

I wish to submit my concerns about your draft determination 25 March 2021.

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My major concerns relates to:

- "Allowing power networks to develop new tariff options including two-way pricing."
- Like many people who have at their own expense installed solar panels I am genuinely concerned that I may now be charged for exporting solar power generated when demand is low".
- Being charged for exporting solar power is totally unfair particularly for people who struggled to pay for solar installation and still repay the solar loan they are committed to repay.
- Installing solar panels was part of my retirement plan. Now that I receive superannuation payments and a part aged pension my income is reduced and fixed. Paying to export solar power when demand is low is totally out of my control.
- This was not mentioned as a future option when I signed my solar power contract and I believe it was not even considered an option.
- I appreciate there are now issues with the infrastructure of the grid however surely there are far better solutions than charging people who attempted to do the right thing for the environment and for themselves financially?
- Could upgrading the grid be a far better and longer-term solution rather than imposing what seems like an unfair tax on proportionately few people?
- Everyone who uses the grid should pay for upgrades not just those who have tried to do the right thing.
- It was extremely difficult to find the details of this draft determination. It would be much more fair if people who have installed solar panels, or considering doing so, were informed of this proposal and given a chance to have a say.

I hope my points will be considered. I have never put in a submission before so I hope this is acceptable.

I am happy to provide further information.

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