

**END FOSSIL-FUEL DEPENDENCY**  
**for a just transition to clean, safe, renewable technologies**  
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The mercury is rising while John Howard wants a debate to pave the way to a nuclear power industry. The industrial and uranium mining giants will be gearing up for the promised bonanza.

There is a real and urgent need for safe and clean energy supply. This demands that climate change, its causes and consequences are debated and appropriate remedial actions are implemented with urgency.

**FOR A JUST TRANSITION**

As the world's biggest exporter of coal and with the highest per capita greenhouse gas emissions, Australia has an urgent responsibility to initiate a just transition from fossil fuels to the safe, clean and renewable technologies already available.

There is neither time for, nor logic in, a bridging nuclear technology over the next 50 to 100 years. The planet has delivered its ultimatum, it is now reacting with dire consequences for all life forms; it doesn't wait and neither must we.

**CLEAN, SAFE ALTERNATIVES**

For Australia, there is a whole raft of alternative, safe and clean technologies in wind turbines, solar, tidal, hydrogen, geothermal energies and biofuels. These technologies must be supported by an extensive program of investment, energy efficiencies and by a transitional reduction in fossil fuel dependency over time.

In combination, these represent cost-effective alternatives in contrast to a nuclear option which is dependent on finite uranium ore reserves and further more, requires the continued burning of fossil fuels to sustain it.

**AVOIDING THE THREAT**

The unresolved, costly and dangerous nuclear waste storage dilemma is of international proportions, and the Federal Government has flagged Australia as the world's nuclear waste storage bin.

Nuclear power is neither clean, safe, nor renewable. It leads to nuclear proliferation, the development of nuclear weaponry, and a renewed threat to world peace. It is not a civilised or appropriate response to the calamity of human-induced climate change.

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