

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Nuclear Prohibition

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Dear members of the Committee,

I am referring to the second term of reference however, instead of seeing any environmental, economical or social benefits for Victoria lifting the nuclear prohibition, I see its removal as having a detrimental effect.

We currently have some great renewable energy systems in place with battery power now being shown to be able to hold our energy for us. Here is a link to an article about Cannon-Brookes battery; <https://reneweconomy.com.au/we-have-the-technologies-now-cannon-brookes-busts-open-coalition-myth-64792/>

We have so much potential for solar as we have the most sunshine in the world, and now the battery setup to store it <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-08-10/solar-coverage-fact-check-is-australia-sunniest-continent/6659316>

We also have wind turbine options that could be utilized, exercising care in where they were placed e.g. in pine forests and off shore sites and safe distances from residents. Also smaller home turbines to be further developed.

We also have beautiful farming land and beaches that need to be preserved for both the farmers, residents of these areas and other Victorians as well as the many visitors we draw because of it.

Having safer renewable energies such as solar and wind allows us to keep these spaces intact.

There is no other energy source that has as high a risk of danger as does nuclear. Here is an article that was written by Friends of the Earth U.K. to explain its stand against nuclear energy. I quote it, as it has not been quoted, in full context, in the latest promotional brochure by our Australian Minerals Council. The relevant section is safety on page 7. https://reclaimpower.net/images/2014/resources/nuclear/foe_uk_nuclear_briefing_002.pdf

When we look at the real cost of nuclear, it is not something I want us to be spending money on. There have been some figures that are questionable and I would like to present the costings of power sources that was carried out by two of our own government agencies- CSIRO and AEMO. This was reported in 2018 and does include the high cost of

nuclear ; <https://reneweconomy.com.au/csiro-aemo-study-says-wind-solar-and-storage-clearly-cheaper-than-coal-45724/>

The great social cost of choosing to lift this prohibition is our mental well being - being concerned about safety issues and the channeling of funds that could go to genuine, lower cost power options , being wasted on nuclear energy.

I call on you to consider the economic, social and environmental damage that lifting this prohibition will bring us.

yours sincerely

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