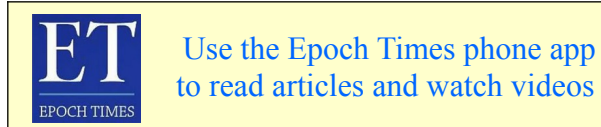




MONTHLY UPDATES



NET-ZERO EXPOSÉ (November 2024)



- ★ **“Australia is already at Net Zero”**
“Professor Ian Plimer: ‘Australia is already at Net Zero’.”
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REPORT: www.spectator.com.au/2022/05/australia-is-already-at-net-zero/
- **DOCUMENTARY: “The Real Cost of Net Zero”**
“Political journalist Chris Uhlmann investigates the true cost of Australia’s race to renewable energy for SkyNews”
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VIDEO: www.skynews.com.au/stream/documentaries/the-real-cost-of-net-zero/video/5fd043eda4292c565405d5ed7daa08c7 [needs login subscription]
- **“Paul Murray highlights the ‘central question’ of Australia’s net zero transition”**
“Sky News host Paul Murray discusses the cost of renewable transition, immigration, US politics and more. Sky News host Paul Murray calls on all Australians to watch Sky News contributor Chris Uhlmann’s ‘The Real Cost of Net Zero’ documentary. “It is not about trying to push people towards one form of technology or the other, it is about the reality the cost of transition has always been the central question ... we have never really been asked,” Mr Murray said.”
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- **“Australian Government Defends Decision to Opt out of Global Civilian Nuclear Energy Pact”**
“At the COP29 summit in Azerbaijan, the UK government said it had “expected” Australia to join an agreement between the UK and United States on civilian nuclear energy collaboration. Yet the reference to Australia was later removed from the official statement. Despite having the world’s third largest reserves of uranium, Australia does not have active nuclear energy production... Peter Dutton demands clarity on the federal government’s decision to abstain from joining a global nuclear energy commitment.”
* [link](#)
REPORT: www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-join-forces-to-speed-up-advanced-nuclear-technologies [Australia not included in this report]
- **“Renewable energy is not the ‘most affordable’ option for Australia”**
“Sky News contributor Lucy Zelic says renewable energy is not going to be the “most affordable” option for Australia. Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen pulled Australia out of an AUKUS nuclear energy pact. Ms Zelic told Sky News host Peta Credlin that it is going to be a “very divided nation” when the election comes around.”
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- **“Rising Emissions Cast Doubt on Climate Change Department’s Ability to Meet Net Zero Targets”**
“There has been a 0.4 percent increase in carbon emissions in Australia between the year to June 2022 and the year to June 2024.”
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- **“Dick Smith hits back against opinion piece in The Guardian that features ‘genuinely deluded’ renewable energy claims”**
“Australian business leader Dick Smith has lashed out at a Guardian reporter after the nuclear advocate was criticised over claims the renewables transition had not been properly costed.”
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- **“Renewable-Only Grid to Cost 10-20 Percent More Than Mixed Grid: Energy Consultant”**
“An energy consultant says transitioning Australia’s energy network to net zero with only renewables will cost 10-20 percent more than a combination of nuclear, biomass, and energy technologies. At a recent parliamentary inquiry into Australia adopting nuclear energy, Geoff Bongers, director of Gamma Energy Technology and a professor at the University of Queensland, spoke about the trade-off between decarbonising, and continuing with traditional fossil fuel sources.”
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- **“Labor’s climate policies risk ‘completely distorting’ the energy market”**
“Sky News contributor Chris Uhlmann claims Labor’s climate plan risk “completely distorting” Australia’s energy market. “The market that we’ve developed at the moment to try and get more generation on the system is basically aimed at trying to get more renewable generation only on the system and a little bit of batteries as well,” Mr Uhlmann told Sky News host Peta Credlin. “And (it’s) not aimed at keeping the lights on. “It risks completely distorting the marketplace by having a whole lot of generation which simply won’t work.””
 * [link](#)
VIDEO: www.skynews.com.au/opinion/peta-credlin/labors-climate-policies-risk-completely-distorting-the-energy-market/video/2977ebc9b04a340ffccc07f199fbdfa9
- **“Modelling Shows Australia’s Net Zero Energy Transition Could Cost \$5 Trillion”**
““The additional cost for the domestic decarbonisation task is between \$500 and \$800 billion, going from no abatement target to net zero, ’ said Michael Brear.”
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REPORT: www.aph.gov.au/DocumentStore.ashx?id=f3ac4897-3c19-4585-b968-5430ad011a6e&subId=768901
- **“Expert Asks Who Will Fund Australia’s Net Zero Pursuit”**
“University of Melbourne Professor Michael Brear said the current net zero plan was a work in progress and lacked details about how to achieve the transition.”
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REPORT: www.aph.gov.au/DocumentStore.ashx?id=f3ac4897-3c19-4585-b968-5430ad011a6e&subId=768901
- **“Ecuador’s Blackouts: The High Cost of State-Controlled Electricity”**
“Recently, Ecuador has faced a severe energy crisis, with power outages lasting up to 10 hours daily, affecting millions of citizens. The main causes are a prolonged drought and a highly centralized electricity sector. The drought, which has been the worst in six decades, has reduced water levels at hydroelectric dams to historic lows, affecting plants that generate more than 70 percent of the country’s electricity. Most of these hydroelectric plants are operated by Ecuador’s state-owned utility company, CELEC, concentrating energy provision in the hands of the government.”
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REPORT: www.infobae.com/america/agencias/2024/10/12/ecuador-tendra-otra-semana-de-apagones-de-hasta-diez-horas-diarias/
- **“‘Very big concerns’: Civil engineer slams offshore wind plans”**
“Retired civil engineer Col Poulter warns the offshore wind plans pose a “huge risk” if they are continued to be developed. “We couldn’t find anything about this project, we just knew it was going ahead – 1,000 square kilometres of huge turbines in the water,” Mr Poulter said. “We decided as a community to try and do our own research, we had a first look at it – very, very big concerns. “It was a high risk to both the environment and engineering wise as well.””
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VIDEO: [link](#)

- “Net zero bandwagon’s wheels are wobbling”
“As Bowen heads off to another pointless Cop gabfest.”
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- “Australia is on a 'pathway to poverty' as NSW energy grid overwhelmed by heatwave causing statewide blackout threat”
“Australia is on a "pathway to poverty" as a result of Labor's renewables-only approach which star reporter Chris Uhlmann slammed as a "national scandal" as NSW faces the threat of blackouts amid a sweltering heatwave.”
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REPORT: www.skynews.com.au/stream/documentaries/the-real-cost-of-net-zero/video/5fd043eda4292c565405d5ed7daa08c7
- “GenCost Reports Are ‘Out of Date’: Former Nuclear Research Agency CEO”
“ANSTO CEO Adrian Paterson has criticised GenCost reports for their lack of details and flawed method of calculating energy system costs.”
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- “Former Nuclear Chief Says Australia’s 20-Year Renewable Energy Plan a ‘Work of Fiction’”
“A parliamentary committee has been told that the latest Integrated System Plan (ISP)—that incorporates renewables—and is supposed to underpin Australia’s energy grid for the next 20 years is a “work of fiction.” At an inquiry hearing, former Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation CEO Adrian Paterson raised concerns about the feasibility of the Australian Energy Market Operator’s (AEMO) plan.”
* [link](#)
UDOE REPORT: www.energy.gov/ne/articles/what-generation-capacity
- “Texas Sues Companies for Collusion on Climate Agenda”
“Texas is suing major investment companies for their role in the climate agenda. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced the lawsuits on Nov. 27 and alleges that BlackRock, State Street, and Vanguard have engaged in a conspiracy to manipulate energy markets.”
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- “The Home-Based Battery Storage Fantasy”
“According to a recent article published in The Conversation, installing millions of storage batteries distributed through the grid—in homes, businesses, and local communities—coupled with wind and solar generation, can avoid investments in new transmission infrastructure. But unless installing those batteries is accompanied by physically disconnecting from the grid, or consumers are willing to forgo reliable electricity, this claim is yet another example of electricity “magical thinking”.”
* [link](#)
REPORT: theconversation.com/with-a-million-home-batteries-we-could-build-far-fewer-power-lines-we-just-need-the-right-incentives-237851
- “The "New Energy Economy": An Exercise in Magical Thinking”
“A movement has been growing for decades to replace hydrocarbons, which collectively supply 84% of the world’s energy. It began with the fear that we were running out of oil. That fear has since migrated to the belief that, because of climate change and other environmental concerns, society can no longer tolerate burning oil, natural gas, and coal—all of which have turned out to be abundant.”
* [link](#)
REPORT: media4.manhattan-institute.org/sites/default/files/R-0319-MM.pdf

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