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My name is Robert Sutherland and I'm a father with an interest in a sustainable, fair and resilient energy future for all.

I agree with the aim of providing consumers with more options, and that flexible distributed generation can help drive down costs for everyone into the future.

I do not support the proposed solution of principles-based rebates as the method to require distributors to pay a rebate when consumers supply electricity at peak times. (2A)

Instead, I support a requirement for distributors to be required to pay consumption-linked injection tariffs, and that these be perfectly symmetrical. This requirement should apply to all consumers, not just mass market consumers. (2A)

I support the addition of a new requirement for electricity retailers to pay a more fair price to consumers who sell power, but recommend that this should extend into dry years and other extended periods of constrained supply, and that all times it reflects the value of this electricity (not solely the additional value at peak times). (2C)

Best regards

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