

SUBMISSION REGARDING AUSTRALIA'S TRANSITION

TO A GREEN ENERGY SUPERPOWER

The rush to change our power generation system to renewables is clearly out of control . The enormous areas of mostly RURAL lands which would be needed to accommodate both solar panels and wind farms , appears to have been grossly underestimated IN THE EXTREME ; indeed , the capacity to store the power after it's been generated by these methods , in the quantities needed , simply doesn't exist , and is unlikely to be available in the near future .

As a lifetime rural resident , I am absolutely horrified by the way the rural amenity is going to be destroyed by the construction of these renewables ; it seems as though city / urban living residents , who I believe make up the majority of the proponents of the renewable industry , AND ALSO represent the majority of those with an obsession with CO2 , don't care about the scenic amenity of those rural residents . If city/urban areas were to be covered with wind farms , there would be warfare from the residents .

The Hunter Valley of NSW where I live , has been a major contributor to the coffers of both Federal and the NSW Governments for many , many years due to the Coal Mining Operations , and although there have been winners in our Valley by way of job and wealth gains , by far the biggest LOSER is the VALLEY itself . What was once a very scenic area dominated by agriculture / farming , it now bears the scars of many years of mining , and although we accept that situation , we are not going to accept another wave of rural destruction of WHAT IS LEFT of it , which will happen if the countryside is dominated by renewables , especially wind farms with their 230 to 250mtr-high wind turbines . And of course , the sound of the turbines will also dominate the background audible amenity of rural living . There is a growing groundswell of resentment and opposition to the renewable industry throughout rural Australia , due to a complete upheaval to our rural amenity , which includes the transmission lines to carry the power generated to the cities .

Instead of rushing blindly into the belief that wind turbines and solar farms , in particular , are the way forward , those pushing this lunacy need to stop and do some very basic arithmetic , and see for themselves the sheer , massive percentage of the Australian landscape which would be needed to accommodate enough of this type of technology to power the nation .

Until such time as nuclear FUSION becomes available , coal and gas should continue in the interim , while nuclear FISSION is being developed as a stepping stone to fusion ; indeed to supposedly "save" the environment by building wind turbines and solar panels , the environment is going to be raped beyond belief .

The biggest driver of the rush to renewables is the unproven belief that CO2 is taking us all to oblivion , yet climate history tells us otherwise ; some may call me a "climate denier", but I see those people as "climate HISTORY deniers" .