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Comments: Attention Mr Benn Barr,
CEO, Australian Energy Market Commission.

Dear Mr Barr,

Reference: AEMC plans to charge start charging consumers for sending energy back to the network really amounts to price gouging.

I was planning to spend up to \$10,000 on installing a new solar panel system on my roof. But now that I've been informed the market regulator, under your leadership, wants to charge solar panel owners for sending any excess energy back to the grid I have cancelled my plans. You claim the AEMC will now be forced to allow panel owners to be charged for their excess solar energy to help address an unsustainable lack of capacity in the system, the supply side, due to growth in demand. However, modelling from energy economist Professor Mountain found that the average solar household residence could lose as much as 80% from their feed in tariff returns for exporting any excess solar to the networks.

Please be advised that I believe your new charging model is no more than a thinly disguised price gouging scam. Do you think we are all idiots?

The solar energy industry has made \$billions in profits from consumers and government subsidies over the last 15 years.

The AEMC should have been planning for more infrastructure growth 20 years ago and investing in more capacity. Any lack of capacity is a failure on the part of AEMC and the energy industry that shouldn't have to be paid for by solar users.

Mr Benn Barr, why won't the solar energy industry pay for its own infrastructure capacity needs from its own substantial profits instead of exploiting consumers?

Sincerely,

John Glazebrook