



Submission to local power agency bill

Moved by Dr Helen Haines

I write to express reservations about the serious inefficiencies inherent in the renewable generators which are promoted uncritically across the media.

If wind and solar are free, why are they making us pay? The debut of ALPA won't make the price of power come down. Quite the contrary. All we're being offered in exchange for the higher power price is vague promises of better weather in 100 years' time. The only realistic projection is Earth's temperature 100 years hence will be slightly hotter, slightly cooler or much the same.

Anything else is soothsaying not science

The inefficient use of resources is a real existential threat, just ask the Soviets, or an honest economist.

No specific mention of hydro power is made in the preamble to the Bill, yet it's probably the sole worthwhile renewable power generation in Dr Haines electorate. I know of small scale hydro electric cooperatives around the edge of Mt Buffalo. They don't get any fanfare.

Solar and wind are diffuse sources of power. They are an inefficient use of resources not doing much for stewardship. Never forget the hardware for them comes out of mines. On a truly level playing field, Windmills wouldn't exist and solar limited to bush blocks and caravans.

If we must build massive solar arrays they're less aesthetically damaging away from the electorate of Indi.

For electricity we need to stop this desire for central planning and leave it to the market.

If a government is powerful enough to give you everything you want it is also powerful enough to take everything you have.

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