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**Subject:** Inquiry into retail energy prices submission

Dear people,

Yes, electricity gouges money out of people and hits below the poverty line just like every other change. Labor and Liberal are pretty much the same party and Australia - a country in the best position in the world to have a solar industry, love the money they get from renewables to the point they still give massive rebates to mining companies and let them take home any resources and money they take.

Electricity is charged at a rate so far beyond what the providers make, it should be criminal. I have 20 solar panels and my electricity bill has tripled. They reduced the amount they pay for my energy, which was already pitiful, and origin (the best plan available apparently) put me on the Solar Plan, which removes all pay on time and other discounts, invalidating having solar panels .

Why have the things if I end up paying the same? Why offer rebates, other than to make electricity free to providers so they can give larger corporate bonuses and pat themselves on the back for going green.

The whole thing is a farce. I am a carer, so I can't afford a battery. What's the point? Are you going to look into that, or is this just more bureaucracy and a way to make me waste another piece of my day dealing with government requests to gather information that makes no changes, but lets them sell another thing I offer for free they can sell to third parties?

I look forward to nothing coming from this survey and the upcoming rise in petrol costs.

Regards,  
Damien.

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