

I took a structured random sample of the 25 pages of submissions.

A common thread among these submissions, all of which in my sample turned out to be objections to T4, is hysteria.

No mention is made of the desperate needs of human ecosystems, world wide, for cheap energy. Every living thing, plant or animal seeks the most efficient energy for its survival. Though used in many forms, this is Zipf's Law. To believe there is some utopian future that can be reached now by excluding fossil fuels (coal in this instance) is really hard to accept.

A recurring noise in these submissions is 'climate change' and the associated belief system that somehow not only can people cause the climate to change (they mean warm to satanic temperatures) but by stopping access to increasingly more efficient use of fossil fuels, the same people can actually reverse it. Then when in reverse to some magical datum of ppm of CO₂, their belief will maintain a homeostasis for ever more, regardless of solar system changes.

"Climate change" is of course a fiction derived from an averaging of some 32 climate models not one of which has been able to replicate KNOWN temperature change since 1979 when satellite measurements replaced scattered arrays of dubiously accurate thermometers. Ocean temperatures were barely sampled at all until very recently and temperatures there are also being affected as new bathymetric tools are used. More volcanic eruptions and venting occur under the oceans than over the entire land surface. Some were only discovered last year!

Furthermore and this is NEVER put forward by the true believers in (political?) climate change, that CO₂ increases, however they are caused, are the very lifeblood of future food supplies and of all related growth by photosynthetic plants and the animal chains thereafter.

Also noticeable among the sampled submissions is the view that employment will not be increased by T4. This also shows a very narrow understanding of global trade flows.

Then we get the "I don't want this development", regardless of the many, many pages of site and system evaluation that are available because coal must be replaced by renewable energy instruments. This is among the most Machiavellian of arguments because of course renewable energy can work only when it is backed by cheaper and more reliable base power sources such as, coal. The Danes can explain, but probably won't, that without base power from Germany, France and Sweden from combinations of coal fired and nuclear plants the country would have ground to a halt as wind turbines drooped. Now German industry is moving to the USA to cheap shale based power. US companies are drawing back from China to the USA where power is even cheaper than Chinese labour.

The NIMBY virus is also clearly virulent among many submissions. Best advice there is to stop buying Chinese made goods using Australian coal, even if some of the goods are made on behalf of Australian companies that end up employing people to

distribute, retail and consume these products. If there is an objection to Australian coal being behind the goods: some medical instrument supplies perhaps ... then what?

The time scales of change are much longer than global political or media cycles can actually tolerate. Frenetic urgency is required and fear based strategies are preferred to rational consideration of the strategically edited reports that are delivered every 6 years by the IPCC: in effect by the people *appointed by governments* to prepare reports for the benefit of governments and politicians to use for supporting precisely the sort of decisions that might be made against T4. The so-called, but entirely illogical, *precautionary principle*.

T4 should go ahead and not be hi-jacked by those who 'believe' they are going to need to trade their car for a rowing boat to get up and down Hunter Street.

I am sure that many who work at the Port Waratah facility now and who will do in the future, also care about the environment, have children whose future they care about, workers who bush walk, fish, grow herbs and like the fervently green also wish to 'protect the planet'.