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 for a stable, liveable world. We need to keep 80% of existing reserves in the ground. Again, it
 would be irresponsible to open up a new gas field to production.
- The decades of delay in reducing carbon emissions have already incurred costs to humanity and the environment. Each year that emissions reductions are delayed, it becomes increasingly difficult to stabilise greenhouse gas concentrations below safe levels. Simply from our emissions so far, there is likely at least an additional 0.6 degrees warming of the Earth's surface.
- Fortunately, Australia's energy demand can be met by rapid expansion of conventional wind and solar power, combined with energy storage such as pumped hydro. Engineers at the ANU (Blakers et al) have developed models that indicate that wind and solar will replace retiring coal and gas plant at lower cost than replacement with new gas and coal.
- We do not need gas as a stepping stone to renewables. It would be an abominable waste of Australian financial resources, not to mention environmentally irresponsible, to sink 21st century-money into gas rather than into renewables.

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