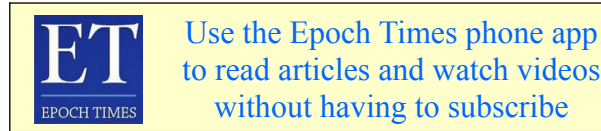




# MONTHLY UPDATES



## NET-ZERO EXPOSÉ (June 2024)



- **★ “Nearly Half of US EV Drivers Consider Switching Back to Gas Vehicles”**  
*“More electric vehicle (EV) drivers are thinking about switching back to internal combustion engine automobiles, according to new findings from the 2024 McKinsey & Co. Mobility Consumer Global Survey. Forty-six percent of EV owners surveyed in the United States said they will likely return to driving gas-powered vehicles. Globally, the survey of 30,000 respondents in 15 countries found that 29 percent of EV owners are likely to go back to driving gas-powered cars. Australia topped the list, with 49 percent confirming that they want to return to driving gas-powered automobiles.”*  
\* [link](#)  
**REPORT:** [www.ntd.com/nearly-half-of-us-ev-drivers-consider-switching-back-to-gas-vehicles-mckinsey-study\\_1000564.html](http://www.ntd.com/nearly-half-of-us-ev-drivers-consider-switching-back-to-gas-vehicles-mckinsey-study_1000564.html)
- **“Why Transitioning to Electric Vehicles by 2035 Is Unrealistic”**  
*“The federal government has mandated that all new light-duty vehicles be electric by 2035. Achieving that goal would require vastly more electrical generation capacity and an enormous expansion of charging stations. A Fraser Institute study published in March found that handling the higher load would require either 13 large new gas plants or the equivalent of 10 new mega-dams the size of British Columbia’s \$16-billion hydro Site C. Just one problem: almost all viable hydro sites have already been dammed. Plus, it took 10 years to get environmental approval for Site C and another 10 to build it.”*  
\* [link](#)  
**STUDY:** [www.fraserinstitute.org/sites/default/files/electric-vehicles-and-the-demand-for-electricity-newsrelease.pdf](http://www.fraserinstitute.org/sites/default/files/electric-vehicles-and-the-demand-for-electricity-newsrelease.pdf)
- **“We Are Supposed to Kick the Driving Habit?”**  
*“The introductory text in this Economist article is subtitled: “The world hasn’t yet kicked the driving habit.” There is no argument given for the idea that our job is to stop driving and start walking, biking, or using public transit. It is just assumed to be true. Suddenly it occurred to me. We’ve been prepped for this shift for many years. It feels like a psychological operation.”*  
\* [link](#)  
**X POST:** [x.com/TheEconomist/status/1805203056428011630](https://x.com/TheEconomist/status/1805203056428011630)
- **“Nuclear Waste Easier to Manage Than Other Energy Byproducts: Expert”**  
*“Nuclear produces a tremendous amount of power in return for a little waste, and the technology also makes it extremely safe, according to Aidan Morrison, director of energy research at the think tank, the Centre for Independent Studies. “If you are really worried about safety and waste, there is no better energy source than nuclear,” Mr. Morrison told an audience on June 26.”*  
\* [link](#)  
**REPORT:** [www.cis.org.au/publication/submission-to-aers-review-of-the-cost-benefit-analysis-and-rit-application-guidelines/](http://www.cis.org.au/publication/submission-to-aers-review-of-the-cost-benefit-analysis-and-rit-application-guidelines/)
- **“ACT to switch to emissions-based rego system”**  
*“Canberra car owners will pay more for their vehicle registration from next week if their car is*

*considered “high-emitting” due to the Territory’s system being overhauled. The new registration process, coming into effect on 1 July 2024, involves the current weight-based system being replaced by one that is emissions-focused. According to the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government, under the emissions-based registration scheme, most Canberrans will be able to access lower fees for lower emissions across any motor type – with 96 per cent of all private passenger vehicles set to pay the same or less in fees.”*

\* [link](#)

**GOV. ANNOUNCEMENT:**

[www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/driving-transport-and-parking/registration/emissions-based-registration](http://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/driving-transport-and-parking/registration/emissions-based-registration)

• **“Safer Than Wind: Radiation Expert Seeks to Ease Fears About Nuclear Health Risks”**

*“One of the biggest concerns about nuclear energy has been a widespread fear that it poses significant health risks to the population at large, but Associate Professor Tony Hooker thinks otherwise. Mr. Hooker is the Director of the Centre for Radiation Research, Education and Innovation at the University of Adelaide, and he believes radioactive energy is safer than wind and on par with solar. The expert in his field believes many are quick to dismiss nuclear as a reliable and safe source to potentially power millions of homes in the years ahead.”*

\* [link](#)

**REPORT:** [x.com/tonyhooker21?lang=en](https://x.com/tonyhooker21?lang=en)

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