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Comments: The recent change to charge for solar input to the grid is abhorrent.

This charge penalises those who support local electrical generation which reduces the impact on the electrical distribution system since the power is primarily used at the point of generation.

The consumer has been paying within their bills a fee for maintenance and upgrading of the grid. It appears there is little or no accountability for the disbursement of that fee. Adding another fee and applying it to suppliers is akin to nationalising private roof top solar.

Private roof top solar has assisted in reducing the necessity to upgrade the grid for many years. the advantage provided has been wasted at all levels of government and by those owning the distribution network.

If this is 'necessary' to stabilise the grid, our power system planners have done a very poor job. It is ludicrous to implement such a system on the premise of stabilisation, when the government is planning to add more intermittent power to the grid in the form of wind turbines and solar. Once again the public pays for poor planning and action of government.