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Stop the solar scam now!

Australians have wasted untold billions of dollars on solar power and it is a major reason why our electricity prices are close to the highest in the world, and on track to go much higher [Please go online to see the graph: http://cecaust.com.au/main.asp?sub=articles&id=power_graph.html]. The sun-worshipping cult of solar power has been enforced ever since the Howard government introduced the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET) on April Fools' Day of 2001.

As of 1 January 2014 the Clean Energy Regulator identified Australia has 1,161,245 solar photovoltaic (PV) panel systems with a rated output of 3,096 MW. The catch is that for most of the day they produce far less than this maximum rating, in winter they dribble out the power and at night they produce zip, absolutely nothing.

Worse still, like a wrecking ball, these solar panels are destroying the entire electricity grid, forcing coal-fired power stations to run at slower speeds—sometimes at 60 per cent capacity as they are too big to just switch on and off. Running in such a way has been likened to a jumbo jet constantly ascending and descending, rather than cruising at a high altitude. It's very inefficient and forces the coal-fired power stations to burn more fuel per unit power output. (This discounts any perceived zero-emissions benefit of solar power.) Then, early in the evening, peak demand occurs when the sun is setting and solar power is useless.

The grid requires reliable baseload power—intermittent solar power is killing the system. Aside from the daily and yearly solar variation, constantly shifting cloud cover can dramatically drop and spike solar PV output and wreak havoc over the electricity grid.

Over the course of the year, the entire array of Australian PV rooftop solar panels will produce 4,180 gigawatt hours of electricity, less than what just one typical coal-fired power station would produce. For example, in 2012/13 the 750 MW coal-fired Kogan Creek Power Station recorded an availability of 87.8 per

cent and sent out 5,189 gigawatt hours of electricity. Commissioned in 2007, it cost just \$1.2 billion to build.

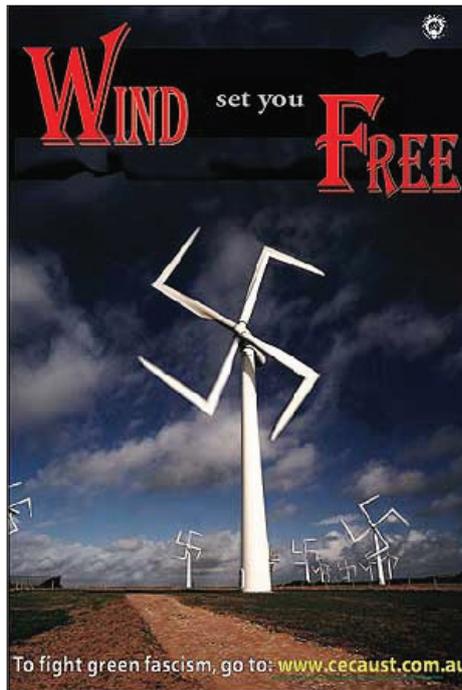
By contrast, Australians have spent \$8 billion of their own money on highly subsidised solar panels, costing taxpayers, businesses and all electricity consumers and having a flow-on effect estimated to have cost the Australian economy tens of billions of dollars.

Sun worshippers were crowing in January, that the enormous volume of solar panels on roofs in Victoria and South Australia saved those states from blackouts and brownouts during the five-day heat wave from 13-17 January. Solar from 350,000 homes and businesses in those states was estimated to reduce peak demand by 4.6 per cent. In fact, even this figure—small though it is—is bogus. Conventional power stations had surplus capacity and at their peak output on 16 January after 4:30 pm, the PV solar collectors were contributing just 3.1 per cent. On average they only contribute a measly 1.7 per cent to Australia's total electricity generation.

Anyone with solar panels getting paid a feed-in tariff to sell electricity back into the grid might think solar is great. They are actually being subsidised by everyone else, particularly the poor

and most vulnerable in society who cannot afford to buy solar panels, but have to pay much higher bills so the power companies can pay extra for solar power. In Queensland, the government power companies pay 70 per cent more for surplus solar power than they charge for their own power.

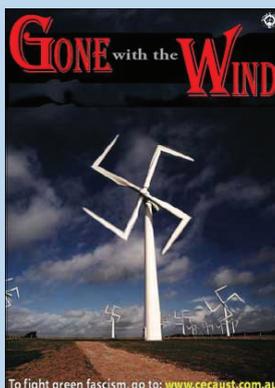
While Australia has only built two coal-fired power stations in the last decade, China is building around one every week and they have 29 nuclear reactors currently under construction. Isn't it time to stop this solar scam and start building proper baseload power infrastructure, including nuclear to utilise our enormous uranium and thorium reserves, before China leaves us in the dust?



GET A FREE PACK

For a complimentary package of the "Free Energy", which reveals some of the massive "hidden" costs of solar power; including the "Fraud of Free Energy" DVD and *EIR* magazine, call toll-free 1800 636 432, or send this coupon to: CEC, PO Box 376, Coburg, Victoria, 3058.

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Make 2014 the Year of Glass-Steagall!

As 2013 comes to a close, it is instructive to look back on the enormous progress the CEC has made in the last year in the fight for Glass-Steagall. Because then it becomes obvious that 2014 can—and must—be the year that Glass-Steagall becomes reality, the law of the land. And that must be the intention of this movement, as we enter the New Year.

The full-page ad in the 3 December 2013 *Australian* newspaper, with over 450 endorsers, was the culmination of an unprecedented burst of intense work: around a million copies of the *New Citizen* newspaper were distributed across Australia, exposing the plans for “bail-in”, and explaining the Glass-Steagall alternative; tens of millions of emailed press releases informed the Australian people of up-to-the-minute developments in the push for bail-in; despite the glut of new parties and candidates in the 7 September election the CEC’s slate of election candidates generated much more than usual local media coverage and a higher vote; and CEC office staff and activists poured out more than 15,000 phone calls to elected federal and state MPs, local councillors, political candidates, and thousands of community leaders of various stripes to enlist their support in the fight against bail-in and for Glass-Steagall, which was reflected in the ad.

As a result, we have made bail-in and the Glass Steagall solution to that atrocity, a major item of discussion in the Federal Parliament; have provoked widespread discussion and support for Glass-Steagall and against bail-in within local councils all over the country; and now we are pushing those items onto the agenda of state parliaments as well. We have done this so effectively that Financial Stability Board bigshot and RBA chief Glenn Stevens has just blurted out for the first time that he supports “bail in”, as reported in an *Australian Financial Review* interview with him last week (see release, p.4). Who could really doubt that this is because of us? Who knows if Glenn Stevens even intended to make that admission, since he quickly waffled around to cover up what he had just said, but sometimes when people have a subject so much on their minds—as Stevens well knows we have put the reality of bail-in on everyone’s minds—they just blurt it out without even intending to.

During the last week of federal Parliament this year, Treasurer Joe Hockey declared in Question Time when defending his \$8.8 billion capital injection into the Reserve Bank, that there are three threats to the global financial system looming in 2014: 1) the so-called “tapering” of the gush of central bank money-printing called Quantitative Easing, by which the central banks will try to ease it off

without sending the markets into a terminal dive; 2) the stress tests planned for the banks in the European Union, which Hockey emphasised was a serious issue (see p. 4); and 3) the future negotiations over again raising the U.S. debt ceiling.

Joe Hockey and Glenn Stevens see their job in government as making sure the private banks survive these threats. However, the true responsibility of government is to make sure the people survive any such threats. Our mission is to wrest control of the government away from the bankers and their agents such as Hockey, and to put it back in the hands of the people. In the near term, that means Glass-Steagall—a government-imposed barrier between predatory financial speculators, and the real economy of people and production. The good news is that under Glass-Steagall, the threats Hockey is warning about will evaporate.

Early in the new year the CEC will publish its two new pamphlets showcasing legislation for Glass-Steagall and a national bank. A third pamphlet is planned, exposing the origins and intention of green fascism, which is stopping nations including Australia from embarking on the major water, power and transportation infrastructure projects that are necessary for our development. These pamphlets will provide all of the ammunition you need to make Glass-Steagall and a national bank the “talk of the town”, so that everyday people begin to demand these policies. And when those in power know that the public knows what Glass-Steagall is, and that it will solve the financial crisis—not fascist schemes like bail-in—it will become a matter of political survival for them. They’ll have to go with Glass-Steagall, or face the consequences.

It is the CEC’s mission to unleash that understanding within the public. Let’s make 2014 the year we succeed.



The document handed to MPs in Canberra 2-5 Dec.