I have long been waiting for a more flexible and consumer oriented pricing structure for power. I installed solar panels 2 years ago on my new house, with sufficient generation to run a 10kWh battery, with the system ready to hook up a battery. **I am just waiting for a pricing structure** that allows me to charge that battery from the grid at minimum prices, and to go "off grid" during peak hours, to both reduce the local demand, and avoid peak hours rates. I will then make an investment in a battery.

At my previous house I had such an arrangement through Solar Zero, and it worked extremely well. The only issue I had with that was the non- ownership of the system.

I realize that there are local grid issues with numerous households putting local power generation back into the grid, but don't believe those issues are insurmountable either technically or financially.

I am a retired process engineer with a reasonable level of understanding of the issues, having had solar systems here, and experience of systems in Australia while consulting there.

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)

Kind regards
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