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Dear sir, madam,

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed updates to network pricing rules for distributed generation. As a small-scale solar owner (under 10kW), I am concerned about the proposal that distributed generators will likely pay more to cover "costs they create".

Specifically, I wish to address the following points:

- **Export Fees:** Charging solar owners to export power to the grid; whether through operating costs, network capacity charges, or infrastructure management fees; creates a financial barrier that could discourage future investment.
- **Solar Uptake:** To meet New Zealand's energy goals, solar uptake must increase; however, imposing new costs on those who supply power to the network may signal that distributed generation is a burden rather than a benefit.
- **Incentive Alignment:** While I welcome the mandatory rebates for supplying power during peak demand starting 1 April 2026, these benefits should not be offset by new "space" or "capacity" charges that make exporting uneconomical.

The Authority's goal is to ensure distributed generation is used in ways that benefit New Zealanders. I believe the best way to achieve this is to ensure that exporting clean energy remains cost-free for small-scale residential users.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

Kind regards,
Roland Oldengarm