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Comments: I have read the proposal regarding incentives to increase uptake of solar power and possible two-way pricing to reduce over-supply from households. The two way pricing concerns me for a few reasons.

It occurs to me that this maybe the easiest/cheapest way to reduce over-supply - to penalise the individual and place the financial burden of battery storage upon them - but the disincentivisation overall to take up solar when it may come with charges (and the average consumer will not know or care about how they might reduce or prevent that) seems to outweigh any benefit. Just the whiff of 'getting solar and being charged for it' will turn many people off.

Please give consideration to the following:

- 1: Not charging any 'early adaptor' consumer who got into the solar scene without expectation of being charged for their energy contributions.
- 2: Increasing local state-or-company supply of energy storage options rather than seek to stifle or penalise individual suppliers.
- 3: Blocking input rather than charging for it, paired with incentives for automated home batteries (discounted, upfront charge absorbed by supplier company and paid off over time by individual consumer).
- 4: If individual battery supply is a focus of the future, real consideration to the risks of individual levels (or lack thereof) of maintenance and fire risk. If supply companies are placing the burden of individuals supplying energy storage under threat of otherwise being charged to provide power at inconvenient times, then supply companies are moving an increasing part of the network storage and management over to a system that can't be easily monitored, maintained or checked for safety issues. A company may not care - the cost is absorbed by the individual after all - but it presents a potential increased risk to public health and safety just for their cost cutting profit.
- 5: Just invest more heavily in decentralized energy infrastructure and storage \*now\* rather than put it off. We know this is the future of our energy supply so let's not put now-profit over long term planning and preparation.