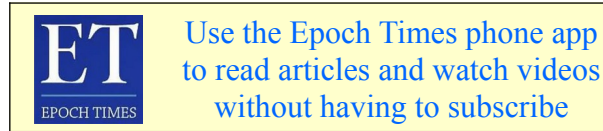




MONTHLY UPDATES



NET-ZERO EXPOSÉ (May 2024)



- ★ **“Environmental Pollutant’—How a Key Climate Agenda Tool Harms Endangered Species”**
“As the Biden administration expands its offshore wind projects as part of its goal to reach a carbon-free energy system, whales and other marine life may become collateral damage, according to new research. Two independent studies measuring ocean wind turbine construction noise found that the sound emitted by vessels mapping the seafloor was significantly louder than estimated and that noise protection for whales and other sea creatures during wind turbine pile driving doesn’t work. Intense noise causes hearing loss in whales, other marine mammals, turtles, and fish, compromising their ability to navigate, avoid danger, detect predators, and find prey, according to scientific studies.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/article/environmental-pollutant-how-a-key-climate-agenda-tool-harms-endangered-species-5637456
REPORT: img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/935d0456-a4c5-443b-9fca-ffa943ac08d3/downloads/RandAcoustics_PileDrivingNoiseSurvey.pdf
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- **“Rise of ‘Scientism’ and the ‘Junk’ Climate Models Used by Government to Take Farmers’ Land”**
“Last year, while traveling around the Netherlands and speaking with the farmers getting kicked off their land, we also wanted to answer a fundamental underlying question. The Dutch farmers were getting off their land because the government ostensibly wanted to reduce nitrogen emissions, with the thinking being that if they didn’t reduce emissions, the environment will be ruined. However, is that really the case? Will the environment really be in danger if these nitrogen standards aren’t met? And also, what is the science behind those standards? The best weather models can only tell you the forecast for about a week out, but these government nitrogen models claim to be able to foresee the future decades in advance. And so, in order to figure this out, we went over to the home of Dr. Jaap C. Hanekamp. He’s not only a scientist who’s studied the nitrogen issue for well over eight years—and he was even commissioned by the nitrogen ministry to look into the matter—but aside from being a scientist, he’s also a theologian, giving him a very unique perspective on the matter. And what he told us about these climate models was rather shocking, to say the least. Take a listen.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/rise-of-scientism-and-the-junk-climate-models-used-by-government-to-take-farmers-land-facts-matter-5652622
- **“Labor and Greens Carbon Dioxide ‘Tax on Family Cars and Utes’ Passes Parliament”**
“The Coalition has raised concerns the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES) will be a “tax” on family cars and utes, following the passage of the legislation through parliament. The new standard aims to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from new cars, sports utility cars, utes, and vans to push more low and zero-emissions vehicles into the Australian market. The legislation will tally up the CO2 emissions of new cars on the market, rewarding automotive dealers that sell low-emissions cars and penalising those that do not, according to an explanatory memorandum on the Act.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/labor-and-greens-carbon-dioxide-tax-on-family-cars-and-utes-passes-parliament-5651801
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM:

- **“Renewables’ Head-On Collision With Reality”**

“David Walsh is a recognized energy expert and notes that demand for energy normally approximates to growth in gross domestic product, currently at about 1.6 percent per annum. However, Dominion Energy, part of the PJM Power Transmission Consortium that serves 13 Mid-Atlantic States and the District of Columbia, is looking at 7 percent growth per annum, according to Mr. Walsh. A significant component of the growth in demand is data centers—and the epicenter of data centers for both national and international use is Northern Virginia. The data centers in Northern Virginia direct 70 percent of the world’s internet traffic. Mr. Walsh told me: “The country is woefully short of electricity now with the displacement of coal and gas by the Biden Administration. . . The promise of “green” or “renewable” energy will move the growth of energy in the tenths of a percentage point per annum at some distant point in the future, but the chasm of shortfalls in energy delivery through renewables is mathematically insurmountable.”

* <https://www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/renewables-head-on-collision-with-reality-5647742>

- **“Transitioning Fleet Trucks to Electric Raises Costs Up to 114 Percent, Report Warns”**

“Mandating EV trucks in today’s market leads to even ‘more supply chain disruptions,’ said an industry expert. . . Transitioning conventional truck fleets to electric vehicles (EVs) pushes up annual operational costs, which subsequently increases economic inflation, according to a recent report from transportation and logistics firm Ryder.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/business/transitioning-fleet-trucks-to-electric-raises-costs-up-to-114-percent-report-warns-5648264

REPORT: newsroom.ryder.com/news/news-details/2024/Ryder-Examines-Economic-Impacts-of-Converting-to-Commercial-Electric-Vehicles-EV-in-Current-Market/default.aspx

- **Australia: “37 Local Mayors Push for Energy Companies to Pay Climate Change Levies”**

“A letter calling for an extra \$10 billion of tax has been signed by mostly Green and independent councillors across the country. . . A group of Australian mayors and councillors are calling on the federal government to collect an extra \$10 billion each year from petroleum companies to pushback against climate change. The 37 leaders who signed the letter include independent mayors and councillors, and a large number of Greens local government leaders. The mayors want to see reforms to the Petroleum Resources Rent Tax (PPRT) to raise an extra \$10 billion each year to help local governments fund climate mitigation schemes.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/37-local-mayors-push-for-energy-companies-to-pay-climate-change-levies-5647461

MEDIA RELEASE: australiainstitute.org.au/post/local-government-leaders-call-for-higher-prrt-to-help-adapt-to-climate-change/

- **Australia: “Plan to pump CO2 from Millmerran power station into Great Artesian Basin unlikely to get approval”**

“Opponents of a controversial plan to store waste carbon dioxide in Australia’s biggest underground freshwater system say state government approval will be difficult after the Queensland premier labelled the project “not a good idea”. Mining giant Glencore had been wanting its subsidiary CTSCO to store carbon dioxide from the Millmerran power station in an underground aquifer at a site at Moonie, west of Toowoomba. Queensland Premier Steven Miles said the project in the Great Artesian Basin was unlikely to get the environmental approvals needed.”

* www.abc.net.au/news/2024-05-09/steven-miles-ctsco-project-unlikely-to-get-approvals/103823834

REPORT: www.ctsco.com.au/.rest/api/v1/documents/51feb01deb76398374a67860426f1ccf/Appendix+9C+ANLEC+Project+7-0320-C323+Dawson+et+al+2022+%28final+231013%29.pdf

- **“Australia’s Renewable Energy Revolution Begins With \$566 Million Investment”**

“The Australian Labor government will invest heavily in critical mineral mapping to turn the country into a renewable energy superpower and a hot spot for renewable investment. On May 7, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced that the government would provide \$566 million (US\$366

million) in funding for a project that would deliver a map showing what was located under Australia's soil and seabed for a 10-year period. The project will deliver data, maps, and tools to the resources industry, helping it locate critical materials and rare earth deposits needed for the renewable energy transition. In addition, it will pinpoint potential sites for "clean" hydrogen projects as well as locations in offshore areas that are suitable to build carbon capture and storage facilities."

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/australias-renewable-energy-revolution-begins-with-566-million-investment-5645888

- **US: "After FDA Approval, States Move to Ban Lab-Grown Meat From Sale"**

"Aside from the push for people to eat bugs and insects as a viable alternative source of protein, there is actually a second simultaneous push to get people to eat lab-grown meat. The thinking goes that since the world is ending due to climate change, and since the agricultural sector contributes to climate change, we can do away with farms and ranches—and replace that meat with cultivated meat grown in a lab. And unbeknownst to most people, cultivated meat has already gotten the stamp of approval from the U.S. federal government (from both the USDA and the FDA). However, since the United States is an amalgamation of 50 different states, individual states are pushing back. And along that line, five days ago, Florida enacted a new piece of legislation that bans and criminalizes the manufacture and sale of lab-grown meat within the state."

* www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/after-fda-approval-states-move-to-ban-lab-grown-meat-from-sale-facts-matter-exclusive-5645254

FDA APPROVAL: edition.cnn.com/2023/06/21/business/cultivated-meat-us-approval/index.html

FLORIDA BAN: www.nbcnews.com/science/science-news/florida-bans-lab-grown-meat-adding-similar-efforts-four-states-rcna150386

- **"Australian Plant-Based Meat Sales Surge 47 Percent Between 2020 and 2023"**

"Australia's plant-based meat sales surged 47 percent, while per capita consumption increased 28 percent, between 2020 and 2024, according to Food Frontier in its State of the Industry report. The report evaluated the current state of the plant-based meat manufacturing industry, reflecting its economic contributions, and potential future. According to Deloitte Access Economics, total plant-based meat sales reached \$272.5 million (US\$178.94 million) last year. This is equivalent to a compound average growth rate (CAGR) of 14 percent since the 2020 financial year."

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/australian-plant-based-meat-sales-surge-47-percent-between-2020-and-2023-post-5641868

FOOD FRONTIER REPORT: www.foodfrontier.org/latest-state-of-the-industry-report-shows-plant-based-meat-charts-its-own-course-in-australia/

DELOITTE REPORT: www.deloitte.com/au/en/our-thinking/insights/industry/consumer-retail/future-of-fresh-food-sales/plant-based-meat-sales.html

- **"What are the true costs of recent climate laws?"**

"Aggressive timelines for fossil fuel bans may make power supply vulnerable, and also hurt the environment. Jim Meigs, Manhattan Institute fellow and former editor of Popular Mechanics, explains."

* www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/homeowner-burdens-under-new-climate-laws-new-york-insider-5642551

- **"How the Green Tech Industry is Empowering Communist China"**

"The greener we get, the more dependent we are on China, and they're taking advantage of it. That is part, I think, of their 100-Year Plan. They don't want to go to war with anyone, they're just going to own our economy." What has been the result of the West's current energy and climate policies? Has our planet become cleaner? Or greener? Or have our economies weakened, and our products cheapened? "China is burning fossil fuels like there is no tomorrow. And the Biden administration is doing everything it can to reduce fossil fuel use in the United States," says Steve Milloy, senior fellow at the Energy and Environmental Legal Institute. "You have this European climate movement, which has been funded by Putin to block Europe from producing its own energy. The other side knows what the West's weaknesses are, and they fund them—and much to our detriment.""

* www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/how-the-green-tech-industry-is-empowering-communist-china-

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- **“Australia to Invest \$330 Million to Decarbonise Heavy Industries”**
“The Australian government has announced a “big funding boost” to help decarbonise the country’s heavy industries. On April 24, the federal Labor government said it would spend \$330 million (US\$214 million) to help nine industry projects reduce their carbon emissions.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/australia-to-invest-330-million-to-decarbonise-heavy-industries-5635972
MEDIA RELEASE: minister.dcceew.gov.au/bowen/media-releases/330m-investment-australian-heavy-industry-future
- **“Shareholders Reject Petroleum Giant Woodside’s Climate Plan”**
“Nearly 60 percent of Woodside’s shareholders did not agree with the company’s vision about its decarbonisation process in the coming years.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/shareholders-reject-petroleum-giant-woodsides-climate-plan-5636936
ACTION PLAN: [www.woodside.com/docs/default-source/investor-documents/major-reports-\(static-pdfs\)/ctap2023/climate-transition-action-plan-and-2023-progress-report.pdf](https://www.woodside.com/docs/default-source/investor-documents/major-reports-(static-pdfs)/ctap2023/climate-transition-action-plan-and-2023-progress-report.pdf)
- **“From Double Unicorn to Administration: EV Start-Up Darling Collapses”**
“Electric vehicle fast-charger maker Tritium DCFC has entered voluntary administration, the second major Australian manufacturing company that collapsed in a week next to Qenos. The announcement came only a few days after Qenos, Australia’s sole manufacturer of polyethylene, entered voluntary administration.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/tritium-collapses-from-double-unicorn-to-voluntary-administration-5634390

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