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Introduction

Climate Action Against Disinformation (CAAD) is a global coalition of over 90 organisations dedicated to combating climate disinformation. Serving as essential architecture for robust global action, CAAD builds and holds the field, keeping its members united and focused on protecting critical spaces for climate progress. We operate by strengthening member capabilities, ensuring climate-focused operations remain uninterrupted, and providing a platform for instinctive cooperation. This is achieved through powering critical infrastructure—providing central capabilities, resources, and a regular convening platform—and facilitating agile strategic interventions, including the joint development of collective campaigns and a collective rapid response.

This submission provides our insights and recommendations to the Senate Select Committee, drawing upon this extensive experience and a strong evidence base. Our expertise is grounded in a new analysis we have commissioned to identify the main climate disinformation narratives in Australia. Furthermore, this submission synthesizes information from our previous studies and the work of our member organizations and includes key findings from our 2021 survey on the impacts of climate disinformation on public perception in Australia. We primarily argue that the root causes of disinformation can only be addressed with robust legislative measures that will ensure transparency and accountability, as outlined in our policy asks.

1. CAAD – Mainstream Climate Disinformation Narratives in Australia as of August 2025

CAAD Intelligence Unit has conducted a special analysis to provide the Australian Senate's Select Committee with a detailed, evidence-based briefing that outlines the current state of climate disinformation in Australia.

The report shows that the below disinformation narratives are widely used by bad faith actors in Australia to derail climate action in Australia. These narratives continuously amplified in Australia as of August 2025 are as follows:

- Renewable energy is too expensive, and the push toward net zero is bankrupting the nation and repelling foreign investors.
- Renewable energy is unreliable and fossil fuels are necessary to keep up with energy demands.
- Australia First – critics of climate change policies argue that Australia is a low emitter, compared to countries like China and India. Efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are futile and force Australia to lose their energy security and independence.
- The net zero agenda is a scam disguising a global socialist agenda seeking to control the population.

The analysis documents a significant strategic evolution among climate opposition actors. As a robust public consensus on the reality of climate change has solidified globally, a concerted effort has emerged to pivot from outright denial to more subtle discourses of delay.

Evidence showing such narratives including links and screenshots of examples of social media posts can be found in Annex-I CAAD – Climate Disinformation Narratives in Australia.

2. CASE-I: Greenwashing Advertising in Australia

The 5th issue of Climate Action Against Disinformation newsletters during COP29 exemplifies the greenwashing activities of the fossil fuel industry in Australia. Specifically, it notes that an ad from Shell Low Carbon Solutions, which promotes "LNG decarbonisation pathways," received between 200,000 and 500,000 impressions in Australia. This finding directly links a global fossil fuel company's advertising campaign to an Australian audience, providing a concrete example of how international disinformation is disseminated domestically. The study clearly shows that legislative measures are needed to ensure transparency and accountability on digital platforms and prevent greenwashing activities of fossil fuel companies.

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3. CASE-II: Right leaning mainstream media's role in climate disinformation

Another issue Climate Action Against Disinformation's newsletters during COP29 highlights how climate disinformation is being spread in Australia. The study shows that right-wing Australian media with a history of publishing and amplifying climate misinformation have taken a different approach from left-leaning and centrist media. While the latter tend to critique the negotiation processes at COP with the goal of strengthening them, right-wing media "weaponize" the difficulties and imperfections of multilateral decision-making to attack climate action and institutions as a whole.

Specifically, the report points out that Sky News in Australia used opinion pieces to portray the Labor government's climate policies as misguided and out of touch with voters' concerns. The outlet contrasted the government's "climate war" with President-elect Trump's "anti-woke military agenda". The document mentions that such critical articles or videos are often presented as "opinion pieces," which allows outlets to amplify anti-climate talking points without presenting them as their own views.

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4. CASE-III: Bushfire/Wildfire Disinformation in Australia

Based on a review of misinformation trends during the 2019–2020 Australian bushfires, it is evident that a primary narrative, disseminated across social media, focused on blaming arsonists rather than climate change for the bushfires' severity. The study, conducted by Climate Action Against Disinformation (CAAD), found a disproportionately high volume of posts in Australia dedicated to debunking these false arson claims and to news coverage of the misinformation itself. This suggests that while the initial disinformation was potent, it was met with significant counter-narratives from law enforcement and media. The research also highlights that while politically motivated claims linking the fires to 'eco-terrorism' or 'greens' were present, they were significantly less prevalent in the Australian context compared to later wildfire events in the US and Canada. The study indicates that these false narratives are "sticky" and continue to be referenced, demonstrating a need for proactive public education and 'pre-bunking' strategies to combat recurring disinformation.

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5. CASE – IV: Conspiracy Theories about Climate Action in Australia

CAAD Data Monitor "15-Minute Cities" examines the backlash against '15-minute cities,' a concept that has been co-opted by various conspiracy theorist groups as a new, more mainstream narrative. Originating from 'climate lockdowns' misinformation, the report details how this narrative gained traction on social media platforms, fueled by fringe blogs and amplified by 'anti-woke', right-wing, and libertarian political accounts. The discourse has become a permanent fixture of online conversation, often linked to broader conspiracies such as 'The Great Reset' and concerns about surveillance and government control. The analysis highlights that these narratives have become transnational, impacting public policy debates in countries like Australia. This data monitor concludes that traditional fact-checking is insufficient and suggests alternative strategies to combat the spread of this misinformation, including a concerted effort to reclaim the language,

highlight the popularity and benefits of such neighborhood schemes, and address public concerns head-on.

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6. Other widely used climate disinformation narratives in Australia

The findings in CAAD, *Deny, Deceive, Delay* Volume 1 reveal a highly influential and interconnected community of Australian politicians and media personalities who function as a critical node within a larger global disinformation network. Quantitative analysis provides evidence of the outsized reach and impact of these actors, their symbiotic relationship with specific media outlets like Sky News Australia, and the sophisticated use of astroturfing campaigns to manufacture the appearance of public support. The report documents how these tactics are utilized to influence Australian politics, public policy debates, and domestic media narratives, directly addressing the Committee's terms of reference. It concludes by presenting a comprehensive policy framework, grounded in evidence and addressing systemic vulnerabilities, with actionable recommendations for safeguarding Australia's public discourse from the corrosive effects of climate misinformation.

The four key discourses of delay identified in the analysis—Hypocrisy and Elitism, Absolutionism, Unreliability of Renewables, and Ineffective Electric Vehicles—are applied with particular resonance within the Australian political and media landscape.

Hypocrisy and Elitism: This narrative is employed to discredit climate action and its proponents by portraying them as hypocritical elites.¹ A prime example of this tactic is a post from Australian media personality Rita Panahi, who attacked Prince Charles for allegedly bullying Prime Minister Scott Morrison to attend the COP26 summit.² The focus of such content is not the substance of climate policy but the perceived double standards of the delegates. This approach frames the climate

¹ p. 9 The CAAD, *Deny, Deceive, Delay* Volume 1, 2021

² p. 9

agenda as a project of powerful global figures detached from the concerns of average Australians, thus eroding its public legitimacy.³

Absolutionism: The China Card and the Whataboutism Gambit: This narrative, also known as whataboutism, is a cornerstone of Australian climate opposition. It seeks to absolve a given country from taking any climate action by highlighting the perceived failings of another state.⁴ Australian Senators Malcolm Roberts and Matthew Canavan have served as central amplifiers of this discourse. Roberts' post, for instance, accused globalist forums and the Paris Agreement of gut[ting] our manufacturing and making Australia dependent on other nations while China commits to doing nothing.⁵ Similarly, a video from Canavan criticizes Australia's climate targets by arguing they are futile in light of China's alleged inaction. This is not merely an expression of geopolitical concern but a deliberate and false either/or paradigm designed to justify local inaction.⁶ The underlying mechanism is to villainise states elsewhere to make green agendas harder to land with an electorate back home.⁷ By framing climate action as a geopolitical disadvantage that punishes citizens and cedes power to geopolitical rivals, these actors successfully bypass a direct debate on climate science and policy.

Unreliability of Renewables and Ineffective Electric Vehicles: These narratives directly target climate solutions by questioning their viability and effectiveness.⁸ A powerful example is a video shared by Pauline Hanson, leader of the right-wing One Nation party. The post, featuring a clip from Sky News Australia, attacks then-Prime Minister Scott Morrison's "brutal net-zero climate target policy" for diverting taxpayer dollars into funding "unreliable green energy schemes".⁹ This content effectively connects the unreliability narrative to a broader critique of government spending and taxation, a classic delayist tactic that mobilizes public grievance by linking climate policy to economic hardship.

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7. The impacts of disinformation on public perception

[A survey](#) about the impacts of climate disinformation on public understanding in 2022 has also covered the responses from the Australian public. According to the survey, Australia exhibits a high degree of vulnerability to climate disinformation. The survey found that 40% of Australians received a "failing grade" on a misinformation test, believing in 41% or more of the disinformation statements presented. This was the highest fail rate among the six countries surveyed. In total, 70% of the Australian population believes at least one climate misinformation statement.

The findings highlight a pervasive disconnect between public perception and scientific consensus. Only 44% of Australians believe that climate change is primarily caused by human activity, a figure lower than in the United Kingdom and Germany. A significant portion of the population holds misbeliefs on foundational climate issues:

- 37% believe that "a significant number of scientists disagree on the cause of climate change".
- 33% believe that "the climate has always changed, global warming is a natural phenomenon" and not a direct result of human activity.

Disinformation narratives focused on economic and logistical concerns are particularly effective in Australia. The most common misinformation belief related to renewables is the assertion that "renewable energy is more expensive than energy from fossil fuels," which is believed by 37% of the public. Other widely held economic misbeliefs include:

- 29% believe "Australia cannot afford to reach the target of net zero emissions by 2050".
- 28% believe that "the main reason our bills are increasing is due to climate and net-zero policies".
- 43% believe that "oil and gas are essential components of our national economy".

Misinformation concerning electric vehicles also has a strong foothold. A total of 37% of Australians believe that "the batteries from electric vehicles cannot be reused or recycled". Additionally, 34% believe that "the electricity grid would never be able to handle the increase in electric vehicles".

The survey also identified a strong link between misinformation belief and media consumption habits. Among those who use TV news, online news, or social media as a primary information source, those who rely on TV news are the most likely to receive a failing grade on the misinformation index. The data shows a powerful correlation between high rates of misinformation belief and heavy consumption of specific media outlets. For instance, the "fail" rate for regular readers of The Herald Sun and The Australian was 70%, nearly double the national average of 40%. Regular readers of The Daily Telegraph had a 73% fail rate. For television news, the fail rate was 47% for regular Nine News Australia viewers and 43% for regular 7News viewers. Twitter users were slightly more likely to fail, and TikTok users were "substantially more likely" to receive a failing score.

8. Recommendations for Information Integrity on Climate Change

In light of the findings, a comprehensive policy framework is necessary to address the systemic vulnerabilities of Australia's information ecosystem. The following recommendations are proposed to assist the Senate Select Committee in fulfilling its mandate.

Recommendation 1: Adopting a Unified Definition.

Australian governmental bodies, scientific institutions, and media regulators should formally adopt a unified, working definition of climate mis- and disinformation. The proposed definition, developed by a coalition of experts, would serve as a consistent benchmark for action and would remove the pressure on platforms to act as the sole arbiters of truth. This recommendation addresses ToR (a) and (b).

Universal Definition:

Climate disinformation and misinformation refers to deceptive or misleading content that:

- Undermines the existence or impacts of climate change, the unequivocal human influence on climate change, and the need for corresponding urgent action according to the IPCC scientific consensus and in line with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement;
- Misrepresents scientific data, including by omission or cherry-picking, in order to erode trust in climate science, climate-focused institutions, experts, and solutions; or
- Falsely publicises efforts as supportive of climate goals that in fact contribute to climate warming or contravene the scientific consensus on mitigation or adaptation.

Recommendation 2: Holding Platforms Accountable.

Legislation should be enacted to mandate that social media platforms enforce their policies against repeat offender accounts. The report demonstrates that a small group of super-spreaders, including Australian political figures like Malcolm Roberts and Pauline Hanson, have a disproportionate effect on the disinformation ecosystem.¹ Targeting these accounts would have an outsized impact on the problem. This recommendation addresses ToR (f).

Recommendation 3: Mandating Transparency and Research.

A legislative framework is necessary to compel social media platforms to provide vetted researchers and regulators with access to data on disinformation trends and the role of algorithmic amplification.¹ Without this data, the true scale and nature of the issue remain

unknowable, making it impossible to formulate effective, evidence-based responses. This recommendation is crucial for addressing ToR (e) and (f).

Recommendation 4: Restricting Financial Incentives.

Policies should be established to restrict paid advertising from fossil fuel companies, their known front groups, and other actors repeatedly found to spread disinformation that contravenes a unified definition. This recommendation directly targets the financial ecosystem that incentivizes and sustains climate disinformation, addressing ToR (b).

Recommendation 5: Actively Engage in Multilateral Efforts.

The Australian government should actively participate in and contribute to global efforts to combat climate disinformation. As disinformation is a trans-border issue, a coordinated international response is crucial for effective policymaking. This recommendation addresses ToR (f) by advocating for a global approach to combatting disinformation and gathering evidence through international collaboration. It also directly relates to ToR (b) by targeting the mechanisms of disinformation dissemination on an international scale, recognizing that the financing and production of false narratives often transcend national borders.

Australia should join countries and UN agencies that are already coming together under the Global Initiative for Information Integrity on Climate Change. This initiative, launched by the Brazilian government, the United Nations, and UNESCO, brings together countries, international organizations, and researchers to combat disinformation and promote actions in preparation for COP30.

This recommendation is especially timely, as for the first time in history, information integrity on climate change will be an agenda item at the upcoming COP30 in Brazil. Australia should take robust action to ensure effective multilateral intervention against climate disinformation by formally joining this initiative and contributing to its efforts, which include funding research, developing communication campaigns, and protecting

journalists and researchers. Joining this coalition would allow Australia to share best practices, access valuable data, and work alongside international partners to curb the spread of misleading narratives that hinder climate progress. This collaborative approach would strengthen global resilience against disinformation, reinforcing the scientific consensus and empowering nations to implement evidence-based climate policies.

9. Conclusion

This submission from Climate Action Against Disinformation (CAAD) has outlined the pervasive and sophisticated nature of climate misinformation and disinformation in Australia. We have demonstrated how these deceptive narratives have evolved from outright denial to more subtle discourses of delay, focusing on the unreliability of renewables, economic concerns, and conspiracy theories. Our analysis has identified key disinformation actors within the Australian media and political landscape and provided evidence of how international disinformation campaigns, such as those related to greenwashing and '15-minute cities', are affecting public discourse in Australia.

The evidence presented underscores a critical vulnerability in Australia's information ecosystem, as demonstrated by our survey findings that a significant portion of the Australian public holds misbeliefs on foundational climate issues. We have shown that this isn't an abstract problem; it has a tangible impact on public perception and the viability of effective climate policies.

Addressing this issue is urgent and essential for protecting Australia's democratic processes and ensuring a stable and secure energy transition. The legislative measures we have proposed—including adopting a unified definition of climate disinformation, holding platforms accountable, and restricting financial incentives for deceptive advertising—are crucial steps toward safeguarding public discourse. Without decisive action, these harmful narratives will continue to undermine public trust, hinder climate action, and jeopardize Australia's ability to meet its climate goals.

CAAD is grateful for the opportunity to provide this submission to the Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy. We believe that a robust and evidence-based approach is required to tackle this complex challenge, and we stand ready to provide any further information or assistance the Committee may need.

Annex-I CAAD – Climate Disinformation Narratives in Australia – 29 August 2025

Summary

Nationals MP Barnaby Joyce introduced [a private member's bill](#) in July 2025 to repeal Australia's net-zero emission laws and related climate policies. On July 31, the Labor-led committee privately decided to allocate 20 minutes of debate to the bill—a move [The Saturday Paper](#) suggested was designed to “create a significant distraction and stoke division within the Coalition”.

Recently, multiple state divisions of the Liberal and National parties have [passed motions](#) calling for scrapping the net-zero by 2050 commitment. While symbolic, these motions have fanned the flames of internal debate and fostered disinformation campaigns targeting the nation's net zero policies and renewable energy plans.

This report examines the following key narratives employed by oppositional actors in Australia to spread negative discourse and amplify climate change misinformation on social media:

- Renewable energy is too expensive, and the push toward net zero is bankrupting the nation and repelling foreign investors.
- Renewable energy is unreliable and fossil fuels are necessary to keep up with energy demands.
- Australia First – critics of climate change policies argue that Australia is a low emitter, compared to countries like China and India. Efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are futile and force Australia to lose their energy security and independence.
- The net zero agenda is a scam disguising a global socialist agenda seeking to control the population.

Disinformation Narratives

Renewable Energy – Destroying the Economy

Rising power bills are repeatedly blamed on net zero policies, with critics arguing that transitioning to renewables increases costs – particularly hurting regional households and industries such as mining, manufacturing, and farming. This narrative dominates social media posts, with politicians and climate deniers arguing that renewable energy transition plans are costing far more than planned, all while electricity prices continue to climb.

In [a post on X](#), Senator Matt Canavan wrote, “It is now going to cost Australian electricity consumers \$41 billion to build just 6 transmission lines. They are being built not to deliver cheaper power, but to meet arbitrary renewable energy targets. In the last few years these projects have blown out in cost by \$28 billion.”

Net Zero Watch Australia [posted to X](#), claiming coal is the cheapest form of energy. An Australian radio presenter Ben Fordham [posted](#), “The cost of a Renewable Energy Zone has blown out by billions.”

The framing relies on straightforward tactics – such as sharing a simple graph highlighting the rise in costs or posting a meme that asks why Australians still face high energy bills if renewables are meant to be “cheaper”. Conservative politicians, especially those backing the net zero repeal, use their social media platforms to claim that their opponents are misleading the public about costs and shifting the financial burden onto taxpayers. Outlets like [Sky News Australia](#) report that while America is focusing on fossil fuel dominance, Australia “cling[s] to net zero targets despite mounting costs.” Three industries have stood out when it comes to these claims – farming, manufacturing, and mining. Politicians claim that net zero regulations are [harming metal manufacturing](#) and [detering investment](#) into the industry.

Mining tycoon Gina Rinehart wrote an op-ed for [The Herald Sun](#) urging the country to ditch its pursuit of net-zero emissions – insisting the costs of climate action will devastate sectors from healthcare to farming and mining, with ordinary Australians bearing the consequences:

“Why isn’t the media and our government thinking about the mums and dads and their families, small and medium business owners, who are struggling with higher costs and the ever increasing cost of electricity, thanks to the huge cost of duplication of new transmission lines, green electricity, and closure of the cheaper more reliable coal mines and delay in approvals for gas projects, which had provided less expensive and more reliable power.”

Farmers are often highlighted in social media posts as the ones [“fighting back”](#) against net zero regulations that are threatening their livelihoods. These farmers have become the heroes and victims in the debate against green energy. Sky News Australia released a [YouTube clip](#) arguing that the Labor Party is “treating Australian farmers with ‘absolute contempt’.” Climate action is framed as [“out of touch with regional and rural Australians,”](#) and destroying individual rights.

Senator Matt Canavan @mattjcan

It is now going to cost Australian electricity consumers \$41 billion to build just 6 transmission lines.

They are being built not to deliver cheaper power, but to meet arbitrary renewable energy targets.

In the last few years these projects have blown out in cost by \$28 billion 🤔

Yet none of them have been cancelled due to high costs 😞

Even using the CSIRO's inflated figures, we could have built 6 new coal fired power stations and had change left over!

6:53 PM · Aug 7, 2025 · **40.8K** Views

164 594 2.1K 72

Senator Matt Canavan @mattjcan

Lots of people in my comments are saying that renewable energy is cheaper.

Why then have our electricity prices done this since we started installing it?

Thanks to Mark Gell for the graphic.

2:40 PM · Aug 9, 2025 · **78.8K** Views

502 469 2.6K 86

Net Zero Watch Australia
@NetZeroWatchAU

The CSIRO has found that black coal was the cheapest form of energy in 2024-25, challenging the government's narrative on renewable energy.



Black coal found to be cheapest form of energy in Gov report

Black coal has been deemed the cheapest form of energy in 2024-25 by the CSIRO.

Ben Fordham Live
@BenFordhamLive

The cost of a Renewable Energy Zone has blown out by billions. It was meant to cost \$650 million. You won't believe how much it's going to cost now! Find out the details [HERE](#).

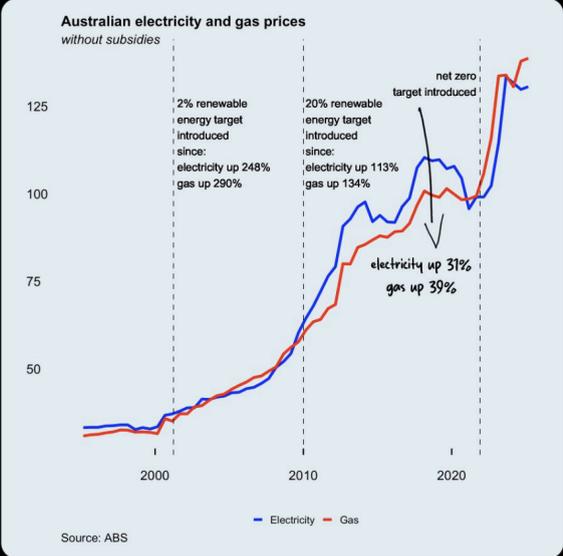
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MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR BLOWOUT



Senator Matt Canavan
@mattjcan

Australian electricity prices have more than tripled since we started mandating renewable energy.



Australian electricity and gas prices without subsidies

| Event | Electricity Price Change | Gas Price Change |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| 2% renewable energy target introduced | up 248% | up 290% |
| 20% renewable energy target introduced | up 113% | up 134% |
| net zero target introduced | up 31% | up 39% |

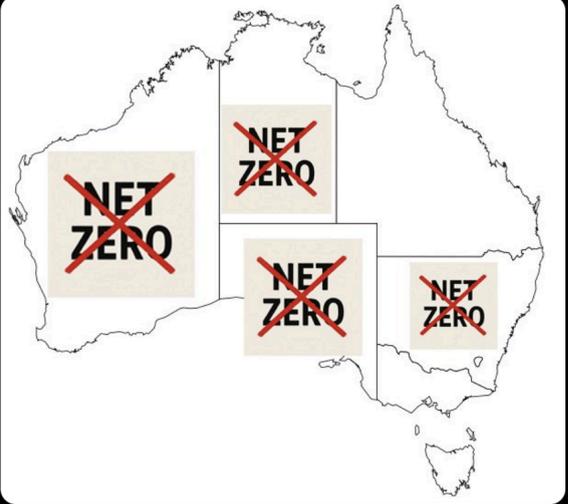
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7:42 PM · Jul 30, 2025 · **118.8K** Views

356 1K 3.5K 229

Senator Matt Canavan
@mattjcan

With WA Liberals now opposed to net zero, LNP members in 4 States or Territories are now opposed to net zero. Momentum is building to end this crazy target that is just making Australia poorer.



5:04 PM · Jul 30, 2025 · **98.2K** Views

350 606 3.1K 34

Alexandra Marshall @elymelly

.@EnergyAustralia "Your electricity bills are going up!"

@EnergyAustralia "Your gas bills are going up!"

Chris Bowen: "Cheap, green, renewable energy!"

8:18 PM · Jul 31, 2025 · 8,736 Views

35 103 544 4

Senator Matt Canavan @mattjcan

Since Australia signed up to net zero:

- electricity prices are up 31%
- gas prices are up 39%

Net zero is not working.

9News Melbourne @9NewsMelb

Frustrated farmers in a tiny Wimmera town have set fire to information packs from the Victorian government, in a show of defiance.

Their reaction, stressing a "hard no" to plans for massive renewable energy transmission lines through their land.

#9News

1:24 AM · Aug 18, 2025 · 53.8K Views

112 412 1.7K 58

Malcolm Roberts @MRobertsQLD

"Renewable" energy is destroying private property rights for farmers.

Under a new provision, they face fines of up to \$12,000 if they refuse access.

"In Victoria, no one has any rights anymore." - farmer 😞

TikTok @malcolmrobertsonation

ADVANCE @FairAusADV

This week, Barnaby Joyce's bill to Dump Net Zero will be debated in parliament.

Australians are sick and tired of their living standards getting worse, their farms being taken, their taxes going up.

Our message to politicians is simple: Dump Net Zero, or we dump you.

ADVANCE
POLICY AND CENTRE

**BILL TO DUMP NET ZERO
WILL BE DEBATED IN**

Pauline Hanson @PaulineHansonOz

Last night, the Senate voted on my motion to scrap net zero and put cheap, reliable energy first.

Labor, the Greens and the crossbench voted it down. And the Liberals? Cowards. They had the notice. They had the time. And they still ran for the exits. Not one of them had the guts to stand and be counted.

Only One Nation is united in standing up for Australian families, workers, and small businesses.

Net zero is hammering our economy. Power bills are out of control. Manufacturing is being wiped out. And ordinary Australians are paying the price, while out-of-touch politicians and inner-city idealists push fantasy policies they'll never have to live under.

One Nation is doing what the major parties won't, standing up for the people. If you're fed up with being ignored, you're not alone. We're with you and we're not backing down.

Senator Matt Canavan @mattjcan

Australia is de-industrialising because of net zero.

Australia's threatened metal manufacturers

- Going? ● Gone
- Mt Isa, Qld**
 - Glencore copper smelter
 - Glencore lead smelter
- Townsville, Qld**
 - Sun Metals zinc refinery
 - Glencore copper refinery
- Kalgoorlie, WA**
 - Nickel smelter
- Port Pirie, SA**
 - Nyrstar lead smelter
- Tomago, NSW**
 - Rio Tinto aluminium smelter
- Perth**
- Whyalla, SA**
 - Liberty Steel mill
- Bell Bay, Tas**
 - Rio Tinto aluminium smelter
 - Liberty ferromanganese smelter
- Kwinana, WA**
 - Nickel refinery
 - Alumina refinery
- Hobart, Tas**
 - Nyrstar zinc refinery

SOURCE: FINANCIAL REVIEW

2:49 PM · Jul 1, 2025 · 111K Views

472 955 3.2K 264

Michael @Get_Smart_086

Albo and Blackout Bowen are deliberately destroying Australia's cheap energy capacity via Net Zero madness. Then their globalist mates can buy up distressed assets for pennies on the dollar. Our military should step in and charge them with treason.

Senator Matt Canavan @mattjcan · Jul 1

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- Perth**

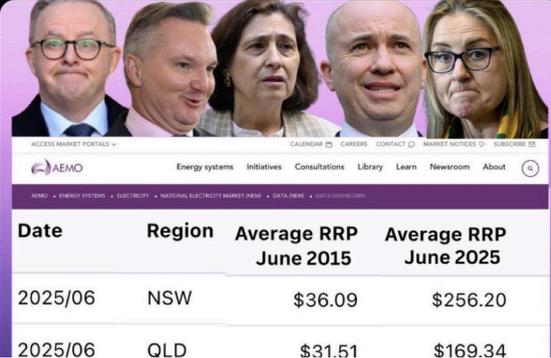
Senator Matt Canavan @mattjcan

What a complete and utter economic disaster.

Wholesale electricity prices up between 4 to 8 times from 10 years ago.

All these people have told us that renewable energy is the "cheapest form of power". 😊

None of them will lose their job but Aussie factory workers have.



| Date | Region | Average RRP June 2015 | Average RRP June 2025 |
|---------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2025/06 | NSW | \$36.09 | \$256.20 |
| 2025/06 | QLD | \$31.51 | \$169.34 |

katy @KatyKray73

When we stand together we will win! I stand with the farmers!

Now all we need is Australia to drop the Net Zero agreement! 🇺🇸🇦🇺



Aussie cattle industry drops 2030 net zero target



CANAVAN TO PUSH NET ZERO REPEAL IN THE SENATE

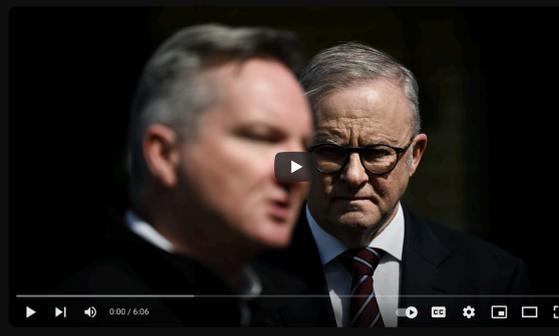
A NATION FIRST EXCLUSIVE

Canavan to Push Net Zero Repeal in the Senate

George Christensen 15.3K subscribers

182 likes

1.5K views 1 day ago Nation First Interviews



This can't go on: Regional Australia is 'furious' at the government's net-zero obsession

Sky News Australia 5.8M subscribers

992 likes

34K views 4 days ago

The Epoch Times
August 22 at 6:19 AM

Mining billionaire Gina Rinehart has told the 2025 Bush Summit that the government's net zero policy is destroying Australia's living standards and the Paris Accord is something Australians "simply cannot afford."

Aside from Hancock Prospecting, Rinehart also owns 25 properties that run more than 340,000 cattle, making her company Australia's second-largest beef producer.



Australian Mining Billionaire Reveals Stance on Net Zero Policy

Comment as Erin Sullivan

Net Zero Watch
@NetZeroWatch

Australian mining tycoon Gina Rinehart has urged the country to ditch its pursuit of Net Zero emissions, warning the costs will devastate sectors from healthcare to logistics and defence.

"The cost Australia simply cannot bear. It's time for truth," she said.



NETZERO WATCH

6:33 AM · Aug 20, 2025 · 12.2K Views

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Gina Rinehart speaks on the divide between government and regional Australia

Sky News Australia
5.8M subscribers

61 Share Download

2.6K views 7 days ago



'Heartbreaking': Gina Rinehart speaks about farmers suffering from 'net zero ideology'

Sky News Australia
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Australians could be left 'impoverished' from Labor's net zero dream

Sky News Australia
5.8M subscribers

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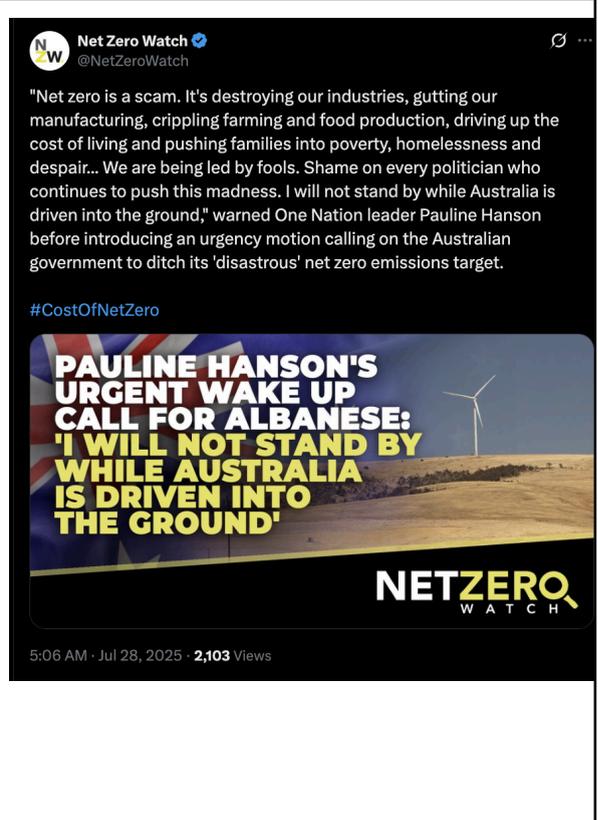
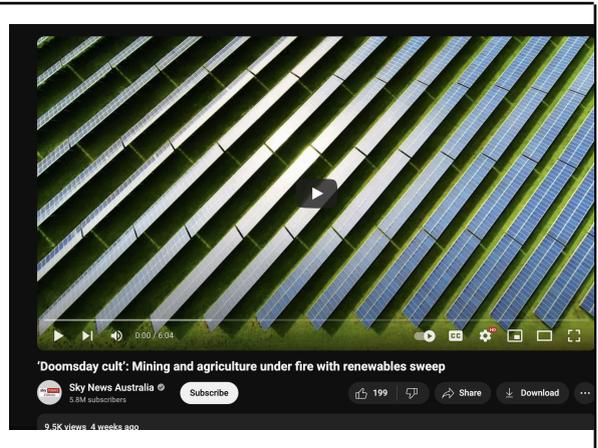
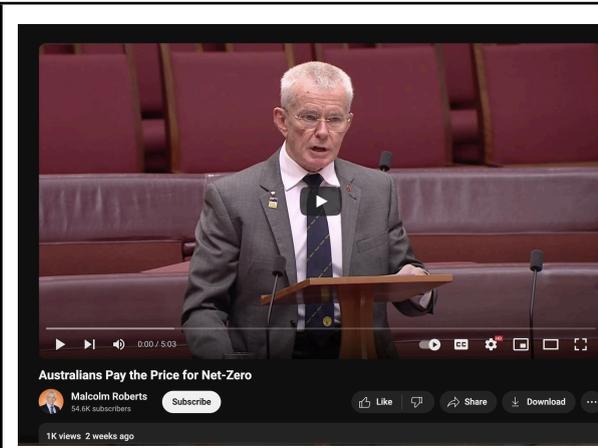


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Australia faces job losses of 631,800 to meet its net zero target, mostly in agriculture & mining. Billions in undisclosed subsidies have been spent so far on turbines & solar. New power lines for one section alone has a price tag of \$1.3 to \$1.5 trillion.

Institute of Public Affairs
IPA RESEARCH NOTE
Analysis of potential job losses from the policy of net zero emissions by 2050
July 2025
Clan Hussey
Research Fellow

Key findings

- The Coalition has everything to lose and nothing to gain politically from its commitment to the policy of net zero emissions by 2050.
- Up to 631,800 jobs across Australia will be put at risk by the policy of net zero emissions by 2050.
- The vast majority of those jobs are located in areas currently held by the Coalition.

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UN Paris agreement is a con
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UN climate fraud is a con

It's about control & wealth transfer

Instead, One Nation works to put Australia first

We want Australia, not austerity
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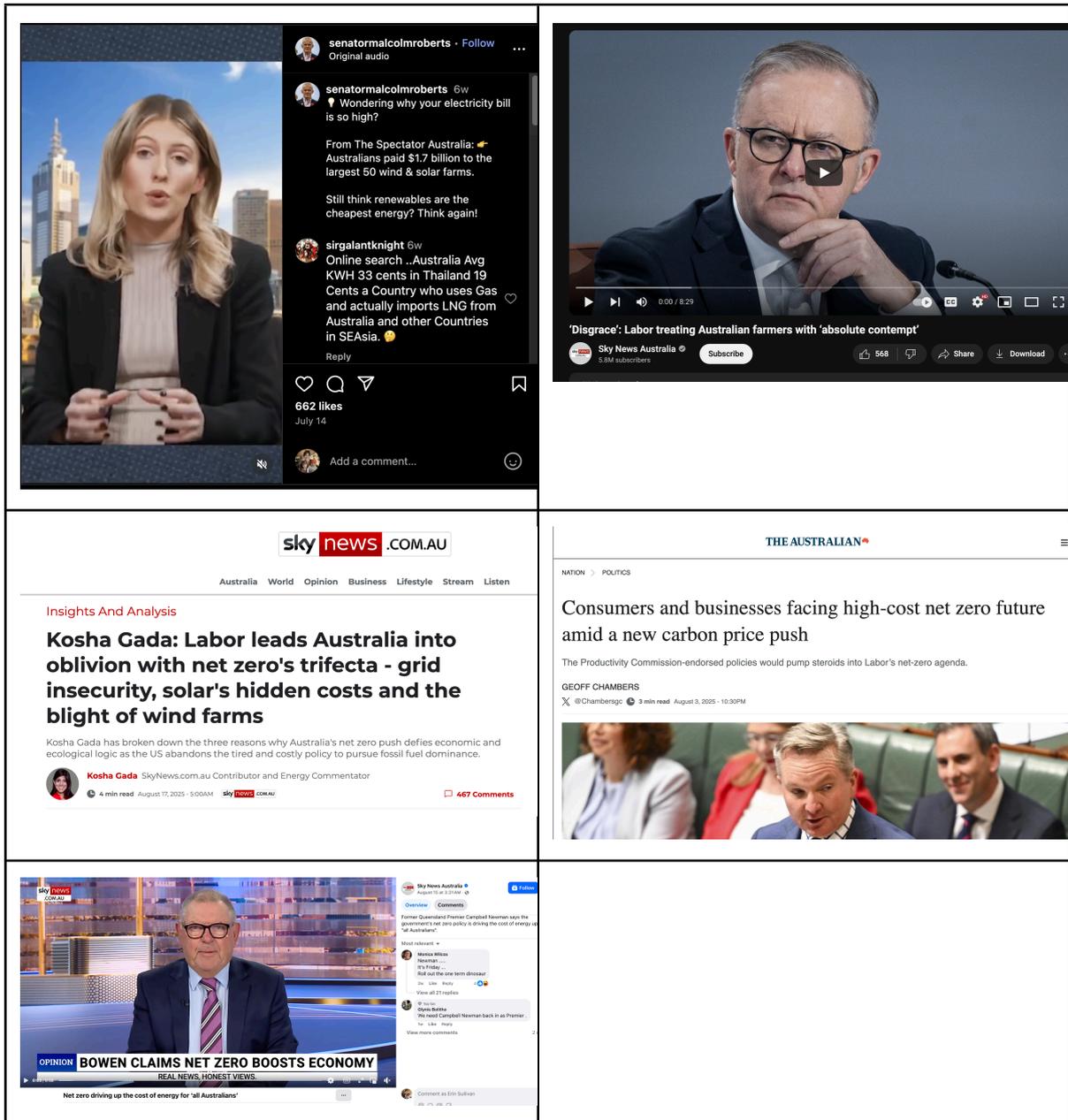
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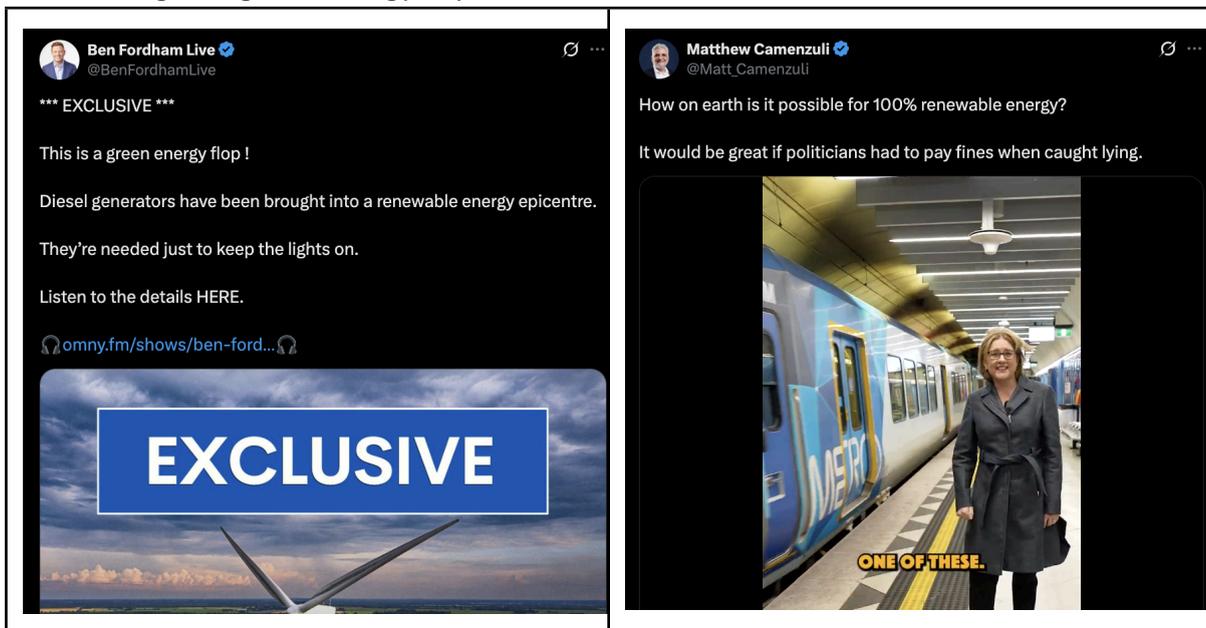


Renewable Energy is Unreliable

While we often see arguments that renewable energy alone is unreliable, conversations in Australia often focus on not just the limits of renewables, but the necessity for fossil fuels. [Prominent climate disinformers](#) Peter Clack [posted a diatribe on X](#), arguing that a rapid shift to renewable energy sources is both irresponsible and unrealistic.

“Dismantling a century of affordable energy infrastructure based on reliable coal, oil & gas could bankrupt western society within five years. It could be a mistake that sends the modern world into a new Dark Age. No-one has thought through the colossal pitfalls of a mad rush for unproven, unreliable renewable energy, plus the need to rebuild & replace turbines & solar panels within 20 years. It could send western nations into an irrecoverable economic collapse & block the modernisation of the Global South.”

Critics argue that [various green energy projects in the country have failed miserably](#), and prove that the cost of renewable energy is too high given its unreliability. Ben Fordham [posted again](#), claiming diesel generators needed to be brought in to manage a solar farm, calling it “a green energy flop.”



Malcolm Roberts @MRobertsQLD

"Renewable" energy is NOT green.
It's not cheap.
And it's not good for the environment.

Special thanks to Rainforest Reserves Australia for some of the footage and all the great work they do in real conservation.



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Proven coal reserves: 1.06 trillion tonnes could last 132 years.
Proven gas reserves: 7,299 trillion cubic feet could last 143 years.
Proven oil reserves of 1.65 trillion barrels of oil could last 53 years (many believe oil & gas are abiotic & self sustaining - not fossil fuels).
Hydrocarbons have been discovered throughout the solar system, in particular vast seas of methane & ethane on Titan, a moon of Saturn.

What can you make from one barrel of oil?

Deconstruct here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...](#)

The People's King Elvis @Real_King_Elvis

Will e-karen address this blatant misinformation by the WEF?

The World Economic Forum (WEF) claims Sydney runs on 100% wind and solar power, but this is false; Sydney's energy grid relies on a mix including coal, gas, and renewables, with renewables not yet dominant.

The City of Sydney's website (cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) states a goal of 70% renewable energy by 2030, not the current 100% usage, indicating the video's assertion is misinformation.



Resist CBDC @Resist_CBDC

Used wind turbine blades, piled in a field because they can't be recycled.

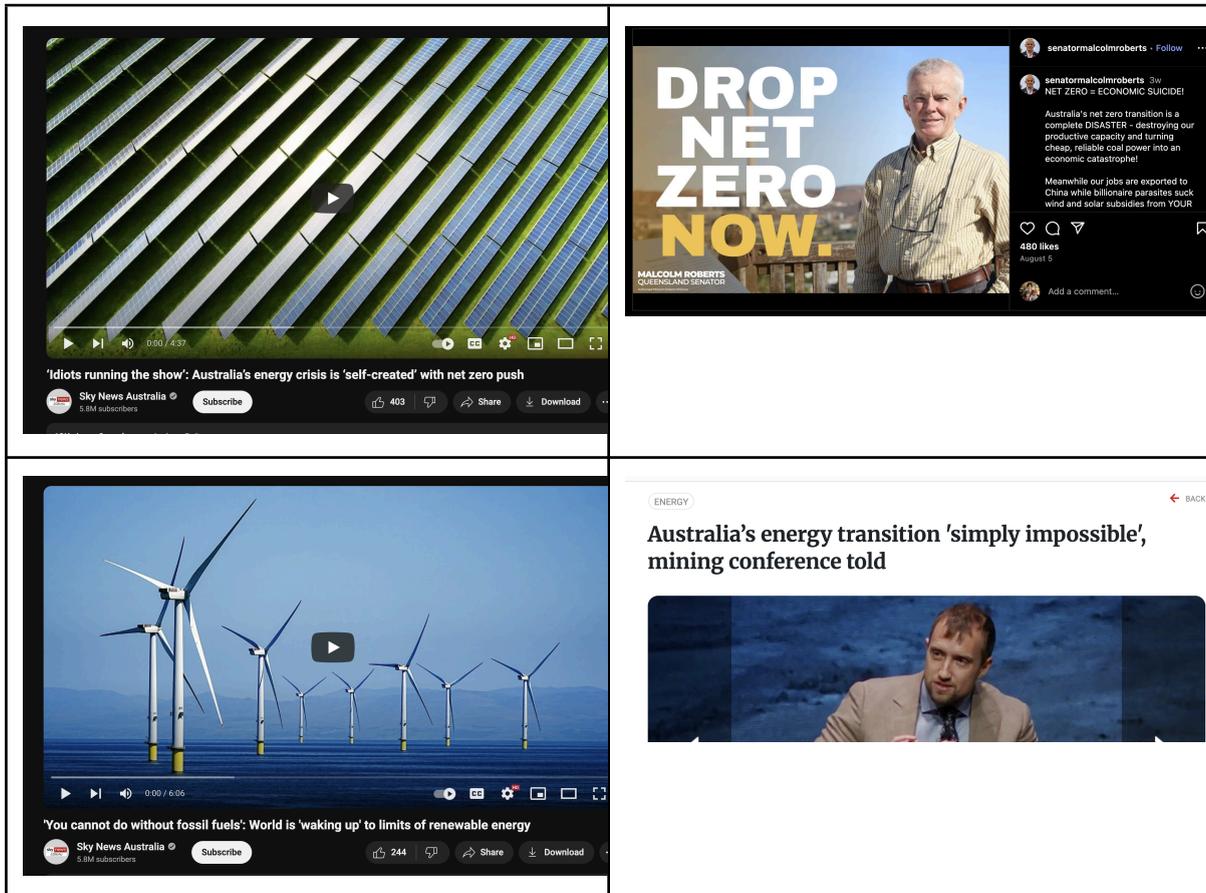
This is not "renewable" energy. It's not "rebuildable" energy either.

This is absolutely not environmentalism.



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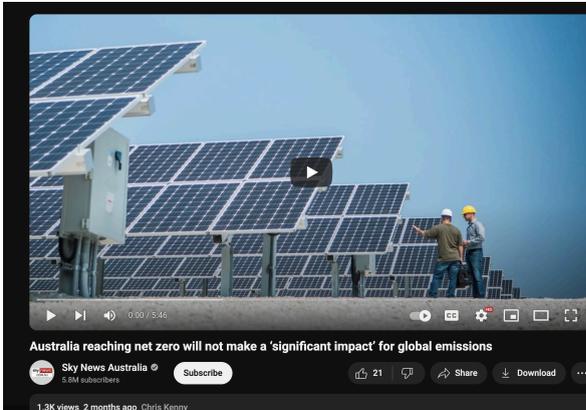
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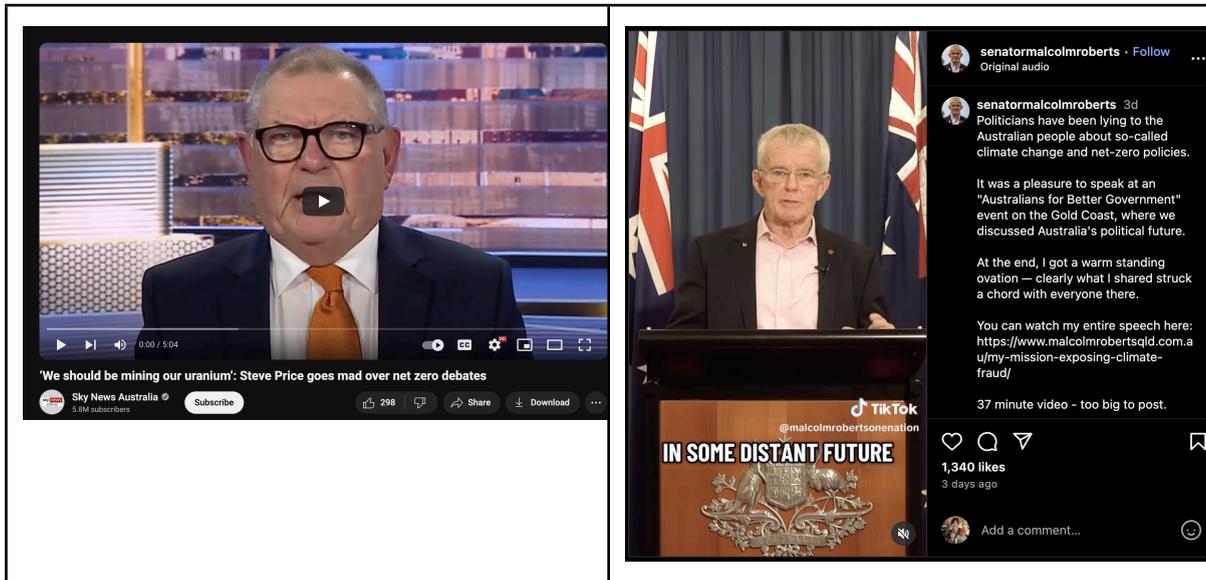
Popular among right-wing voices, the “country first” slogan has stretched across the globe – with politicians vowing to scrap net zero and prioritize Australians.

Social media amplifies claims that Australians are being burdened by extreme green regulations, even as the country’s [emissions remain far lower](#) than those of other countries, China or India. Right-wing leaders are capitalizing on fears of rising costs and taxes, arguing that funds are being funneled into renewable projects that [offer little tangible benefit](#). They frame net zero ambitions—being pursued while major emitters take no action—as threatening Australia’s energy independence and economic security.

Right-wing West Australian MP Andrew Hastie [told journalists](#): “We export a lot of our coal and gas to India and China – both their emissions are growing year on year – and yet we deny coal and gas to the Australian people .Meanwhile, we’re buying Chinese made solar

and wind.” His argument ultimately amounts to a conspiracy theory that Labor is allegedly selling Australia’s cheap fossil fuels while imposing taxes on Australians to benefit owners of “foreign-made renewables”, particularly in China.

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|  <p>Jacinta Nampijinpa @JNampijinpa</p> <p>Congratulations to the QLD Liberal National Party on voting to abandon net zero!</p> <p>They join the Western Australian, South Australian and Northern Territory Liberals.</p> <p>The tide is turning.</p> <p>Australia contributes just over 1 per cent of global emissions.</p> <p>And reaching net zero could cost a staggering \$7-9 trillion – as estimated by independent experts.</p> <p>Net zero is an absurd policy that will impoverish and de-industrialise our nation to achieve an emissions reduction target that, in an Australian context, will not alter global temperatures one iota.</p> |  <p>Senator Matt Canavan @mattjcan</p> <p>It's time to end net zero and put Australians first again</p>  |
|  <p>Craig Kelly @craigkellyAFEE</p> <p>With "Handsome Boy's" Net Zero policies, he is representing China's interests in Australia.</p> <p>By denying Australians from using our own coal (while it gets shipped off to China) and forcing Australians to subsidise the importation of Chinese solar panels and wind turbines - Albanese is simply facilitating a wealth transfer out of Australia to Communist China.</p> <p>Every politician that spruiks for Net Zero in Australia, and says nothing about China having 421 GW of new coal fired power under development, is a traitor to our nation.</p>  |  <p>Australia reaching net zero will not make a 'significant impact' for global emissions</p> <p>Sky News Australia</p> <p>1.3K views 2 months ago Chris Kenny</p> |



Disguising a Global Socialist Scam

All of these narratives eventually lead to conspiracy theories and outright climate denialism.

At the basic level, disinformers frame the climate agenda as a scheme to profit from green projects. A recurring claim is that the government is deliberately funding failed initiatives, enabling companies to pocket grants without being required to complete the projects.

[One post read](#), "Twiggy Forrest has cashed in big time. Albanese and Chris Bowen have handed over \$190 million to Twiggy for failed "renewable" energy projects, with many not being started or completed. 190 million in grants for Solar, wind and failed hydrogen. If it were you or I, we'd have the AFP on our doorstep for obtaining money by deception. However, I have a feeling Albo and Labor are in on it."

[Another post](#) argued that government-backed schemes create opportunities for large profits that rely entirely on taxpayer funding. Using the example of HMC Capital's acquisition of the Neoen Victoria wind farm just before Energy Minister Chris Bowen underwrote its revenue through the Capacity Investment Scheme, the author contends that legal, but opaque, processes allow wealthy investors—often with political

connections—to secure massive government payouts. They warn that profits in Australian renewable energy are largely government-dependent rather than market-driven.

Right-wing opponents argue that this influx of cash goes directly into the pockets of green energy companies and toward high paying salaries of [climate bureaucrats](#). But taking it a step further, messaging turns conspiratorial where narratives begin to emerge that all of this is intentional. That the net zero agenda is [“nothing more than a massive globalist socialist plan to control everything.”](#)

Finally, if all of this is meant to be a global scheme to launder money and reset the world’s economy – then naturally climate change is a scam, a hoax, and outright lie.



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\$930,000 salary for a "climate change" bureaucrat.

And you wonder why Australia is stuffed.

Huge taxpayer funded salaries going to Labor mates for unproductive jobs that will only destroy wealth.

And it's a 5 year deal with CPI increases, so it's \$5 million wealth transfer from workers to a Labor mate.

And the precedent it sets - don't take risks in the commercial world by trying and use your entrepreneurial skills to create wealth - get into government, suck up, tow the party line, and you to will be gifted millions in a parasitic job.

theaustralian.com.au/nation/smells-...

\$930k gig goes to party veteran

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Anthony Albanese has appointed a veteran Queensland Labor figure to a \$930,000-a-year position as head of his government's climate change department, the latest in a string of taxpayer-funded jobs for ALP heavyweights.

Mike Kaiser – who served as Queensland...



Kaiser

initiated by Public Service Minis-
ter Peter Callaghan in 2013 when

“The fact that they commissioned the Briggs review, have yet to release it, and are still making appointments through this outdated, opaque and problematic process is particularly concerning.” Professor Appleby said, warning that such practices were “hugely corrosive”.

“Even if the individual is the right or the best or a good person for the job, it just smells of jobs for mates, it smells of cronyism, and it smells of a conflict of interest.”



Pauline Hanson  
@PaulineHansonOz

↻ ...

Labor's net zero agenda isn't just failing, it's wrecking the country and wasting your money

The latest example, Labor gave your money, \$750,000, to a flashy green battery company. They called it “the future.” Albanese and Bowen did the usual media circus in hard hats and hi-vis. Now? The company's gone broke.

Just like the hydrogen plant in Whyalla. Just like the green steel project. Just like Twiggy's fantasy in Gladstone. All collapsed. All taxpayer-funded.

This is the net zero madness, a parade of failures while your power bills soar, industries collapse and families go without.

Labor and the Liberals both back it. They're so obsessed with overseas praise and climate slogans, they've forgotten ordinary Australians are footing the bill.

One Nation says enough. Scrap net zero!

Kobie Thatcher @KobieThatcher

Anthony Albanese:

"If you get rid of net zero, you are saying climate change is not real."

Yeah, that's the point. It's a scam.



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Kat A @SaiKate108

Senator Matt Canavan says the quiet part out loud.

Net zero is nothing more than a massive globalist socialist plan to control everything.

'Net Zero emissions by 2050 means the Government has to direct how you drive, what you can eat, how we make power, how we make everyday things'

It must be stopped.



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"This is probably the biggest con that we've ever had."

Geologist Prof. Ian Plimer: "There is no climate emergency... It has never been proven that human emissions of carbon dioxide drive global warming."

"Only 3% of emissions are from humans, the rest is natural... So if you're to prove that humans, and their emissions of the the gas of life, change climate, then you also have to prove that the natural emissions—97% of all emissions—don't change climate."

"That has never been addressed."



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You heard the man. Time to Dump Net Zero.



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Australia has gone from an energy abundance to an energy famine in two decades.

Why? Because we are chasing fantasy climate targets, and lining the pockets of an aggressive green energy lobby with our hard-earned money.

Andrew Hastie MP

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Australian senator Alex Antic exposes the World Economic Forum's 'Great Reset' agenda. 🔥

"The World Economic Forum promotes globalist issues such as climate change... and creating an online digital identity. However, closer inspection reveals the World Economic Forum... seeks to subvert Western values and political processes."

"They are very organised, and very well funded... They train aspirational leaders in their ideology, and help them make connections in spheres including politics [and] business."

"In a now-deleted video... the World Economic Forum claimed that you'll own nothing and you'll be happy... You don't have to be a political philosopher to figure out that if you own nothing, the state owns everything. There's a word for this—it's called communism."



Nina @Nina_B_more

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- Electricity price hikes
- Climate scam
- Blackouts
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