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## Australia's nuclear fallout at COP29

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Nuclear for Australia

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Dear Laurence,

It's been yet another busy period in the nuclear debate. The nuclear inquiry has started its tour of Australia, and we're holding events across the country.

Meanwhile overseas, more and more countries are committing to nuclear further distancing Australia.

[It has never been more important to ensure Australians have the facts on nuclear energy.](#)

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# Australia rejects US/UK nuclear pact

At COP29 the US and UK announced a new agreement to collaborate with like minded countries on research and development for advanced nuclear reactors through the Gen IV forum.

Despite being invited to participate by the US and UK, government officials declined the invitation. This could potentially restrict Australia's experts from being involved in the development of advanced reactor technologies for global benefit and restrict our ability to take advantage of findings in the future.

This move threatens to further distance Australia from the rest of the world on nuclear energy.

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In addition to this pact at COP29, a further 6 countries (El Salvador, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Nigeria & Turkey) joined the global declaration to triple nuclear energy by 2050 which was already signed by a further 25 nations.

The rest of the world is going nuclear and meanwhile our politicians are walking further away from the technology. We mustn't fall even further behind.

I will not let Australia fall behind ▷



## Speaking at the nuclear inquiry

Last Friday I provided evidence to the nuclear inquiry live in Brisbane. I prosecuted the case for nuclear energy and responded to questions from the committee on topics ranging from our campaign, the cost of nuclear to the threat of earthquakes.

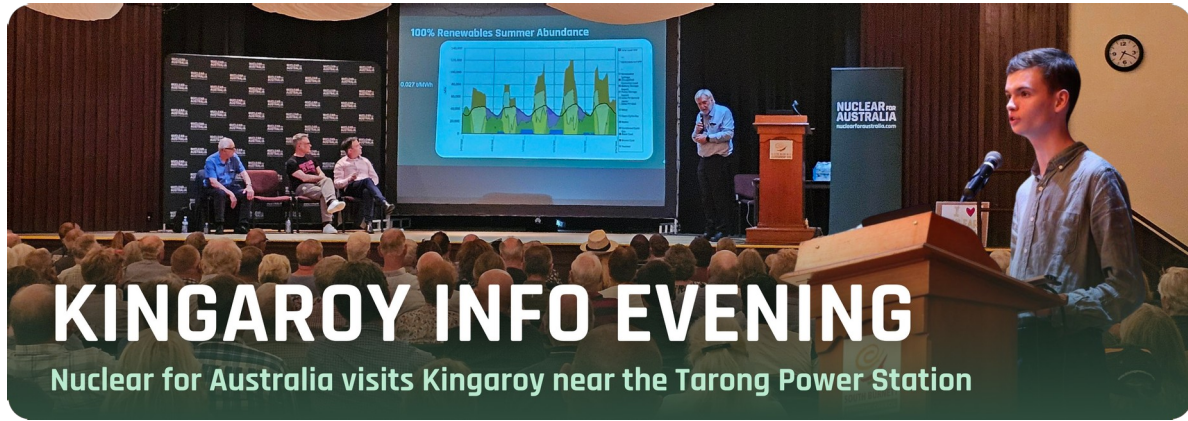
You can watch my full evidence below:



So far the inquiry has been surprisingly positive for the pro nuclear movement:

- Locals in Biloela and Nanango presented a strong case for nuclear energy in their communities
- [Global nuclear advocates Heather Hoff and Chris Keefer](#) provided powerful evidence
- [MIT nuclear expert Jacopo Buongiorno](#) told the committee that Australia could develop a nuclear plant in under 12 years

Thank you as well to everyone who has made a submission for the inquiry. Your contributions will make a huge difference.



## Kingaroy Information Evening

Last Saturday we visited Kingaroy and held a nuclear information evening. Kingaroy is near the Tarong Power Plant, a site identified by the coalition as a potential location for a nuclear power plant.

During the event our experts Tony Irwin and Dr Robert Barr presented alongside Stephen Wilson with the event MC'd by Jonathan Fisher.

We were thrilled by the huge turnout and were pleased to have many local leaders in the room.

[If you would like us to visit your community we have a new page on our website where you can express your interest](#)





## Documentary: The Real Cost of Net Zero

Sky News Australia reveals the true cost of Australia's race to renewable energy in an exclusive investigation by political contributor Chris Uhlmann.

[Watch on Sky News Australia](#)



## Is nuclear power gaining new energy?

A decade ago, it seemed as though the global nuclear industry was in an irreversible decline.

Yet now there is widespread talk of a revival, fuelled by tech giants Microsoft, Google and Amazon all announcing investments in the sector, as well as the growing pressures on wealthy nations to curb their carbon emissions.

[Read the full article from the BBC](#)



## Nuclear Power Was Once Shunned at Climate Talks. Now, It's a Rising Star.

Growing worldwide energy demand and other factors have shifted the calculus, but hurdles still lie ahead.

[Read the full story from the New York Times](#)

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Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,



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