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Comments: I find the notion of this report and subsequent media that consumers main motivation for solar is to export and make money to be wholly unsatisfactory and question how this is substantiated as I couldn't immediately see any evidence to back this up.

I would hypothesise that people want to save money on their bills as a main motivation followed by the environmental benefits.

Suppliers are already reducing their buy back tariffs allowing them to make money off consumers entcentivised by the originally higher tariff. By introducing a levy on exported electricity it further increases the margins for the companies and does little to entcentivise them in investing in improved sustainable infrastructure and is not in the consumers best interests.

I would further hypothesise that most people want to buy a battery and use as much self produced energy they can but are discouraged by the high prices and lack of payback much like myself.

Reduction in the consumer cost of buying batteries will significantly reduce the flow of electricity back onto the grid and reduce ongoing costs to the consumer. Why is this consideration not central to the review and what more will you do to thoroughly review the option and cost benefit?