environment for our children and our grandchildren. This was a decision that financially was difficult but reflecting we decided it was worth the challenge of finding funds to pay for this direction as sadly our Federal Governments over many years were not giving clear and sensible directions for the take up of clean energy.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is now unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Our electricity bills are still expensive but with our solar it does help considerably. I am most unhappy about a future where we might be required to pay additional funds for our solar and in fact our Australian government should be supporting and encouraging more Australian citizens to move in this direction of installing solar rooftop panels and supporting them financially to do so.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To impose a tax on people who have gone to considerable expense to improve the environment and reduce carbon emissions is grossly unfair and reeks of bowing to the fossil fuel industry and conservative politicians who love coal.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Quentin Bowers

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have put solar panels on my own home and on the house I rent out as a contribution to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and thus reducing our country's contribution to global warming.

I don't think the fossil fuel industry has sufficient capital resources to compensate all Australians for the damage done by global warming now let alone for the catastrophe that they are helping to bring on.

Making it harder to reduce carbon pollution by reducing the incentives for ordinary people by introducing a sun tax seems rather counter intuitive. Perhaps the money can go into a global warming compensation fund but I hardly think that will do anything to reduce carbon pollution.

Personally I think all agencies should be aiming for the main prize ...of reducing carbon pollution not fiddling around with trying to improve the bottom lines of multinational electricity companies

Yours sincerely

Dr Quentin Bowers



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ann Montague

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is the most stupid idea I have heard!! The number of people with solar panels should be encouraged not penalised.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I believe it is unfair to charge solar system owners an export tax for sending solar power to the grid. If the tax applied to all electrical power exporters maybe it could be justified. However, charging only solar exporters and not the major power companies is totally inequitable and I don't believe it can be justified, especially when one considers that most solar power is generated at times when the system is heavily loaded (e.g. hot summer days when large numbers of people are running air-conditioners).

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Hi,

I feel it's not fair to tax people who put solar on their roofs. They are exporting clean energy into the grid which is far superior to using fossil fuels to power electricity. Roof top solar drives down the price of electricity and provides local energy.

The fossil fuel companies do not pay to export their power and continue to pollute the atmosphere. People with solar power are doing the right thing and shouldn't be penalised when they have put their hard cash into making a clearer world and trying to help the country to abide by the Paris agreement.

Yours [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Not only should feed in tariffs be more in line with the benefit to the operator, they should pay households for connecting to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

After spending \$20k on a solar and battery system and being almost self sufficient in power I find it amazing that charging me to feed in is even being considered.

My budgeting was based on a feed in tariff being paid and to have to pay to feed clean energy into grid would make the investment non viable. You cannot possibly be serious in this inquiry .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

People who have paid for solar panels on their roof have already subsidized the production of electricity, and by maintaining the panels and providing the roof space rent free are further subsidizing the production of electricity. Will the overseas companies also want to tax us for our solar hot water?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Blaming PV solar for the failure to upgrade our electricity system to embrace new technology is unacceptable....all you will succeed in doing is to drive more people off the grid, using ever improving battery systems....

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Daan Spijer

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**Phone:** 040-995-2403

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

At a time when we are facing unprecedented challenges caused by global warming, governments should be supporting people who install domestic solar panels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Putting a tax on domestic solar is a disincentive and should not happen.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Dale Curtis

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I understand that the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively a tax on the sun.

I uncategorically reject any move to charge me for my excess renewable power being exported to others, who can take advantage of my clean power production.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar power to be added to the grid.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. That is, pay us a reasonable fee for the power we export, produced at our cost, and allow it to be used by others.

I have had solar panels attached to my roof for around 12 years, and the ability to export excess generation to the grid helps me pay for the installation costs, as well as providing cheaper, cleaner power to others who don't have solar panels.

If anyone needs to be charged, it is those huge coal-burning generators who continue to badly pollute the world without penalty. Solar-based electricity generators need to be encouraged, not discouraged. Utilise the clean power generation or risk moving more people to storage batteries to get the maximum benefit from their production.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Robert Mitchell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the AEMC,

We have installed solar panels with the intent of reducing our extortionate electricity bills, into our retirement. Any tax on feed in home solar electricity production is therefore going to hurt us in our retirement.

Further I believe it is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Regards

Robert Mitchell

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Submission to AEMC regarding the proposal to charge solar owners to export power to the grid.

Charging households with rooftop solar panels a fee to export power to the grid would be unreasonable and inequitable, for reasons that include the following.

1. Households already pay a network access fee as part of their retail electricity supply charge.
2. Other generators, including those that use polluting fossil fuels (i.e. coal and gas) are not required to pay a supply charge, despite the considerable costs such generation imposes on the community through pollution, including significant health costs.
- 3, Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network efficiency benefits by supplying local energy.
4. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. The problem is not solar power, but the fact that the grid was originally designed to support what is now obsolete and inefficient fossil fuel based energy technologies. The focus needs to be on accommodating the new clean energy technologies, not discouraging them.
5. Solar owners have invested in good faith in solar panels in the expectation of a modest return, and have been encouraged to do so. A retrospective tax on such investment would be an act of bad faith and would also penalise those firms that have invested in good faith in the capacity to provide solar panel installation services.
6. Many solar panel owners have been in part motivated as good citizens who support the necessary transition to cleaner energy generation. It is unreasonable to penalise citizens who have acted, or who wish to act, in a socially responsible manner.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I installed solar panels on my rooftop because I understood the science of our changing climate and the perils of continuing to burn fossil fuels. At the time it required a substantial financial sacrifice from me to install the panels. I believe it was the right thing to do to safeguard our atmosphere and thus our society.

Therefore I was disturbed to hear that I may have to PAY for my free excess solar power to be exported to my neighbourhood via the grid. Really!!

Is this fair ?

How much does my polluting fossil fuel company pay to use the grid?

How much does it pay to pollute our atmosphere?

My solar power is helping reduce wholesale power prices and is therefore a benefit .

According to the Energy Security Board the impacts from solar exports to the grid have been exaggerated and thus we do not need a sun tax".

With our modern know-how there are simpler and less expensive ways to integrate solar power to the grid.

What would be fair is a feed-in tariff that rewarded those of us who have made the financial sacrifice (No! not all of us who installed solar are wealthy or even well off) to install solar panels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I understand the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively a tax on the sun. This does not make any sense to me and I strongly object. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Why should solar pay for the failure of network power providers to adjust to a rapidly changing market?

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Any policy which provides a disincentive for those supplying clean energy is, in the context of the global warming of our planet, clearly wrong. Tax the polluters by all means, but clean energy providers should be rewarded, not punished.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I submit that the wholesalers and retailers of renewable energy exported to the grid are able to negotiate from a position of strength as to the prices to be paid to the exporters, so that a market price mechanism is already in place, without the need for Government taxes and an administrative structure that will add further costs to energy prices and disadvantage the exporters to the advantage of the fossil fuel producers.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I consider the idea of imposing any sort of tax on the use of the sun to produce electricity is totally unacceptable and completely un-Australian. This is a ridiculous cash grab and would only hurt the people who have dug deep and done their bit toward the reduction of this country's total reliance on burning fossil fuel for electricity production.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gregory North

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging solar owners to export electricity to the grid is a despicable insult to those who are taking action towards sustainability. Coal-burning energy companies pollute with impunity while those doing what is required are to be penalised? How is this ridiculous idea being considered?

We need to get serious about sustainability and local power generation is a great start.

Solar generators should be paid a fair feed-in tariff not penalised for doing what makes sense economically and environmentally.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear All,

We trust you are all well in the Covid stricken time, it is time to reflect on the future, which is unfolding every nanosecond, the past is the past and cannot be redeemed, however, we can plan for the unfolding future which means saving the very planet we live on.

As octogenarians we have looked to the future for our children, which if we put commonsense is put before political ambition and company profit, will be safe and secure from an energy perspective.

We have solar panels and batteries, to alleviate the excesses of the profit takers, and ensure we can live in our own home for as long as we have left on the Blue Planet.

However, schemes to destroy this safety by the profit takers is a threat to our well being and our childrens future.

Please consider the long term view and encourage renewables, do not discourage investment by imposts for the benefit of the profit takers, energy supply is a SERVICE which we all partake in, treat it as a SERVICE and not a cash cow for the profit takers,

Best wishes,

Angela & David Harwood (Just hanging on)

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think this is a terrible idea as the big power companies are already benefiting from paying very low rates for excess solar power from households and already there are high fixed costs on electricity bills. It is the dirty coal generators who should be paying higher costs as the damage they are doing is adversely affecting us all through global warming.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Anything for a quick buck yes? Perhaps you could start charging us for the air we breathe, Iâ€™m sure thatâ€™s next. Reprobates.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

i vote no to a sun tax.

why would you tax something that makes the earth a cleaner place to live! This proposal is driven by corporate greed, plain and simple! If this proposal is approved, i will use my vote at the next State and federal elections to have it overturned.

This continual attack on green energy leaves a lot to be desired.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Having saved and then spent considerable funds on rooftop solar I am very angry about the proposal to charge home owners for exporting solar to the grid. Instead of charging home owners for doing the right thing by using renewables, solar should be made more affordable so more households will be encouraged to install panels and batteries. I installed solar to decrease my footprint and my electricity bills not to prop up dirty coal and pay extra for electricity.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Do not tax solar, which is cheap and clean. Tax fossil fuels which are dirty and toxic and harmful to the health of people and of the environment.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

It is unconscionable to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid. That is simply big energy producers punishing people who have installed solar panels as a way of making a contribution to decreasing the effects of climate change by hitting them with a sun tax. Every support should be given to those who support renewable energy.

The benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

More criminal activity from corporations and govt. it not enough weâ€™ve paid thousands of dollars already, in an effort to reduce costs, now you want to tax us for feeding in free energy from the sun?!?!?! CRIMINALS!!!! Psychopaths!!!! Sociopaths is all you are. Greedy thieving pigs.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Why should we spend thousands of dollars to setup solar systems on our homes and then get taxed to export the energy that WE HAVE PAID FOR!!

We cannot always use all the energy we produce during the day. We all try to be as efficient as possible and use our energy when the sun shines. We are getting charged top dollar for all the kWh we use plus we pay a daily fee. Its only in summer that a lot of us are able to export energy anyhow. During the winter months we cannot. If an export tax is imposed then getting solar on your house is really not worth it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the AEMC members,

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Other research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy in times of need.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

This is an example of Foreign owned power companies trying to push the price of power up and make larger profits!

This shows the obvious need for a fair and equal feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Respectfully

Graham Macleod

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

With the planet warming up and after being involved in local bushfires I find it incredibly hard to believe that citizens would be taxed for taking the initiative to help reduce our carbon emission. Shame, shame, shame.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please oppose a tax on solar

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) will soon decide whether to introduce a charge for solar owners who export their clean energy to the grid. Don't scrap the rules that prevent networks from charging solar owners for exporting their power. The rule changes are supposed to make our energy system fairer by having solar owners pay more for network costs. But big polluting coal and gas power stations don't have to pay a cent to export their energy, so why should households have to pay to share clean solar? Especially when research shows that rooftop solar lowers wholesale power prices and reduces network costs for poles and wires by providing decentralised power. A sun tax won't fix inequities in our energy system, it would impose costs on Australians who have done the right thing and invested in clean local power they can share with their neighbours. Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides. And there are plenty of better ways to make our energy system fairer for everyone. Instead of a sun tax, our leaders should invest in solar and batteries for public housing, and expand programs that enable low income and rental households to access the benefits of solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am writing to voice my objections to your proposal on what is effectively a solar tax for home owners.

It is unfair that you are asking home owners to pay this effective tax on solar exported when power companies do not.

It also seems very unwise to create yet more obstacles to generating clean energy. The suggestion that home solar is a burden on the network is largely unfounded, proven by research done recently by the University of NSW.

The collective power benefit still outweighs the much smaller additional network cost. Do not create an impost on solar home owners.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This Sun Tax, will hinder people taking up solar for the home. This is punishing people for doing the right thing. How about forcing electricity companies, to upgrade the grid. Fixing the problem on their end. By proposing a Sun Tax, you are going after low hanging fruit. You are kicking the can further down the road, with band-aid measures. Have real guts, and ask for the whole electricity grid to be brought into the 21st Century.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is obviously just an attempt to offset losses to big energy companies from solar installations.  
Greed is destroying this planet. Shove your tax up our [REDACTED]! grubs

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think taxing domestic PV power exports is unfair, as large fossil fuel power producers do not have to pay to export to the grid. The environmental and health benefits of low carbon Solar power should be supported, not taxed. Coal power stations contribute to the early deaths of hundreds of Australians through increased particulate, heavy metals and NO2 emissions, yet we do not tax this filthy and dangerous power. Solar provides a cleaner, safer alternative, one that is eminently suited to local power grids via smart grid technology. I am aware of UNSW research that shows the impact of solar on our networks has been overestimated. Solar system owners deserve a fair feed-in tariff that recognises that their exported power is cleaner, healthier, and benefits all electricity users by pushing down wholesale electricity prices. I have had a PV system for 10 years, and this will unfairly impact me. I'm proud to have installed a system that has exported over 12,000 clean kWh to our grid. I shouldn't be punished for this.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A tax on solar energy would be regressive and almost certainly result in a change of government next election.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There needs to be a fairer feed in tariff stop taxing rain and sun what next

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar energy, as a renewable form of energy, needs to be promoted and supported by government. To tax it would be a disincentive and highly irresponsible in the face of the increasing impact of climate change.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is absolutely unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. In fact, this should be reversed. Solar owners should be paid a fair price for exporting their clean energy. Currently the grid buys it back at LESS than what it charges the consumer.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. You should be i

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household. You should be investigating this.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A charge on exporting clean energy back into the grid is extremely unfair. Given the push for renewables many people including myself had solar panels installed. In effect you are trying to tax the Sun!!!! Of course the big power companies don't have to pay for exporting and as usual the everyday person is being targeted.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

One of the main selling points on solar was saving money. That is now jepordised by this new proposal. I am not wealthy and this proposal will add unnecessary financial strain.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

I wonder who benefits from this proposal certainly not people who own solar panels!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

The proposition to charge household solar for exporting surplus solar into the network is unfair as the price received for exporting solar is artificially low in the first place. The daily supply charge is meant to cover the network costs. As we are transitioning away from traditional power generation and the old inward flow of electricity, it should be recognised that the existing network is not suitable for the distributed generation of electricity. What should happen is that the daily supply charge should be set or a surcharge (temporary) on the daily supply charge to enable the network to be upgraded sufficiently so that it can handle the distributed (two way) flow of electricity generation and bottleneck in the existing transmission system. No to a charge on solar exporters, it is unfair and not place on dirty power generator.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It seems inconceivable that the very people who have done most to reduce Australia's Green House Gas emissions are to be charged to do so. If households are to be charged to export then every other energy supplier should also be charged proportionally - that would be a huge cost for coal powered generators.

I understand the need for controls over supplies moving in and out of the grid and I understand that except in South Australia little has been done to provide a stable electricity supply. South Australia has shown not only is it possible it is profitable to accept the energy from rooftop solar and have a stable grid.

My partner and I installed a roof top solar system in 2009. Being as there was not a large solar industry then our 2.2KW system cost us over \$20000. Whilst having the system has reduced our need to import electricity from the grid it has not reduced it to the extent that the system has paid for itself. How do you justify considering changing the rules so that people like us who were encouraged by Government to install are left financially worse off than we would have been had we done nothing?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

This would be a backward step for the government to take severely impeding our efforts in reducing our carbon footprint.

Our government needs to STOP pandering to big businesses to the detriment of the Australian people.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I don't think that anyone can reasonably argue that solar energy is bad for humanity. The vast majority of scientists tell us that solar energy is indeed massively preferable to non-renewable energy sources like coal and oil and gas. To penalise solar generators at any level, and particularly while subsidising fossil-fuel generators, is not only counter to common sense, but probably amounts to a crime against humanity.

Yes, I have solar panels on my roof, and yes I therefore have a vested interest in the proposal to levy residential solar generators. But this is not about me. It is about the existential threat to the planet caused by global warming and climate change. Fossil fuels are huge contributors to these issues. Renewables are relatively tiny contributors. Renewables are inevitable and they are desirable. Please do not delay the inevitable with this regressive plan.

Thanks

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There is nothing more crucial and urgent than decarbonising our economy, fast. \*Nothing\* more crucial and urgent, especially considering our children and grandchildren. Given that, every encouragement has to be given to everyone prepared to help, for example by installing solar, preferably with battery. It's crazy that we have been made to buy smart meters, but these are scarcely used! Why can't I buy and sell electricity from and to the grid, in real time, as is best for the grid and for me? Solar, with or without batteries must be regarded as a wonderful resource for the grid to make best use of. Put all your attention to rapidly developing options for microgrids, VPPs, developing a robust grid, but NOT penalising folks who are investing to try to help.

Geoff Cumming

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**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is illegal and ridiculous, the sun is free. The government does not own the sun, did not provide the sun, and does not maintain nor deliver sunlight. The government therefore has no right to tax it, it is illegal, only god/nature can tax sunlight should they choose too, and to lay claim to it is to commit the largest crime of theft against god and nature.

The only thing they are doing is protecting the electricity providers. They only own their respective power producing plants and the wire, /infrastructure to deliver it. They can only charge for those services. They do not own or control the sun and therefore cannot make any claim for it. And the harder they pursue these matters, the more people will move to solar and storage battery plants and be totally independent of the electricity providers, so cutting their own throats. They would be much better off moving to solar production and solar panel, storage battery production themselves, to make another buck.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

As a owner of a 3.5 kw solar System. I paid for This system to help move forward away from fossil fuels by feeding in clean energy to the grid I personally make verY little on the energy that I feed back into the grid and feel that the energy company is making enough profit on each kw without The customer being taxed further.

This is unfair treatment of the solar industry and favouring the fossil fuel industry as dirty energy is not taxed.

I also feel that the energy I feed into the grid gives people who cannot afford solar an opportunity to purchase clean energy from companies like Red energy.

I strongly oppose any tax on renewable energy as this will discourage the installation of roof top solar and hurt the industry which provides clean energy and a more sustainable future.

Sally Cavanagh

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please add my name to the list of people totally opposed to taxing solar power. Governments should be supporting, not hampering, alternative power.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Stephen Pepper

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The AEMC's brief includes creating a fair energy system for ALL Australians. Yet I understand you propose that rooftop households be taxed for their exported electricity while gas and coal power stations exporting electricity be exempt. How is that equitable?



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment to the AEMC regarding the proposal to charge solar owners for exporting energy back to the grid. I do not support such a proposal, and here is why:

1. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
2. Power companies have long had issues with system overload, long before rooftop solar came along. Perhaps the companies need to upgrade their systems to deal with increasing supply and demand, rather than loading all their problems onto rooftop solar owners.
3. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when outmoded and polluting fossil fuel power companies don't have to pay for exporting energy.
4. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
5. There needs to be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Why would you want to add to the household expense of providing power? Rooftop solar owners are trying to do the right thing; provide affordable energy and reduce their carbon emissions, penalising them makes no sense at all.

Sincerely

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Rob Newbury

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Sure, let's have a tax on the sun. Once the government has done that they could put a tax on gravity and the air we breathe. C'mon, there's profit to be had here people.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** JoAnn Williams

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I wish to object to the possible introduction of a sun tax on solar owners sending power back to the grid.

Solar owners have chosen to help our environment by installing solar panels. To now charge a tax for assisting the energy grid with solar energy is just wrong. Any solar energy sent back to the grid helps the energy company to stretch their energy supply.

Many solar owners are now pensioners and this tax would place more strain on the pensioner budget. We were all encouraged to go solar for the benefit of our environment and help reduce our energy costs and now this proposed is like a punishment for investing in solar and investing in the environment.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This has always been on the cards, and this is the sole reason I don't have solar!!!

It's the big, filthy, polluting power companies that are ruining our planet!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** George Stevenson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

So the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering charging solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, surely this in itself should suggest that the AEMC is really the mouthpiece of the cartel of dirty polluting electricity generators and should be ashamed. You bunch of thieves are nothing short of environmental terrorists that are selling out to whomever will hand out a brown paper bag stuffed with cash.

Is it not enough that you take our excess production for a pittance and then charge us back to use this at 3 times what you have paid us, is it not enough that your industry gouges us to maintain the network but spend very little on the network. Maybe you should be thinking about penalising the distributors for every outage or force them to refund us for a service they are not providing. They are no better than AMP charging the dead for life insurance. Seriously this is the only industry that is all care and [REDACTED] all responsibility, and now you want to give these foreign owned companies another free pass. Is it any wonder why the Australian economy is screwed when morons are considering proposals such as these.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Les Bennett

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I cannot believe that after spending several thousand dollars putting solar panels on my roof, exporting significant energy to the grid, (for which I receive a pittance), I will now PAY for the 'privilege' of handing over basically free energy.

Really ? you are joking ? I find this possibility most offensive.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Lesley Walsh

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is very unfair that those with domestic solar should be paying a unfair tax because we add to the grid with clean energy.

Solar panels on roof tops of domestic customers assists the power company's and this assistance far outweighs the infrastructure costs for such companies.

There should be a fair feed in tariff which would be of a benefit for all consumers.

Research from the UNSW shows that solar is much cheaper and cleaner than other other fronts of electricity eg coal. Those companies which source coal do not pay taxes in this country which drives up costs of production and transmission of electricity. It's time we stopped giving a free ride to coal producing companies who use coal for electric generation and pass on these cost to consumers very unfairly.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Solar Citizens should be supported and encouraged not extorted. Clean energy should be free. Take the money from the big polluting coal and gas power stations.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please - no tax on the sun:

- i) Research shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives can provide network benefits by supplying local energy;
- ii) It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting;
- iii) Research by UNSW shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- iv) There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Regards,

John

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a rooftop solar supplier I object to being penalised for contributing to the changes required to achieve positive climate change. If the tax is imposed I will upgrade to an off the grid system and bypass sharing the passive energy I generate

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Michael Kane

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

In a time of dangerous climate change regulators should be making it cheap and economically attractive for people, community, business and governments to invest in renewable energy and roof top solar. There are other ways to lower power costs or make the market more 'equitable' for households who can't afford or can not have solar. Community solar trials, building regulations, green investment funds and loan programs are happening all around the world and could easily be adopted in Australia. Taxing rooftop solar energy providers is a poor policy solution and ignores the dire need for our economy to be 100% carbon neutral as quickly as possible.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Now that everyone is investing thousands of dollars in solar energy to save the planet, you have decided make a money grab by taxing solar investors.

Solar power is not polluting the planet and destroying the atmosphere, tax the fossil fuel companies if you need money, as the clean up bill from them is enormous.

This is a punitive tax that is nothing more then another way to tax the working class instead of the rich.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I'm writing to express my astonishment at the prospect that a tax might be levied on a natural resource, the capture of which has been paid for by private citizens. It does beggar belief.

In a country where the amount paid to said private citizen is very often HALF of what that exact same energy is resold for (by the energy retailers) a decision to further disenfranchise potential homeowners, via a tax on their exports, these self-same homeowners, intent on 'doing their bit' for the environment are to be penalised for doing so - is utterly dumbfounding!

Why should solar exporters be levied a tax when highly polluting fossil fuel electricity generators (coal and gas) are not??

Solar homeowners are 'doing their bit' to commit to a progressive future - levying a tax is unfounded and a retrogressive step that should never even be contemplated let alone actioned.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Having borrowed funds to install pv panels and batteries, the imposition of a new, retrospective tax on solar feedin is grossly unfair.

It is also unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when fossil fuel power companies (coal and gas) don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Small solar generators (households etc) should not be charged for exporting their surplus energy to the grid. As well as research quoted by Soar Citizens, another reason is that these small solar owners have made their investment decisions based on the absence of grid charges for solar exports. Solar feed-in also reduces peak demands from large generators - hence lowering overall costs - by eliminating the need for expensive peaking generators, which are idle most of the time.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

This is an inherently unfair and skewed proposed charge being imposed on taxpayers, who through their taxes are already paying for grid infrastructure.

There does not seem to be any recognition of the benefits that citizens who have taken the step to install solar and export clean renewable energy to the grid have on reducing carbon emissions and driving down the price of wholesale power.

Large fossil fuel companies are not charged to export to the grid, nor are they charged for the carbon they emit or the increased risk to the impacts of Climate Change on all of us. Why should households who are doing the right thing, consuming and exporting clean green energy, despite Government inaction and lack of long term policy direction be penalised? The unfairness of the proposition is staggering!

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, with cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Please be guided by the science not the rhetoric and vested interest of lobby groups.

Over the last few years the feed in tariff has been steadily reduced, again one suspects due to industry lobbying, this is also unfair. The feed in tariff should be set taking into consideration the environmental, health and climate risk mitigation it provides.

The feed in tariff for residential solar has already been driven down, now please do not compound that by adding a cost to export electricity to the grid on top of that.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

NO SOLAR TAX. THIS IS THE AVERAGE AUSTRALIANS CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET.

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**Submission:**

Submission on AEMC proposal to charge small solar residential customers for exporting to the grid

I had my small solar panel system (1.5kw) installed in early 2011 and was fortunate to have this at the premium Feed-in tariff for a 15 year contract. I also adopted an electricity contract with my grid electricity supplier of 100% green power.

My solar panels have reduced my grid electricity and also substantially saved on green house emissions. As an early adopter, it provided the necessary impetus for expansion of solar to bring down the cost of this technology.

My solar system also reduced my electricity costs at a time when I was casually employed when tight budgeting was important. I am now retired and the credit the solar produces continues to contribute to the affordability of electricity at a time when I need to use my reverse cycling air conditioning for my health both for winter heating and summer cooling.

My solar panels actually assist in reducing energy demand in the grid, especially during peak demand during extreme heat events in summer. Myself and with thousands of other solar exporters provides a substantial saving avoiding the necessity for generation to meet this peak capacity.

But I also reflect that through my solar panels and paying the fee for 100% renewable green power I cause zero greenhouse gas emissions in my household energy usage (I have converted my gas cooktop to electric and gas hot water to electric boosted solar).

If as an occasional solar energy exporter to the grid I am charged a transmission fee, then surely coal and gas energy generators should also be charged at an even higher premium given the greenhouse gas emissions they cause?

I understand that a recent Greenpeace report this year found that coal-burning power stations is responsible for 800 premature deaths, 14,000 asthma symptoms among children and 850 cases of low birth weight in newborns each year.

<https://act.greenpeace.org.au/lethal-power-report>

This is a major health consequence and should be taken account of as part of AEMO considerations.

All energy exporters should be provided with a fair a tariff for exporting electricity to the grid that takes into account the technology, the social context, greenhouse emissions and pollution generated and the substantial health impacts imposed or avoided.

Yours Sincerely

John Englart

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**Submission:**

It is appalling that you do not do everything in your power to assist and encourage renewables. The planet and all life on earth is being abused and especially by those using fossil fuels. Fossil fuels damage the health of humans and most other life form. Please ensure health of all and the planet comes before profit.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

the government paid us to collect solar. it is criminal to be charging to collect solar power. we should be rewarded for saving our planet. this Sun Tax proposal is an insult.

I am totally against it.

it is a disgrace. to even ask or suggest it.

more reasons why I am against it below

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Absolute MAGGOTS to charge you on something that you own not them or anyone else as it is your system just like power companies generating power,well lets start charging them & lets also start charging Politicians for all the energy crap that comes out of there MOUTHS as that is all the energy ■■■ that they can ever generate & why we are at it sell there ■■■ that they dribble & have a habit of destroying lives to overseas & not come back,maybe send them with also....

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am making this submission because I believe a tax on solar energy is grossly unfair. These are the reasons why: Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. I am a rooftop solar owner and I think charging me for solar exports would make my contribution less useful.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Just another way to allow Australia fall behind. Seemingly following the troglodyte Feds

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

While people are benefitting with small amounts of capital return, they are also doing a service to the environment. To tax them for use of the sun is preposterous and belies the notion of being a Citizen.

Surely the financial gain is insignificant and as such, we need to put any thought of a tax out of the question.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

There is no way a tax or charge to solar roof top owners can be seen as a positive move

AND

A time when Australia should be stepping up and leading the way to Climate change policies and plans - What about the environment and Climate?

It's not all about dollars. This will put people off going solar when the future of the planet needs more people making good, safe, clean energy choices

Where I live the feed in tariff has dropped to as little as 7 cents This mean the energy supplier is getting extra sustainable clean energy and charging up to around 28 cents to customers at peak time of use. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid NOT a Tax

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This idea an absolute 'rip off'.

Those people who put solar energy into the grid are already under compensated for the actual value of their energy contribution. Regardless the Energy Market seems determined to hinder them even more.

The only conclusion to this policy for seeking to a tax the contributors is to deter people from investing in the solar energy options for their homes. It is as if there is a deliberate war against investment by people who seek to use solar energy for the provision of free natural energy to supplement their power requirements.

Is the AEMC also planning to tax all the other power provider for accessing the grid?

Well No, I do not think so. If sounds like, looks like and smells like the instigation of this plan/[policy is corrupt act on behalf of the AEMC, then that is exactly what it would be.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is a disgusting attempt to hinder renewable energies by fossil-fuel lobbyists.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

This suggestion is simple idiocy. The government should be encouraging to use of clean energy, not taxing it. Clean energy is our only hope for the future, and the government should be subsidising it not discouraging it.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Is this a joke? So when are the electricity companies going to pay me the going rate for the electricity I generate and feed back into the grid, at the present time I am lucky to get a 1/4 of the going rate. What money hungry Government bean counter thought this up? Seems to me this bean counter is trying to justify his/her job. Why not take our tax funded benefits of ALL the POLITICIANS!!!! NOW THAT IS SOMETHING I WOULD SUPPORT HANDS DOWN !!! Regards C Smith

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear commissioners.

I hope there is no tax or other financial penalties for people who have installed solar systems on their property. I am sure that if you do then everyone who can will stop exporting to the grid??? As I will.

Regards Wally



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I would consider implementing a sun tax as a gross and criminal act of corruption by AEMC. It flies in the face of anti competition laws and all forms of consumer protection. If AEMO has been directed to implement this charge by the fight wing sector of our Commonwealth Government then I insist that ASIC conducts a full investigation into the matter. Incidentl y, I am a Liberal voter.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

The idea of this tax is a joke a defeats the whole point.

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Power producers such as coal fired plants are not being charged any tax on their production. In the contrary, they are being subsidised with people's tax money to run the show and the beneficiaries are the shareholders. This is also part of the reason why electricity costs are high.

Me, as a private residential power producer, have received a one-off rebate by the state government (thank you). Despite that, it will still take me years to break even on what I invested. If I now get hit with an extra tax on my power exported to the grid, it will be decades until break even.

Should AEMC decide to put a tax on my power exported, I will simply and seriously consider disconnecting from the grid and I hope many will follow. Agreeably any such action will not help much in transitioning to renewables, but this might not be in the interest of AEMC anyway. As the word of the proposed change clearly indicates, "a tax", it is only and simply about greed, money grab!

It is sad to still see that so many supposedly (smart) thinking people can not get their head around the situation but instead still ride on the money grab rodeo as nothing was or has happened. And most of these leaders, experts and decision makers are either subsidised or remunerated entirely on the people's money, the tax. So, even more tax is the answer?

I clearly think, to tax renewable producers for excess production of energy supplied to the grid (a service provided which needs to be paid for appropriately) borders on extreme exploitation, a criminal offence.

You notice, I have not mentioned climate change. The reason being it has absolutely nothing to do with!

Please also consider the current situation, recession (!), the pandemic, it will certainly not help already financially suffering Australians.

I urge the AEMC decision makers to re-consider this completely unfair tax and scrap the proposal. It might backfire in an awfully bad way.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have no income, and my electricity bill is the only one I don't have to worry about. This would add hundreds of dollars to my cost of living. I've already paid \$10,000 for the installation, if you make it so I have to pay for the electricity then there is no reason for anybody to make this investment and network usage and demands on the power grid will surely go up. This is the most stupid thing I have ever heard of, making people pay for power they produced themselves. It's all an attempt by power companies not to lose money when power demands are increasing. You need to encourage people to produce more power at peak times such as when the sun is shining brightly and its hot, so all the air conditioners are on - having solar power available to soak up that extra demand at the place that is creating the demand is the answer.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To who it may concern,

To impose a cost on solar panel owners who are exporting free green energy to the grid is the most ridiculous and backward of ideas.

This would only benefit the energy companies who want to sell more dirty power. This would also delay the necessary move from greenhouse energy to clean energy that is crucial to reducing our greenhouse footprint and meeting our agreed targets to the UN Paris Agreement.

Stop standing in the way of moving Australia to a clean energy, low cost future. Axe the sun tax!!!

Best regards,

Geraldine.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC

when you start taxing Origin etc millions of dollars to connect to the grid you can then talk about taxing solar owners. Additionally I can put a good argument that my \$100+ dollars connection fee per quarter are already a tax on my being connected to the grid. If you insist in going ahead with this foolish move then I will have to seriously consider disconnecting totally

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**Submission:**

What's the point of heading towards zero carbon emissions 2050 (should be sooner in my opinion) if the government is going to charge people more for doing the right thing which is transitioning to greener renewable solar energy? Just doesn't make any sense to have this sun tax when we can't even get a carbon tax through to the dirty fossil fuel burning industries. If this tax gets through, then carbon tax should be implemented immediately. It's not all about jobs anymore, it's guaranteeing a future for our children.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I paid for solar panels for my home because I wanted to utilise clean renewable energy. I appreciate my FIT, but it is not the main reason I have solar panels at home. Home solar is reducing the wholesale cost of electricity and contributing during peak demand times. Homeowners should not have to pay to export to the grid. For older people like me, on fixed incomes, having to pay to export my excess power to the grid will be a big burden. Please do not make this change.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar. Furthermore, the long term effects of climate change on power costs and household's attempts to mitigate this should be taken into consideration.

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**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

In fact during peak demand periods in summer, solar systems can play a role in stabilizing the grid. Policy to incorporate storage at scale along with more solar is beneficial for the entire electrical grid. A tax on energy generation

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household. by solar would be counter to this.

It is also unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Fossil fuel based generation if properly accounted for via a pollution tax would be less viable. At a time when the world needs to combat climate catastrophe a tax should in fact be placed on coal fired generation and not on renewables.

There should also be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognize the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A tax on sunshine??? Absolutely draconian. Solar energy is the way of the future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

If AEMC allows charging of solar owners for export to the grid, I will go off-grid completely and enjoy free energy from the sun, I cannot understand the concept of charging for grid export, I assume it means the suppliers are not providing as much electricity as they want and look to solar owners as a soft touch !! To have power connected to my property in 2009, cost me \$35000 which I then had to sign over to the provider, If I had known the proposed charging of grid export was likely, I would have gone off-grid from the start. Climate Change is real, why can't the Governments accept it ????

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Taxing sunlight is like signing your letter of retirement.

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**Submission:**

At a time when we KNOW global warming is accelerating & will deliver disastrous impacts for all, policies should be directed to incentivize decarbonizing our economy & promoting uptake of climate resilience & renewables.

Attempt to tax solar is a criminally negligent proposal to tax those who have converted - to protect our collective future, whilst giving tax cuts elsewhere - for no positive gain

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

Re: Proposed Sun Tax.

Any sort of tax applied to solar systems exporting to the grid would be a major disincentive for existing solar owners to export and new comers to connect future systems to the grid. Currently the hundreds of thousands of households exporting their excess power to the grid helps to assist in the power shortages while also providing cheap power for energy providers which helps keep power prices down. We as solar owners have already paid significant tax on the purchase of the systems and still pay tax on supply of power and services from energy companies. The current FIT is way to low and provides almost no assistance in our running costs and maintenance.

We all must do our bit to reduce our effect on the environment by reducing our carbon emissions, alternative energy sources like solar does this and must be fostered and encouraged.

Should such a tax be introduced we would no longer find it viable to export our excess power and would disconnect it from the grid, likely go off grid completely.

I trust that you will see that such a proposal to tax the sun is ill-conceived and unproductive, does nothing for power consumers, power companies, solar owners or the environment.

Sincerely,

Ashley Henwood

18 Panel, 5KW Solar Owner



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Governments have no right to Tax people for something that is given freely to the world. Next government will what to put a Tax on everything that that the SUN provides life to, e.g. Food, flora/fauna, daylight etc.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We need to keep clean air by clean energy

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**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

A tax on the sun just when we need to move away from fossil fuels? Where's the logic?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I installed solar on my roof in 2017, in the interest of reducing my carbon impact and accessing green energy. I am expecting that my solar installation will be cost neutral in another 5 years or so, but this was not a reason for installing solar, and the prohibitive cost of installing solar means that it is generally not a decision made for economic reasons.

In the time I have had solar, my input into the grid (about 8,000 kwh) roughly matches my usage that I have paid for. However, the pittance I receive for the power I send to the grid is at most a 20% rebate on the cost of energy received from the grid. Taxing this input seems ridiculous - particularly when viewed in the context above, where I still have a major cost for being power neutral on the grid. This tax would be complicated in nature (allocation of tax responsibility within a household, obtaining the data) and will serve to undermine the solar industry. We should be wholeheartedly supporting solar power as a national priority, not continually cutting away at its affordability and feasibility.

This tax proposal seems to be a further way of propping up the major energy providers, and making it harder for people to become more green in their power choices. The feed-in tariff is already too small, let alone with it being taxed.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

I hope you will take my views into consideration. This seems to be another example of big business (and government) waging a war against individuals trying to do the right thing,

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

That is unfair to tax solar energy being returned to the grid

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

I wish to register with you my strident opposition to the proposed rule changes to allow network operators to charge domestic solar owners for exporting to the grid.

- there are already substantial network charges for all consumers that are paying for the networks
- solar panels are paid for entirely out of the pockets of private citizens who have to do this to reduce their own energy costs and to do so in a way that moves the planet towards a lower greenhouse gas emissions trajectory. Furthermore these solar power systems provide considerable advantages to networks by maintaining voltage and easing supply at the ends of the grid
- such a move by the AEMC will only encourage solar owners to take their systems off-grid, resulting in fewer customers for networks, less fixed income from connection fees and push the networks closer to a death-spiral
- network operators do not have a god-given nor statutory right to extract an almost fixed income per residence or business on the grid. If power companies have been slow to react to consumer demands for green power, and have engaged in anti-consumer practices that have deliberately attempted to game the energy market bidding systems to maximise the cost of power that have driven up consumer electricity costs to the point where domestic solar is a worthwhile investment at the single-household and single-business level, then those network operators and power producers ONLY HAVE THEMSELVES TO BLAME and should NOT BE SEEKING GUARANTEED INCOME income for their investors by way of regulatory changes permitting additional charges to consumers
- we can all be electricity producers as well as consumers now and the old businesses that grew up in the age of one-way power supply and profit need to get used to that fact and work with their clients to provide a bigger, better, cleaner electricity system for the nation, not the opposite, as these proposed changes seek to enable

Yours sincerely,

Leon Smith

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMC

I am furious that AEMC would consider charging properties with solar that feed into the grid.

Property owners should be congratulated for caring about the catastrophe climate change we are experiencing and for making a positive contribution to reducing atmospheric carbon emissions by using solar energy.

Australia should be leading the way with solar and I know roof top solar is a major contributor to creating a clean green energy system which will enable Australia to meet its Paris Agreement targets.

This action is driven by the climate deniers and by the fossil fuel industry that profits from environmental destruction.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Rooftop Solar provides the network with an abundant source of clean energy at a low cost.

The provision of renewable energy needs to be encouraged with a fair feed in tariff and not discouraged.

Any problems created by rooftop solar can be addressed and need to be as the network changes to accommodate a mix of inputs.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is an diabolical suggestion, and would weaken the green energy plans for the future!

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging domestic solar generators for supplying power to the grid is nothing other than theft and totally unacceptable. We should be congratulated for taking up renewable not punished. How about dropping subsidies to fossil fuel companies to raise funds?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am in receipt of an aged pension of less than \$900 per fortnight. I installed my solar array about twelve years ago because I wanted to do my bit to help our environment. Now, my solar array is helping me meet the costs of living.

Why should I pay to export to the grid when big companies that produce power from polluting oil and gas do not? Renewable energy will provide economic and environmental benefit. We should be encouraging, not discouraging solar installations.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Charging solar households for exporting electricity back to the grid, what a ridiculous and stupid proposal! Are large dirty coal fired power companies charged for putting their electricity into the grid? NO! They are in fact getting very cheap power from solar households and selling it back to consumers at inflated prices.

Roof top solar in fact, drives down the cost of power to wholesale suppliers. The massive take-up of roof top solar by the general public proves that the community wants to move away from dirty coal generation. This movement should be encouraged for the sake of our planet, children and grandchildren and not penalised by being taxed.

I implore you to drop this idea of charging homeowners for exporting their excess solar energy back to the grid.

Warwick Hempel

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi

I am a house owner with solar panels. I bought them on the assumption I can send excess to the grid and earn credits. Please do not remove this important credit that underpins the ROI on my investment. In addition, a change will be a disincentive to other households buying solar panels and our environment needs more solar panels not less. Please find another solution that doesn't penalise consumers.

Thanks

Sam Evans

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am writing to express my grave concern about any tax or levy on rooftop solar being provided to the power grid.

As a retired person I have invested a considerable part of my capital in rooftop solar and batteries as a necessary protection of my limited income from continually escalating power prices. I provide excess solar to the grid solely at the determination of the power company. I have absolutely no control over the draw down of solar or the feed in tariff rate used to credit me for the draw down, and therefore I have less control of my power bills than I expected.

A tax or levy on rooftop solar would completely reverse the altruistic and economic reasons for me to continue to provide solar to the grid. Otherwise it will have a distressing impact on my limited financial position into the future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I don't agree to being taxed on our solar rebate.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not tax those of us who have saved enough money to place solar panels on our rooftops, so that we can at least not pay exorbitant electricity charges.

I am an aged pensioner and need every cent of saving I can find, which is why I bought solar panels.

Australia is the perfect place in which to have a massive solar industry, as solar is non polluting, unlike coal and gas, which are slowly, but surely killing the planet e all know and love.

The Morrison government has decided to not give we pensioners the increase we have always received, and this adds to the burden on our shoulders once more.



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Imposing a tax in home solar is as stupid as the English window tax that was. People avoided it by blocking up windows and depriving themselves of health giving sunlight.

Australians are very ingenious and will find a way to circumvent this tax. If they withdraw their power from the grid it will only put more

demand on centralised power sourcesl.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It's clear that household solar power has made a massive difference to grid demand in the states and territories, as we head towards a possible 30 Gw of rooftop solar in Australia in the future, this energy security will be vital for us. A sun tax is inequitable, backward-looking, and dangerous. Please don't bring it in!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I installed 18 panels on the roof of a small flat with a view to benefiting from payment for the surplus power produced. I believe that it would be inappropriate to introduce a tax on power supplied to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I cannot believe that AEMC is considering charging households to feed solar energy back to the grid.

I understand the need to upgrade our poles and wires infrastructure. Why should this cost be born by solar energy households alone?

We have invested in solar energy over nearly 20 years, with varied success, in part to encourage and support the development of renewable energy technologies. I believe it is so unfair to penalise us. We took action when the government wouldn't.

The government needs to come up with a better way to invest in future power. How can I be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies are receiving so much government support via tax based subsidies?

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

I have noticed that our feed-in tariff is already being reduced. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The overall financial benefits of solar energy outweigh any network costs caused by the solar input.  
(Victoria Energy Policy Centre)

Why should solar panel owners pay to export clean, renewable power to the grid, while fossil fuel producing power plants do NOT have to pay?

I am attempting to reduce my carbon footprint with solar power. Why should solar panel owners be penalized for doing the right thing by humanity and the planet?

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Don't strain solar power owners with more taxes. We're already getting minimum monetary value for our generation of electricity.

I strongly oppose this tax as it's only a reason to grab extra money from us.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

We have had Solar panels on our all-electric farm house rooftop for 11 years and in that time, we have seen many changes to the FIT. Each year since 2011, after an upgrade, we have exported more clean electricity to the grid than we have drawn, so we are better than carbon neutral in the electricity segment.

Due to the progressive increases in the Electricity charges and daily connection charges, over the years, our Electricity retailer/supplier (Origin/Powercor) are making a higher margin from the FIT and their power charges.

It is also interesting to note that if we were to sign up for 'green' power, then we would be charged around four times our FIT for, effectively, our own green electricity.

Now it is being proposed that green solar power households would be charged an additional fee for supplying that same green electricity to the power grid. What would the power company's margin be then?... Perhaps five or six times their cost?

In the current and future world climate scenario, it seems absurd that green electricity generation might be discouraged rather than encouraged.

A change to the FIT like this would encourage a lot of people to install batteries and for some, like us, to go off-grid entirely.

Ray Calaby.



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**Submission:**

In Australia, Filthy Fossil Fuels get upwards of \$1B per month in taxpayer subsidies.

Absent such a massive injection of support, distributed solar, which receives approximately \$0.16B per month in taxpayer subsidies. generates electric power at a price well below that of filthy fossil fuels.

Could it be that somebody with links to Filthy Fossil Fuels, has come up with this destructive and self serving idea, to try and slow the continuing uptake of solar?

We also know of course that distributed solar smooths delivery, thereby minimising surge price profits, to the distribution networks.

Could it be that somebody with links to the network operators has similarly come up with this destructive and self serving idea, to try and slow the continuing uptake of solar?

Is this idea a convergence of self interest and greed, ignoring the many manifest benefits that clean energy provide for all, for the short term personal benefits of an already well provided for few?

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**Submission:**

How on earth is it fair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting?

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Why is it necessary to look at solar as an issue when dirty power remains status quo?

Who does that benefit??

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

How dare the commission even think about charging an export fee for energy exported to the grid! We, the Australian public, at our own cost have installed energy gathering panels on our homes in an effort to reduce green house gasses and in doing so relieved the various State and Federal Governments of spending billions of dollars around the nation to build power stations to keep up with ever expanding usage. We have as a group stopped the need for Governments building coal and other green house gas producing power stations. It is you (Aust Government) who should be better compensating us and not dreaming up money gouging ways to take from those that have helped you. Shame on you and I will certainly be paying back your intentions in my vote come next election.

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**Submission:**

I understand AEMC is considering introducing export charges for rooftop solar 'prosumers'.

I think policy for small scale solar producers needs to encourage the uptake of solar across all demographics. All possible buildings should have solar thus maximizing this form of renewable generation as a proportion of both individual and system-wide consumption.

I am not in favor of any specific export charges for rooftop generators because these would be a disincentive to solar roll-out.

At the individual level, households need to pay a fair share of network costs. These are correctly built into existing billing arrangements.

Solar export benefits all electricity consumers both by increasing supply and by reducing prices by the merit order effect.

Charging small solar generators added export fees not paid by large generators would be both discriminatory and distorting of the market in favor of the latter.

To reward investment in this capacity and encourage its widespread adoption, small solar feed-in tariffs should reflect the real value of the energy exported, at the time it is exported.

Together with well planned large publicly owned & managed large scale network and generation assets, small scale solar can form a part of a reliable, resilient, low cost clean energy system.

I urge the AEMC to make this, rather than corporate profit for overseas fossil fuel companies, the basis of its decisions regarding solar export policy.

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**Submission:**

Solar is the future and it is a major part of saving our planet. Why is it that FREE AND CLEAN ENERGY lags so much behind dirty energy in Australia. Could it be that the econocrats and big business cannot countenance a world without unrestrained profits and power and governments nowadays are far too close or beholden to such structures.

Solar without constraint , solar with government support and selling to the community and especially business is our future and we need to move forward into sunshine and not backwards into the darkness of dirty energy.

We need no taxes on solar but much greater taxes on dirty energy, and in fact we need far greater incentives or subsidies for more and more people to move towards solar.

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**Submission:**

We purchased a solar system almost a year ago. We now have reduced our energy costs and usage which also benefits our planet. We now have a reduction to our feed in down to 10c/KWH, which is then sold back to us at 26cKWH! Pretty reasonable mark up i would have thought. Now, you want to penalise us for doing the right thing. Very difficult to understand that this is nothing more than trying to reduce solar take up to benefit major gas and electric suppliers?

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**Submission:**

When new technology makes old technology less efficient and more expensive, the old technology needs to get better or step aside!!

To put a levy on the new technology to offset it's price advantage makes an absolute farce of free market, capitalist dogma!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

Should there be network charges imposed on Roof top solar generation then there must be an equitable feed in tariff which the roof top solar owner can recoup their cost of installation and maintenance and also higher tariffs for time of day such as peak times.

There will be a need to have a balance of costs of exporting verses income of generation.

If battery storage is also used then this will require consideration on tariff levels that we , the roof top solar generators can recoup our costs.

As well if the proposal of a cost of supplying to the grid is imposed on Roof top solar generators then there will be no future for Solar generation and the industry will become redundant.

Will this then affect future renewable generation and the reduction in green house gas emitting generators , ie Brown coal, gas, etc.

The effect of such a TAX will have a devastating impact on renewable energy industry unless there is an equitable feed in tariff for compensation.



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**Submission:**

This proposal of taxing the sun is a naked revenue raising tactic which must be rejected outright. People who are spending their own money to install systems that provide clean energy, and contribute to a better, cleaner world for ourselves and future generations, should be rewarded not penalised.

I am completely over the nonsense being pedalled by the current federal government (and I have to say element of the federal opposition) that there is a place for fossil fuels going forward - this is a complete denial of the science and at odds with industry and agriculture groups who have got with the program and declared we should be setting targets for renewable and zero emissions.

Instead of being dishonest and playing to a minority constituent base they need to acknowledge the demonstrated economic benefits of renewable energy. The power companies themselves are planning for the decommissioning of existing carbon fired power stations.

As usual it is ordinary citizens and forward thinking businesses who are leading the change with politicians failing to overcome their own self interest in playing to their constituents. Instead they need to show leadership and to bring the community to considering the bigger picture.

Don't punish reward!

Kevin Moloney

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This is massively unfair to people with lower incomes who may have struggled to afford the solar panels in the first place and can't afford a battery. It is also ethically simply wrong.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

some years ago I made a decision to install a solar system on my roof after putting up with ever increasing electricity costs. Not being rich and now retired it was in my opinion the right decision to save guard my electricity supply at a minimal cost. Now not having any income, my initial investment paid off and at the moment I have free electricity from the sun and definitely think that it is totally unfair to charge a feed in tariff for my free sunshine

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

In times where we must reduce greenhouse gases, charging people to export solar will lead to a reduction of the take up of solar by those on lower income and an increase in going off grid (batteries) by those who can afford it. This will further increase the inequity of power prices across the board.

All generators of power work on a pay back principle, if there is no return there is no investment. There is no reason that this should not apply just because you are a small generator.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a pensioner, solar in the Northern Territory is the best safest cleanest affordable form of energy - One which private citizens have paid to install.

How can big dirty energy government funded companies have the gall to charge for exporting clean energy to the grid?

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**Submission:**

Solar panels are at their peak at the middle of the day. This tends to cause problems with the grid and I presume is part of the reason a solar tariff has been proposed.

Rather than imposing extra costs on people who have already invested in PV governments (like some) should subsidise household batteries to better regulate power coming back to the grid. Even better would be to encourage uptake of electric vehicles with V2G capability.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Hello,

The idea that consumers will be charged for supporting environmental solutions that are scientifically proven to be better for the earth is ridiculous. Stop being the reason people like me decide to leave this country and support the economy elsewhere.

Here are many more reasons why this is just a terrible idea that will snowball many other regressive ideas; Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

Thank you for your time reading this. I hope you take the time to look at the positive impact other countries have had using clean solar that is shared in a grid. It is a genius idea that seriously benefits so many people.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I feel that it is grossly unfair to charge solar panel households for exporting electricity when we should be encouraging and not discouraging solar panels. Please do not impose this fee



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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Citizens who are trying to do the right thing for the environment and the economy are sick and tired of being exploited in every possible way!!

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**Submission:**

I object to the imposition of a Sun Tax. I am a pensioner on a low income and having gone to the expense in good faith of having solar panels on my roof, I think this is totally exploiting a natural resource which should be free to all who invest like myself.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Shame on parliament trying to pervert the course of justice for our grandchildren by attacking cleaner energy on behalf of your donors , shame on you.

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The Australian Government should do everything possible to promote solar energy and the switch to a carbon-free future as soon as possible. It is much wiser in the long run; economically, socially, and environmentally. Forcing solar owners to pay to supply clean energy to the grid is simply irrational.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Rooftop solar produces clean energy direct from the sun. A sun tax would discourage new Rooftop installations and thus prevent lowering of our national greenhouse gas emissions. At present Rooftop producers are paid a paltry sum for the energy they send to the grid, a sun tax would be an unfair imposition.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The Federal Government needs to promote and encourage the development of solar energy not introduce a tax that will have the opposite effect

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I Total oppose any tax that dis-citified the progress of renewable energy

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar benefits all, be it people reducing their environmental impact, and reducing their electricity bills and helping the power companies by helping them reduce their need to use fossil fuels to generate power.

Research has shown the power companies benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Power companies charge well over the odds for the services they provide and this attempt to make even more money off a long suffering public is nothing but a rort and an attempt to stop the public daring to decide how they want to look after their power needs.

Power companies should be embracing maximum uptake of home solar not trying charge people for it



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I cannot believe you are seriously considering taxing solar owners. Coal companies receive support from governments and contribute to the destruction of our environment. It is about time the government stood up to Big Power and recognised the benefits of solar.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I did not install solar energy to be hijacked by another tax! This is not acceptable.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the AEMC, I totally reject and abhor your proposal to charge exporters of clean renewable power to the grid when huge dirty power companies don't have to pay to export. There should be a fair feed in tariff that recognises and rewards the environmental and health benefits of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. The benefits all solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Yours sincerely,

Teana Amor

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a retired couple a reduction in our feedbach solar will have a big impact. It seems illogical tofirst promote and now penalise those that have invested in solar panels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Wilma Green

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I would like to register my strong opposition to taxing me on the solar power which we feed back into the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jenny Mann

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair that you charge solar panel owners a tax on the renewable power they put back into the grid. We are still paying off our panels and if this happens weâ€™ll never have them paid for. We thought we were doing the right thing by getting solar panels, clean energy and helping by putting power back into the grid. Had we known this was coming we wouldnâ€™t have bothered.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Anne Findlay

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid is not rational. It benefits only fossil fuel providers and encourages more pollution.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Marina Fonlay

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We should be doing everything possible to help increase the shift to solar..... therefore add incentives n not tax

For the future of the planet.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Paul Sowter

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

The tariff received is very small. A tax would make it negligible.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To the AEMC please do not introduce a tax for exporting clean energy back to the grid. We are strongly are against this action for the following reasons:

- (1) Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
- (2) It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.
- (3) Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
- (4) There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
- (5) As a homeowner who has rooftop solar, this new tax will be an additional in cost in my electricity bill.

Thank you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Rod Hale

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please don't impose extra costs on solar owners. I am retired and trying to do the right thing for the environment, and can't afford an additional cost.

Thank you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Marian Wicks

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

People who put solar panels on their homes and workplaces should be rewarded, not penalised, for the excess power they send to the grid. This means power is available which is locally generated, so doesn't need to be transported long distances by the network wires, so there is less loss and more stability in the whole system. Ideally local community battery storage would be supplied too. So best use can be made of the generated power day and night.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Roslyn NORRISH

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not agree to a tax on solar....how dare they tax us for what we put back into the grid and then charge us for the same energy? Talk about getting you coming and going....it is not honest! But when has that ever stopped them?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Lesley Killen

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar must be part of every new house built. Home owner must be given assistance to purchase solar energy. Electric companies must pay more for Solar energy supplied to the grid. Home owner need to be encouraged to purchase solar panels. NO tax on solar energy. Solar energy is too expensive for most people and renters have no say in the issue as the electricity supply decision is up to the owners.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a person who has experience with the energy industry, I consider there is no justification for the proposed tax on small scale systems that are connected to the grid. These small systems have assisted the reduction in electricity costs imposed by retailers. A charge on surplus self consumption would encourage owners to separate from the grid entirely.

Renewable energy systems provide electricity for consumers without imposing a health burden on residents living near coal fired power stations. At present, these stations are poorly regulated and are not charged for the health burden their emissions impose on residents.

AMEC should be changing coal fired power stations a pollution cost to recover the health burden imposition on residents. Removal of this implicit subsidy is long overdue.

Small scale solar systems are already charged for grid connection in the form of inverter design and the approval process. These small scale systems provide a distributed energy supply network that could be enhanced by the installation of distributed frequency systems, condensers etc which would reduce the numbers of customers affected by power outages. Imposing an operational charge on small scale systems would push back the opportunity for such systems to enhance grid reliability using 21st century technology.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

Poll after poll show that 84% (Lowy) of the Australian public want a rapid transition to renewable energy and that over 60% (Australian Institute) want urgent action from our Government(s) on the climate emergency.

The Australian public NEED you to do your job, and instead of curtailing solar regulate to ensure that the grid transitions rapidly to accommodate and be suitable for an inevitable renewable energy future. You SHOULD be working hand-in-glove with AEMO ensuring that investment happens strategically to firm and diversify the grid to build diversity for distributed renewables generation and to provide grid level (pumped hydro and battery storage).

It is especially egregious to consider curtailing mum and dad solar investors when these folk have HAD to take matters into their own hands to mitigate their environmental impacts and energy costs because our governments are failing us so appallingly.

I appreciate that with a Federal government (and Labor in opposition both) sold out to fossil fuel vested interests you have a difficult job to do, but it is a technical job that must anticipate the long-term interests of the Australian public ahead of 4-year term political parties. We NEED you to act on the best objective technical path for the future without playing politics.

We NEED you to make the right decisions for Australia's long-term environmental, economic, employment promoting, competitiveness and international reputation.

Thanks for considering



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Lorraine Yudaeff

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Yet another attack on solar energy, with no recognition that its benefits far outweigh its costs at every level: from beneficial effects on health to driving down the wholesale cost of electricity & opening up the opportunity for localised grid supply. When lazy power economists get around to pricing the real (including health & environmental) costs of big & dirty power companies, this attack on clean energy will be shown to be the farce it is.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have had solar panels for quite a few years now. I am disgusted that the AEMC see this as yet another way to make up for government inaction in updating the power grid to cope with the increasing move to clean electrical energy. I am sure the dirty power producers have lobbied and our ████████ government has bowed to their wants probably because they are a large source of political donations. Why should solar owners have to subsidise the government's inaction on clean energy? I for one will REFUSE to pay the tax and whilst I will pay my power bill, it will be minus the sun tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Stephen Linsenmeier

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have made a significant personal investment in both a solar PV system and home battery storage. A tax on exporting clean solar energy to the grid is grossly unfair and will be a massive impediment for anyone else considering an investment in solar directly impacting Australia's green energy future.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I have rooftop solar, and charging me for solar exports would have a negative financial impact on the household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am definitely against a sun tax proposal for solar panel owners exporting energy into the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Arthur Banks

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I object to the idea of charging solar owners for exporting power to the grid.. I can't see any justification for it and it reduces the incentive to householders to install solar panels, especially given the measly feed in tariff that most of us get.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Barry Mitchell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

RE: The proposal to introduce a charge for energy export for household solar installations.

There are a number of reasons why this is not a good idea, or a reasonable proposal.

Firstly, if a charge is to be levied for supplying energy to the national or local grids, then this charge should be applied equally and in proportion to the amount of energy supplied to all suppliers of energy, including of course, major suppliers such as power producers, no matter what the source of that power should be.

2. Given that this power is a commodity which is utilised by power distributors, and charged for by them, the imposition of a levy is in fact not logical - indeed that commodity should be paid for by the user. To charge for supplying a good is not a normal practice.

3. If this charge goes ahead, it will be a disincentive to households to both install solar power, and to export that power. In the first instance, this will be detrimental to the necessary increase in renewable energy capability we need in this country. In the second instance, it will decrease the ability of renewable energy to be distributed, even to households which do not generate their own.

4. Contrary to the outcomes likely from this proposal, we need to increase and build on our capacity to generate energy from renewable sources, in order to meet our international obligations, but also to contribute to the urgent need to wind back fossil fuel usage for power generation, and achieve net zero carbon emissions as soon as possible, in order to avert catastrophic global warming and consequent climate disasters.

Finally, if the intention behind this proposal is related to potential problems of oversupply of solar energy to the grid at certain times, it is certain that in the next few years, our ability within the system to absorb this energy and store it will increase exponentially, and that the infrastructure to allow for this will be amply paid for through the savings earned through it.

Thank you for considering my submission.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Its is ludicrous to tax individual home owners for producing clean energy that is adding to the aging electrical grid supply. Clean energy is the future and the Government should be taxing the Coal and Gas fired plants (or at least not subsidizing the) and instead invest that money into more battery storage or fast track the roll out of battery subsidies for home owners to alleviate the surplus solar power issue effectively spreading it out to peak time.

To slow down the uptake of solar and reduce feed in with a tax is not solving the problem but rather delaying it from being properly addressed.

By the way home owners have paid good money for there system in a effort to reduce the cost of living and do whats right for the environment. The people want to change to clean energy generation but its seems industry and government want to hold onto out dated coal fired plants because Australia is rich in coal.

Its a joke to punish home owners for Government and industry problems and think its actually going to solve the larger issue. Take your head out of the sand and do whats right by focusing the funding to subsidize coal and gas fired power plants to create battery storage and solar farms. Create jobs in the right areas so all Australians and people of the world can share in the benefits of a cleaner planet. Invest in infrastructure not funding a system of destruction.

Say NO to a harmful tax on solar and the sun.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Carol Hamilton

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To tax individual efforts to reduce carbon emissions would send the wrong message.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Rex Odgers

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I object very strongly to the concept of being asked to pay for the privilege of exporting my measly surplus solar power to the grid. At 10c kw/h the system is already getting very cheap electricity from me, and I already contribute \$1.36 per day fo the opportunity to connect to the grid, regardless of the power I import.

As a pensioner, energy costs are high enough now, to charge me extra for exporting solar power to the grid is simply capitalist theft. Rex Odgers

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** martin Thrower

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I work for an electricity distribution and I understand the concept of the death spiral for such companies but the solution to this issue cannot be to actually deter people from exporting their clean energy to the grid. Such export clearly puts downward pressure on electricity prices, which is supposed to be an objective of the government..

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Lester Maino

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

As a rooftop solar owner having borne the cost of installing and maintaining the system I believe it is unfair to apply any additional tax. Admittedly there were some subsidies to encourage the uptake of solar however the aim of this was to speed the transition away from high polluting forms of power generation so should not be a factor in determination of a fair and equitable feed in tariff without the imposition of any levies. The network should be managed without resort to negative incentives. The obvious advantages of solar particularly at household level should not be curtailed.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sunshine is free, I have paid several thousands of dollars to capture its power. I also help to provide Tasmania with my excess. I am a giver not a taker!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

No tax on solar owners who survive the grid. There is no reason for this to happen other than greedy bureaucrats

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Edgar Slinger

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It would be absolutely treacherous to change the solar contract we all signed and reduce any rebates we receive. Get real .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Dr Ravinder Soin

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** David Rosen

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Barbary O'Brien

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

To whom it may concern. We really need to make the most of clean energy sources more than ever now. Which means encouraging more people to install solar. Lowering the returns on electricity generated, and adding another tax will do the opposite. Taxing the sun?! I mean really, what next? Putting a Meyer on people's noses!? It's got to stop being about how much money you can wring out of ordinary folks, and more about what will aid our survival on this beleaguered planet. I do not support this proposed tax. Kindest regards Barbary O'Brien

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gary Mawby

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

G'day, I hear the AEMC is considering charging us solar panel owners for the free power we feed back into the grid.

Surely this cannot be correct, no bureaucrat no matter how isolated or confused could possibly consider such a notion.

Please ensure that this never happens.

Regards, Gary Mawby.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Colin Scott

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have paid for my solar system and upgrade it to try to gain the benefit of solar but also to reduce my carbon footprint. To find at every turn greedy energy retailers and the aemc trying to profit from this and to keep the average solar generating family poor. The issue i have is the system should be fair- solar has taken a great amount of load off the older generation systems of poles and wired and has and should make energy in Australia cheaper but it hasnt. instead the retailers, energy commission who regulates the market are purely profit based and that in this time of deep reession and covid 19 is shameful, and disgusting. Now we are getting charged some of the highest prices in the world for electricity and are getting an extremely low feed in tarrif to now be taxed makes solar just not worth installing and many people in Australia who are struggling will simply have to get their electrcity cut off as it is no longer affordable

What would be fair is that we get kw for kw - Daily usage charge being able to be charged to the retailers, and than a tax would be ok.

I will not support the Solar or sun tax as it is unfailry targeting people who are already struglin in this climate.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

NO!

This is an extremely obvious ploy by the lobbies to push people back to coal and gas..

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMC proposal to tax solar owners for energy they export to the grid is truly outrageous. We have paid ourselves for this capacity that benefits everyone and helps save the planet. Better to tax fossil fuel companies

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sue Travers

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The power companies buy from us at 11cents and sell green energy at 26 cents. We are penalised already in other charges because we produce clean energy. It's ridiculous. All power companies should be running towards Green energy and take the public with them not penalizing people who spend their money to install panels

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Stephen Flint

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Having invested in a solar power system on my property four years ago to help reduce my carbon footprint and play my part in helping to mitigate climate change, I feel it is grossly unfair to be considering charging me to export my excess power to the local grid. Such an impost would make me seriously consider investing sooner in a battery system so I can operate disconnected from the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Julie Smith

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I remember reading about this awhile ago and was horrified to think a tax would be incurred. Many people are still paying off their panels etc. Some like myself want to buy a battery .Isn't it time the little old homeowner gets supported like the fossil fuel industry for taking the initiative to protect out Mother earth

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Sybil Ungar

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The cost of installing solar on one's roof was considerable. The return from the energy transmitters for the contribution was below the cost of the same units from that provider. The service of the providers has been inadequate. Why should one pay tax on what is already a gift to the nation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is not reasonable that people with solar panels be charged to sell their energy to the grid. They already pay a grid access fee, and that should be the end of it.

Household solar energy does not reduce the viability of the grid, nor increase the cost of the grid, so there should be no additional fee.

It would be grossly unfair and unjustifiable to impose any tax or fee for grid access for household solar installations, and I request that you do not do it.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Tony Grainger

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I export power to the grid. My energy is consumed by network loads within a kilometer so I reduce the load on many more of kilometers of network infrastructure.

When rainfall is low my energy is contributing to Tasmanias clean energy and reducing the need to import energy from the mainland CO2 energy producers.

More often, when rainfall is high, it helps Tasmania provide mainland Australia with clean alternative energy to than same CO2 based energy which is contributing to climate change.

I do not see any economic, social, or political evidence that charging me to export my energy to the grid is providing a benefit to Australia as whole.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

If there is to be tax for network infrastructure it should certainly include all the fossil fuel generators. The taxing structure should be so designed to encourage and support renewable energy and discourage fossil fuel energy dependency.

There should also be some compensation for the environmental and health benefits solar power brings to communities.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Tax carbon instead. Makes perfect sense.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Daniel Thirkell

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

Stop making it impossible for people to fight against big corporations. This isn't a good idea and the public knows it.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

This tax on the Sun is typical of a Troglodyte LNP Govt that continues to exhibit its subservience & kowtowing to the Coal & Gas Energy Mega companies & providers. Renewable energy is so much cleaner, cheaper & efficient to provide. STOP this disgraceful attack on OUR Solar & Wind energy NOW !! !! Climate Change is REAL...

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If there ever was a short sighted idea about soar power this must be it, I can't wait to get my battery and go off grid entirely so I won't have to pay as much for being hooked up to the grid as I pay for the electricity that I use from the grid, and by the way, why is my nice clean energy that I supply only worth half as much as the filthy stuff that the big generators supply ?

I think that now that we have working models of micro grids up and running then the sooner we get ours up and running.

Market corporation ? Its still a monopoly or worse a cartel.

The writings on the wall for you and you know it or else why the desperate measures,?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Do not tax people for contributing clean energy via solar to the grid.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

What's a disgraceful idea. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar owners should be rewarded for the economic and environmental benefits that solar provides. And there are plenty of better ways to make our energy system fairer for everyone. Instead of a sun tax, our leaders should invest in solar and batteries for public housing, and expand programs that enable low income and rental households to access the benefits of solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I put solar in to lesson our power bills with a growing family. I also did it to help the environment and give a better future to my child and the environment. I should not be punished for having such a unit. The sun emits free energy and i dont see what give companies the right to charge a tax on so etching that is not theirs. I also feed in power to the grid at a bargain price where the power company then sells to others or myself at an increased rate. That is already unfair and to pose a tax it a massive slap in the face. There should be more support for people doing the right thing by investing in clean energy. This tax should not go ahead.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is a ridiculous proposal. We have a chance to become an energy powerhouse, but we are being hamstrung by vested corporate interests. Free the Power!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

no tax on the solar energy we produce. It's immoral



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If you tax solar energy it is going to discourage people from investing in an alternative source of energy that is carbon-free and good for the environment. This is a very idiotic, short-sighted initiative that is the last thing the planet needs.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not impose an extremely unfair, additional tax onto solar owners by allowing a cost to be put on our sending energy back to the network. For over 20 years, I've done my best by the environment by having solar panels installed on the several homes in which I've live. This has come at no insignificant expense. I've paid to try to help our world. To penalise me for doing so is not only very unfair, but extremely irresponsible as a world citizen.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Victoria Energy Policy Centre research shows that rooftop solar provides more benefits than costs and that, overall, network costs are reduced by feed-in from rooftop solar. Large, coal-fired energy producers don't have to pay to feed energy into the network. Rooftop solar energy producers MUST NOT be hit with an unfair, discriminatory 'sun tax'.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

How ridiculous and greedy are they. We need to reduce our carbon footprint and because the big Companies are getting less money they are crying . The have already put up the fixed supply component on every house which would have netted them millions of dollars and pay themselves huge bonuses for ripping the consumer off. What a joke. I am not a young radical or someone from a political party ,I am 73 years old and think solar should be encouraged not used as a cash cow for a few overpaid executives.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Hi,

I think that it's unfair that the AEMC is considering the proposal to charge solar owners to export their excess power back to the grid. Now most people will focus on the fact that the power exported is clean energy, as opposed to dirty fossil-fueled energy, bla bla bla, but I don't want to focus on that.

The reason it's unfair is because the major power providers don't have the same charges. If the charges are so that solar owners pay for network costs, then why don't the major power providers, who use the same network, pay to cover the network costs too?

Imposing a tax on solar owners will be imposing a tax on those that can least afford it. They don't have the deep pockets that major power providers do, and it will punish those that have adopted solar to protect themselves from rising power prices.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Martyn Brogan

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am surprised that submissions related to this issue are being called for. I am concerned that the AEMC would consider what has been termed a 'sun tax'. I am worried about the AEMC's decision to deliberate about this given the current alarming data related to climate science, the current need for Australia to modify its electricity supply technologies to use more renewable resources and the willingness of Australians to take up self-funded energy supply systems on their roofs. In your deliberations about this matter I hope you consider the future and not the past. Technologies to readily and cheaply adapt our energy generation and distribution are available now without the need to create a 'sun tax'.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The FIT gives me NO incentive to reduce network costs by evening out the location of supply of daytime current. Furthermore, in Tasmania, hydro is the primary source of power. Solar exports allow the stored water to be husbanded for difficult times. We in Tasmania remember when the BassLink failed and hydro dams reached critically low levels.

So, the FIT in Tasmania needs to reflect our role in safeguarding our hydro supplies.

Furthermore, any attempt to further erode FITs guarantees business for the battery companies - and participation in the peak demand amelioration programs.

The citizens of Australia have endured much at the hands of politicians and bureaucrats in the past year. Let us be clear. We've had enough of your meddling, and don't trust you.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unbelievable that a tax will be imposed on solar generation when science tells us that this energy is part of the solution to climate change. Surely, after witnessing huge bushfires and record temperatures, amidst a shocking drought, it's time renewable clean energy was encouraged not taxed. If Australia is a modern, smart country, then taxing solar generation and its proponents, would show the government to be one of the least intelligent collectives on the planet.

It's obvious Australians are adopting solar power because it's clean and cheaper than dirty fossil fuel can generate...to tax it would be moronic.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I feel that charging people with solar to export to the grid is very wrong, as other exporters don't get charged.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I do not support a tax on the sun for solar owners. Given that power companies do not have to pay anything to export power to the grid, this tax is nothing but a shameless cash grab which exploits regular people and families. The energy they give to the grid helps to drive down the wholesale price of electricity which benefits everyone. You should be thanking and rewarding solar system owners, not trying to punish them.

Instead of disincentivising people to export to the grid, you should be giving discounts for as many people to install them as possible. The system is a large upfront cost which is out of reach to many of us who care about the environment and want them. Don't make it even harder for people to get value back on their systems by taxing them unfairly.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am deeply offended that the concept of taxing my solar array which I paid for and maintain is even being considered for a Tax. We have all tried to contribute to reducing carbon emissions against recalcitrance. I am prepared to act more strongly in this. I care very very much. It is such a retrograde thought. So hopeless as we enter a global economic period and increased financial stress. It is inopportune and unfair. We citizens was to contribute to a fairer and cleaner world and reduce CO2. It is the type of suggestion that makes me feel this government is so out-of-step with reality.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I spent a lot of money on the Solar System , which I had installed , to cut down on CO2 emissions , as well as wanting to reduce My electricity bills . So why is the Government wanting to penalize the People who are doing something about reducing pollution , and the damage that coal burning power stations are doing to our world. This is just another TAX GRAB , by the Government , on People who have out layed a considerable amount of money on their Solar Power Systems , yes , people who are trying to better the Environment . The Government should be further encouraging people to install complimentary Power Systems , not hit them with another tax.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Taxing solar owners is very unfair, they have used their own funds to try to contribute to protecting the community from the effects of global warming and the government should be doing this and supporting all renewable energy sources other than coal or gas. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

Instead of supporting dirty coal businesses government should be supporting the community who should get a fair feed-in tariff that recognizes the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Michelle Berkon

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The benefit that solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

The impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I believe in a fair recompense for feed in solar and don't believe solar should ever have to pay to feed in solar power.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Taxing the sun via our solar panels is ridiculous as well as being unfair. All households in Australia should be assisted to buy - or given - solar panels and then we might be able to move out of the mess we're in! [REDACTED]

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

On those feeders where system constraints are limiting more DER, the DNSP should be encouraged to install energy storage systems to store the excess energy, at the same time providing voltage control services. The cost structure could be such that the DNSP invokes a differential pricing structure between the kWhr rate charged by their energy supplier and the nominal rate paid to the owner of the DER. This creates a win-win situation, whereby the DNSP gets a return on their investment, the DER is not penalised or limited in their ability to generate energy and non owners of DER can obtain energy prices lower than they otherwise would. Having the localised energy storage system will also assist in managing the local demand profile. Unitised energy storage devices could be rolled out on a needs basis, as system studies reveal areas approaching system constraints.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I wholeheartedly object to the proposed Sun Tax. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Sincerely Gary Samer

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Julie Ashton

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think taxing people who export power from their solar panels is highly unfair!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Taxing solar when coal and gas power is not is a blatant new tax, is unreasonable and irrational.

Australia is doing very badly in terms of emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and needs to rapidly reduce coal and gas power in favour of renewable energy. Gas is not a sustainable alternative as it still emits large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>.

We need evidence based decision making, not support for major political donors who do not have a long term view of the health of Australian citizens in mind.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Harry Knowles

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I oppose any tax on solar power to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

My wife and I are self funded retirees in our mid 70s and we installed solar panels primarily to do our bit for the environment. We have battery storage so we feed little back to the grid but there are many others who don't and this would undoubtedly adversely affect their living standards.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** James Brown

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We are doing the right thing by using rooftop solar, so we shouldn't be penalised for doing so. Incentives for battery storage (both large and small scale) would be a better solution.

Any further reduction in the FIT would undermine the business case for rooftop solar that users used when making the investment decision to install such a system. This was a large investment for a lot of us.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Steve Kearney

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Feed in tariffs should be locked to what the owner is paying to buy electricity - why should we get less? Where's the free market in this?

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Marcus Barber

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It seems utterly ridiculous that we would tax something free, just to prop up an old and dangerous model. Sure it was the model we used at the time and was best for what we had available. But now we have moved on. The planet cannot afford fossil fuels and taxing solar systems and the people who put back into the grid does NOTHING but exacerbate a reliance on fossil fuels at the very time we should be accelerating away from them.

Taxing the sun, is just poor policy designed to benefit very few people in the short term, and punish everyone severely in the long run

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

This is unfair ! We are getting financially punished f doing the right thing !

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Tim Jarrett

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I strongly disagree with any tax on solar feed in, we need to be heading towards a clean green future to combat climate change and save our environment from pollution. Please encourage and promote renewable energy!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Please know I am opposed to the introduction of a charge for solar owners who export their clean energy to the grid. I consider this completely unacceptable that you would charge us for supplying energy, how does that even make sense. In addition to this, the solar feed-in tariff has dropped from a high of .60c to as low as .12c and as of September 7th it will be reduced to 10.2c. One would think given the loss of jobs and current lockdown that some compassion and common sense would be on display.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

At the moment tariffs are too low to warrant a tax I can see in the future private enterprise invests in solar there could be different taxes but for normal rate payers trying to save on power costs & maybe make a few dollars a tax is ridiculous

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Thank you for considering this submission regarding the proposed charge for residential solar exports to the grid, also known at the 'Sun Tax'.

1. Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.
2. It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting their energy. Not only is it unfair, in the situation where our current efforts are on track to fail to keep global temperature increases to well below 2degC, creating any disincentive for transitioning to renewable energy sources i.e. taxing solar feed-in, will simply hasten the onset of catastrophic climate change and the commensurate suffering and destruction of life on earth.
3. Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.
4. There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.
5. Any move to diminish or reduce the incentive provided through fair feed-in tariffs are to be avoided for the reasons already mentioned. Indeed, if the government are serious about addressing climate change they should remove all economic incentives from the production of fossil fuels and increase all economic incentives to transition rapidly to renewable energy sources.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Why do we have to pay when we paid full price to install solar to reduce of costs at Gov recommendations a few years ago. It's greedy rich get richer.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

If you do this I will go off grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We bought solar panels seven years ago on the basis they would pay for themselves both by reducing power station-generated usage and by the solar feed-in compensation. To now find ourselves facing the prospect of paying tax on our solar feed is nothing short of criminal. Surely the overall objective should be to encourage solar usage to help reduce fossil fuel extraction and consumption.

Needless to say, we're strongly opposed to this proposal.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I totally disagree with the proposal to tax homeowners for exporting solar energy into the grid.

This proposal is unfair because big power companies that make energy from dirty sources do not have to pay to export into the grid.

Homeowners who invest in clean energy for their homes and then make a subsequent contribution to the grid should be rewarded, not penalised. These people are helping to drive down the cost of power and are making the choice for clean energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Timothy Phillips

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

with the exception of organisations like yours and the current Federal Government, pretty much everyone in the world has acknowledged that decarbonising an economy is the next logical step by financially and scientifically in responding to climate change. The proposed tax on domestic solar producers is regressive and exactly the sort of disincentive a country like Australia, which is extremely vulnerable to the increasing effects of climate, does not need. If your organisation has any view to the future, they should in fact be looking to adapt/modify the grid into an agile system that can cope with the ebbs and flows of renewable energy from across the country instead of forcing solar procedures and other renewable energy producers to fit this ageing system of the stupid old coal power station.

More middle aged white men, with no vision or creativity making regressive policy because that's how we've always done it.

In frustration

Timothy

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Such a tax is yet another blatant move to feather the already well feathered nests of the barons of the fossil fuel industry to the detriment of the rest of the world. Then people wonder why people are taking to the streets with pitch forks. Honestly government has only the back of making things worse. I can hardly believe that a proposal for sun tax to further prop up the fossil fuel industry is even being considered. I am absolutely flabbergasted by the goal of such an unfair proposal. It has a blatant disregard for transitioning our economy from its addiction to fossil fuels and is the kind of policy that will ensure we lose the battle against climate change.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Please do not make ordinary citizens pay to export their excess Solar power to the grid. No other electricity producer pays to put power into the grid and by making ordinary citizens do so is just one more way of keeping the average Australian poorer and helping the top 20% get even richer, a disgusting practice.

Regards,

Heather Collins

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging solar owners to feed the grid, will cause me, and I would speculate, most, owners to buy batteries and go of grid. Shoot us and yourself in the foot why not.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** David Risstrom

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar energy providers already contribute greatly by providing low carbon emission energy that they largely fund themselves. Coal generators do not pay for the externalities we and the environment accumulates.

Many people rely on economic incentive to invest in solar. And they are already mixed. I pay three times as much to buy green energy as I am paid to produce it. I am motivated to help the environment and increasing the chances of human survival but many as driven solely by the money they pay and receive. Undermining the economic incentive to use discretionary spending on invest in solar is counterproductive. It will undermine disaggregation and risk stalling the necessary changes in energy production and use.

Please invest your energies is facilitating community energy production and use rather than further financially supporting the major industries that without government support and consistency will be reluctant to make the necessary improvements in the way we consume and pollute our environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I would like to make a submission on the Sun Solar Tax proposal.

I am opposed to home owner/ sun solar tax, and I think this proposal is damaging to the uptake of renewable energy in Australia, which needs to be supported as an urgent priority given climate change impacts due to reliance on fossil fuels.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy, and meeting local energy demands especially if there is effective storage.

It is unfair for small scale solar owners in the community to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. Instead bring in taxes on big dirty power companies, they should pay tax particularly when dirty power costs our health, through air pollution, water pollution, big scars on the landscape that could have been used for habitat, or for agriculture, ecosystem degradation and climate change impacts from their greenhouse gas emissions which will be costly for humans, ecosystems and the planet.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household. Stop subsidising dirty power companies. We need our national priorities set in the interests of community and the environment and not in the pocket of big business. We need support for renewable energy, and we need a stop to big fossil fuel usage.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I am a sole parent living off a Taxable income of \$35,000 a year. I installed a 5 kw system 2 years ago and have not paid an electricity bill since. Even though I only get a 10 cent credit per Kw on the electricity I return to the grid it is enough to cover my winter power bills. If I had to pay a tax it would push up my expenses and I would then be back in the same position as I was before having to pay for electricity again. The relief of not worrying about future bills is considerable which is why I invested in the panels in the first place. It is unfair to bring in a tax especially to those on lower incomes who don't have extra money in their budgets. You should be listening to the people not the energy companies who make big profits already. Home solar panels reduce people's reliance on coal generated power and lessen the possibility of blackouts on hot sunny days when the grid is most used. Please do not tax solar generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

No more taxes hey Liberals, now you want to tax the sun, that is our human right to get for free. Whatâ€™s your next tax.. air? Because You are already putting the prices up on water arenâ€™t you..!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Luke Todd

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun tax is outrageous. Why should solar owners be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting? This policy has been written by fossil fuel companies who can't compete in the market anymore without ridiculous market intervention. It's just disgusting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

I oppose the sun tax!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Donald Many

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Consumers added Solar Power to reduce the cost of their electricity.

In most cases this was subsidized by the Government.

Now they are going to be taxed? That is just the Governments way of saying, Give our subsidy back.

Foul blow!!!!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Charging is ridiculous. Not only do we add to the available electricity, but we are also being charged more for buying it back than what we are being paid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Cox

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I understand that the AEMC is considering proposals to charge household solar energy producers for exporting power to the grid. This is extremely unfair, given the advantages that large scale heavy-polluting generators already enjoy within the grid. Household solar should not be charge for grid maintenance when the big corporates are not.

Household solar is a highly important part of Australia's energy system and provides immense support to energy security through its distributed nature. The grid needs to be modernised to allow for more local generation and power-sharing, not rebuild to a 1950s model of centralised power generation and distribution.

Household solar benefits not only those who, like me, have installed systems on our rooftops but has pushed down the wholesale price of electricity, benefiting all consumers.

And, of course, rooftop solar has an important role to play in hastening Australia's unconscionably slow transition to a zero emissions economy. Climate change is an imminent threat to our nation and the world and we must not allow vested interests and fossil fuel lobbyists to undermine good policy or the actions of citizens who seek to build a more sustainable society.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Domestic solar installations should not be penalised for feeding into the grid. The lack of infrastructure spending is the issue, not home solar systems. If the whole system was more creative about creating micro-grids - that problem could also be reduced. Penalising clean energy generation is a retrograde step and more about appeasing the fossil fuel industry, if they shifted to 100% green energy I'm sure it would be a very different landscape.

It isn't smart at all - to also stymie a growing industry that provides employment and hopefully one day export opportunities.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Hinton

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**Phone:** 043-354-6794

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun is free energy and taxing it is [REDACTED]



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Penny B

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**Phone:** 041-230-2364

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

We are retired and my husband is a Vietnam War veteran. We put solar on our roof to save money with regular bills so our pension would go a little further towards paying our ongoing expenses. Please don't charge us for sending our excess solar to the grid as we put a lot of our savings into getting solar power already. We don't understand why we would be charged for the electricity we generate. It seems very unfair, almost like we are being penalised for trying to save money and be environmentally friendly.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Greg Chidgey

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**Phone:** 044-914-0251

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar power on homes should not be taxed. It is providing a service to the community with feed in to the grid and is helping the environment. Solar owners have already spent money on doing this and should not be taxed because it is a counterproductive measure that would rule out many others from taking up solar at a time when everyone needs to be doing so. In my opinion it is and absolutely stupid idea.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Heywood

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**Phone:** 028-385-7776

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am opposed to any regulations which disadvantage householders generating solar electricity relative to companies generating electricity from fossil fuels.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Bela Somssich

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Peter Hickey

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**Phone:** 040-921-5690

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

It is unconstitutional to charge us for feeding solar energy into the National Grid, you don't charge the Coal fires power stations or Snowy, Wind Farms or large Solar Farms do you, upgrade the grid to accomodate these renewables and stop stuffing around, otherwise I will see you in the high court

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jean McQueen

**Email:** mcqueenjm@hotmail.com

**Phone:** 045-902-2222

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not support a tax on solar being proposed. I have invested hard earned money to afford something that is helping our climate. As a pensioner I object to being charged for providing a good source of clean energy to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Robert Stewart

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**Phone:** 042-577-2341

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I hereby state that I am totally against the imposition of the so called sun tax. Why should I be penalised for spending several thousand dollars on protecting the environment. This proposal has the potential for all concerned to simply switch off our panels and go back to using mains electricity. I would certainly consider doing this .

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Rita Camilleri

**Email:** camrita44@gmail.com

**Phone:** 044-870-1877

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I think it's beyond belief that we would be taxed for exporting any energy from our solar panels to the grid. It's absolutely ridiculous. We were initially encouraged to acquire solar panels, produce energy and be paid for it. Then the payment was reduced well before the time initially set. Now we are going to be taxed on it!!!

What if we do not want to be connected to the grid, and just use the energy we produce for ourselves???



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Patrick Lynch

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**Phone:** 043-862-5842

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Lynch

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Colin Brokenshire

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**Phone:** 040-343-8096

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The sun is free and so should the ability to harvest it's resources. The impact that solar has on the networks has been found to be negligible and as such there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Jane Gordon

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

No charge for solar owners

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Richard Smart

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**Phone:** 041-224-8139

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is considering new proposals to charge solar owners for exporting clean energy back to the grid, effectively a tax on the sun. I think that this is first and foremost completely unfair on home based solar energy producers and should not even be considered by the AEMC.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy. This benefit will only increase as more households switch to home solar.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting. The market is obviously skewed towards benefiting fossil fuel production of electricity anyway, household solar producers are not paid sufficiently for the energy that they supply to the grid.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid. Household solar energy producers are benefiting the general public in many ways in this respect. This does not appear to be taken into account by the government that is solely interested in the financial security of fossil fuel producers (large powerful vested interests), or so it seems.

If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Margaret Ning

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**Phone:** 042-778-8304

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Solar is obviously the way of the future, and millions of Australians are voting with their wallets and getting it installed. Why does it look like the current Australian Government still needs convincing on this subject? Let's join the 21st century!

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

No tax

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Halan Cooper

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**Phone:** 040-794-5960

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am against the tax on private solar. This seems an unfair cash grab on people who have either sound financial reasons for installing solar at their own expense, ethical and environmental concerns or poor grid service. It will further provide disincentives to installing private solar power at a time when we need more people to take benefit from the sun's natural resources instead of greenhouse generating energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Deborah Selleck

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**Phone:** 042-237-9645

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I have invested \$8000 of my own cash into solar panels for my house to ease the requirements of my household on the grid. I have done this because I believe clean renewable energy Investment creates a more sustainable future for our environment and it will benefit the future of our economy for our children and beyond. It is with my utmost respect for the future of our community and love of our beautiful country that I urge the commission to facilitate rooftop solar for our houses and make it affordable easy to achieve alternative.

Sincerely yours

Deborah



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Tim Bell

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**Phone:** 042-930-3629

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not understand why the energy from the sun should be taxed. I have at great cost to me installed solar panels in the interests of a cleaner planet for me and my grandchildren. The Coal companies with their dirty polluting energy supply don't pay tax. This is really unconscionable. Tax in the Sun. What next.?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Philip Pogson

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**Phone:** 041-245-9156

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I recently renewed my roof top solar panels and paid \$6000 for a system. I did it for three reasons: 1. Power has become increasingly expensive 2. My family and I are very concerned and well informed about the impact of human-driven carbon emissions on climate; and: 3. My roof top is mine to do what I like with. I choose to utilise that space to generate power for myself and to put back into the grid. I also support the grid through my power bills. The thought of any kind of tax or grid access payment on those of us who supply power to the grid in discriminatory and retrograde. The days of 'big power' as we know it are over. That is not to say we do not need base load generation, but that the future is base load and localised generation.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

The AEMC should be exploring ways to encourage greater use of renewables, rather than penalising citizens and businesses who have installed solar systems. Household solar reduces demand on centralised power generation and distribution and makes cheap, green electricity available to other users.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ruth Stephenson-Ward

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**Phone:** 041-567-7922

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Tax on the sun is so wrong! We are trying and paying to reduce our costs while Politicians raise their own salaries and make us pay for their medical health and for holidays! How is this right now you are going to tax the sun ~€1.2 you all disgust me with your values or lack of them

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** David Lovejoy

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

The AEMC should not implement a measure which clearly benefits polluting fossil fuel energy providers over clean and renewable ones.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Richard Taylor

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**Phone:** 043-116-8084

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I do not agree that solar owners lose their feed in tariff, we paid out our money for these systems To benefit us, not the power companies or government

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Martin Wilk

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

People should be able to access power from the Sun without being taxed for it.

It's already bad enough that we have to pay for water.

We shouldn't have to pay for Sunlight too.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

I say NO to the sun tax proposal, nobody has the right to charge for sunlight and that is what you will be doing, we already pay for the power service.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Feed in tariffs are already extremely low, much less than other householders pay for the energy being used. This already gives energy companies undeserved profits. The Government sold off our power generation and the infrastructure to bring the power to our homes, therefore any tax is undeserved. If the Government want extra money in relation to power generation then they should stop subsidising the generating companies.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Brian Laird

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

What if we all turn our solar off, is there enough capacity to cope, I doubt it, we are all supporting the system and should be congratulated for it, not abused.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Ron Mines

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A solar tax is a crazy idea. Get real.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Deni McKenzie

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Can anything be more stupid? People are putting solar panels on their roof to help the planet.  
Where is the integrity of the government? Is the government still in denial about Climate Change?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Christopher Platt

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**Phone:** 042-216-3627

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing rooftop solar is unjust and 'moving the goal posts'..the future is in renewable energy..encourage it...not tax it..for .the good of the environment.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** John Richardson

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**Phone:** 041-933-1577

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

AEMC Sun Tax Submission

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Alexander Charlson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

There should NOT be a sun tax. Roof top solar owners are helping Australia to mewet the Paris agreement

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Gordon Lehmann

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**Phone:** 042-912-9497

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

How dare you charge for exporting energy back to the grid. We have paid thousands for our solar panels, get paid a pittance for what we already export and that energy companies then make a huge profit on and now you want more money from us!

Do think we are cash cows or something?

Instead of wanting to charge us you should be advocating to pay us a fair price for or energy.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Paul Collett

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**Phone:** 041-845-2072

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I am writing to voice my, and my wife's disbelief and disapproval at the notion of taxing (in any form) solar energy exported from rooftop panels. For over a decade we have remained on grid and exported some power to the grid, while importing at other times. We have batteries installed and rarely use aircon.

We both vote (Usually in the past for the nationals) and will be happy to use our experience and knowledge to influence other voters should any additional taxes be introduced.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Kevin Williams

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**Phone:** 041-759-2400

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

A tax on solar energy is going to discourage people from using solar at a time when we should be encouraging all forms of renewable energy. How is it fair to tax people for using a source that is free?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Marlene Krelle

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**Phone:** 040-800-8322

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

I ask that the proposal for a tax on rooftop solar be scrapped. Fossil fuel power is not taxed despite the health costs it imposes on the community.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Laura Guan

**Email:** lcertoma@gmail.com

**Phone:** 044-965-4991

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Taxing renewable energy is setting a precedence for the dependence and monopoly on the fossil fuel industry. How is this not acceptable in other industries yet acceptable for something as important as energy?

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** No

**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs.

Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big power companies don't have to pay for either exporting, or generating, dirty power.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** Lee Robertson

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**Permission to publish submission on AEMC website with name or contact information:** Yes

**Submission:**

Another Tax Grab on Energy

We paid to install solar at our cost, great cost and now the government wants a cut of the few cents we get when putting solar into the grid.

A corrupt request from a corrupt government.

Take it out their salaries.



**Name of Organisation:** NIL

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Submission:**

We should be encouraging distributed, renewable, personal energy generation as close to the point of use as possible. This will distribute the load on the grid and reduce the demand for expensive grid upgrades and additions required if generation is centralised.

Charging solar owners will be a disincentive to the continued rollout of rooftop solar.

**Name of Organisation:** NIL

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**Submission:**

I have installed rooftop solar and already am frustrated by the decreasing feed in tariffs we are paid for feeding our energy into the grid.

A fee for us to export the solar energy we have paid thousands of dollars to collect on our roof would make it virtually uneconomic for new rooftop solar purchasers.

This is utterly the wrong policy at a time when we need to be supporting investment in renewable energy, rather than discouraging it.

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**Submission:**

Research from the Victoria Energy Policy Centre shows that the benefit solar owners provide to all energy consumers far outweighs the added network costs. Rooftop solar drives down the wholesale price of electricity and can provide network benefits by supplying local energy.

It is unfair for solar owners to be charged to export clean, renewable power to the grid when big dirty power companies don't have to pay for exporting.

Research conducted by UNSW for the Energy Security Board shows that the impact of solar on the networks has been overestimated, and that there are cheap and simple ways of enabling more solar.

There should be a fair feed-in tariff that recognises the environmental and health benefit of solar, along with the network savings that solar provides to the grid.

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**Submission:**

If I were generating 500MW power I'm sure I wouldn't have to pay to send it to the grid. So why should 10,000 home generators be penalised?

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If you have rooftop solar, you can add the impact that charging you for solar exports would have on your household.

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**Submission:**

Dear AEMC,

We do not need a solar tax. Please reconsider this policy proposal. We need to encourage as much new renewable as possible, and figure out creative ways to stabilize the electricity grid using batteries and other emerging technologies. A solar tax is not the answer.

Thank you

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**Submission:**

a tax on solar when you are subsidising gas and coal??? this is pure madness.