



ROY CURRIE

OBJECT

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The renewable concept that affects our agricultural land is a misguided farce funded by the tax payer that has absolutely no positive return on investment. The end result being a debt left to our prodigy and the destruction of local communities and the non rectifiable poisoning of FOOD producing agricultural land. Not withstanding the ignorance of the moral responsibility of how and where the raw materials are sourced

The flawed renewable concept!

The renewable religion cannot be a solution to energy production! They may be, in time, a supplement to a continuous base load system.

It has universal appeal as the concept seems so practical and the promoted end result so desirable for our planet.

Incidentally, CO₂ is not a pollutant, unlike the production of and the remains of renewable projects!

The concept is promoted by zealots with absolutely no understanding of the laws of physics. It is promoted by “big money” and why not; for the whole concept is financed by governments (*understand that this is the tax payer as governments do not have money*). Why wouldn't the promoter invest in such a sure return as the financier has no financial risk and walks away with a tidy profit and the cleanup is left to others, possibly the local government body or the land holder who now has contaminated land, possibly unfit for food production.

The blind unquestioning “that the renewable concept” has to be the answer for our energy supply, is disastrous for our country and for that matter, the many countries that blindly embrace it. A compliant, irresponsible media that is too lazy and/or ignorant to question the trail and total costs from the impact and ongoing effects on our environment of the total project from the exploration of raw material to finished component, and very importantly, the end of life strategy of a very short production life of the component.

Example: expired turbine blades being cut to manageable lengths and stacked (*and maybe not*) with no possibility of a recycle or alternative use, the collection and recycling of the thousands of litres of turbine oil and the oil spills that will happen with the ill conceived off shore wind farm, the impact of removal of thousands of massive wind turbine bases and disposal of the thousands of tonnes of concrete, the environmental impact on the local flora and fauna, the loss of income to the affected communities, as these projects are not employment generators once installed, quite the opposite!

Question: what replaces the expired energy sources in the so called and unachievable thirty years?

There is no consideration of the source of some of the raw material for the projects, no moral responsibility of impacts to the people or nations, that desperate for survival, sell their souls for very little reward, to eke a living the best way they can. The alternative energy ideology takes no heed of this fact of life!

There has never been so much money spent to achieve so little and to generate so much destruction to our land, much irreversible!

Coal may be a dirty word, and we can agree that there has to be a better way, but until the better way is thought out, and even accept that for the time being, the “clean coal” technology is a huge step forward, therefore look after the nation and build some of them which would have much less world impact than the current mania of renewable!

Large and/or small nuclear reactors offer so much and with the ever increasing threat of global conflict, a system of small reactors spread throughout the nation make our energy supply far less vulnerable to all types of attack, be it hacked, or physical, than a renewable grid, that by its very nature has to electronically managed from a central point that is subject to a very easy and obvious attack by the enemy. It would be very easy to neutralise a solar or wind farm.

As for the “one eyed” Twiggy Forrest's of the world, do some research! The very desirable concept of hydrogen production is still a long way off! It has a very high energy input to produce and though probably a minor problem, storing the product is difficult as it can even “seep” through glass, and it is very wise not to ignore its extreme volatility!

You must remember, life's every decision/action has an end result, be it good or bad!