

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the continent of Australia in the center. The image is framed by a thin yellow border. The text is overlaid on the image. A cyan sunburst graphic is positioned over the southern part of Australia.

POLICY BRIEFING

Unleashing Energy Abundance

Libertarian

THE GREAT VICTORIAN ENERGY SCAM

Victoria is resource-rich. We have massive coal deposits, natural gas, and uranium. We should have the cheapest power in the world.

Instead, Victorians pay some of the highest energy prices on the planet.

Why? Because politicians have turned energy into a political game instead of letting the market deliver cheap, reliable power.

While your family struggles with massive power bills, **politicians are:**

- **Banning cheap energy sources** for political reasons
- **Subsidizing expensive, unreliable energy** with your tax money
- **Creating mountains of red tape** that drive up costs
- **Picking winners and losers** instead of letting competition work

When energy costs skyrocket, EVERYTHING gets more expensive - groceries, transport, manufacturing, jobs.

Government created this crisis. Only the free market can solve it.



David Limbrick MP takes government members to school on nuclear and why it's awesome

THE POLITICAL ENERGY DISASTER

Nuclear Power BANNED - For No Good Reason

Nuclear power is a safe, clean, cheap energy source.

France gets 70% of its power from nuclear. Their electricity is cheap and reliable.

Victoria banned nuclear power in 1983 - not for safety reasons, but because of 1970s anti-nuclear panic.

Modern nuclear power is:

- **Safer than any other energy source** (including wind and solar)
- **Produces zero emissions**
- **Works 24/7 regardless of weather**
- **Lasts for 60+ years** once built
- **Powers entire cities** from a single plant

But politicians won't let you have it because they're scared of outdated anti-nuclear activism.



 **THE
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Nuke the Ban! Libertarian MP reads in Bill to Legalise Nuclear Energy and Activities in Victoria

Natural Gas and Coal - Strangled by Red Tape

Victoria sits on massive energy reserves, but government regulations make it nearly impossible to access them.

Coal, gas, and uranium extraction is either banned outright or strangled by environmental bureaucracy that takes years to approve anything.

Meanwhile: Other countries are buying our resources and enjoying cheap energy while Victorians pay through the nose.

\$1 Billion in Energy Subsidies - Corporate Welfare

Government spends over \$1 billion of YOUR tax money subsidising politically-favoured energy companies.

This is corporate welfare that:

- **Props up inefficient companies** that should fail
- **Punishes efficient companies** that don't get subsidies
- **Drives up your taxes** to pay for political favourites
- **Distorts the energy market** away from what actually works



THE REAL CLIMATE TRUTH POLITICIANS WON'T TELL YOU

Australia produces less than 2% of global carbon emissions.

Victoria's share is a fraction of that 2%.

Even if Victoria went to zero emissions tomorrow, it would make ZERO difference to global climate while destroying your living standards.

Meanwhile:

China opens new coal plants every week, producing more emissions in a month than Victoria produces in a year.

The climate extremists want to destroy your lifestyle for virtue-signalling that accomplishes nothing for the planet. It's dumb.



OUR SOLUTION: FREE THE ENERGY MARKET

1 UNLEASH NUCLEAR POWER

Repeal the nuclear ban immediately. Let Victoria build modern, safe nuclear power plants that will deliver cheap electricity for generations.

Nuclear means: Cheap power bills, zero emissions, energy independence.

2 UNLOCK VICTORIA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Stop strangling coal, gas, and uranium development with endless red tape. **Let the market decide** which energy sources work best, not politicians playing favorites.

3 END ALL ENERGY SUBSIDIES

Cut the \$1 billion corporate welfare program. No subsidies for anyone - renewable OR traditional energy.

Let companies compete on merit, not political connections.



4 SLASH ENERGY REGULATIONS

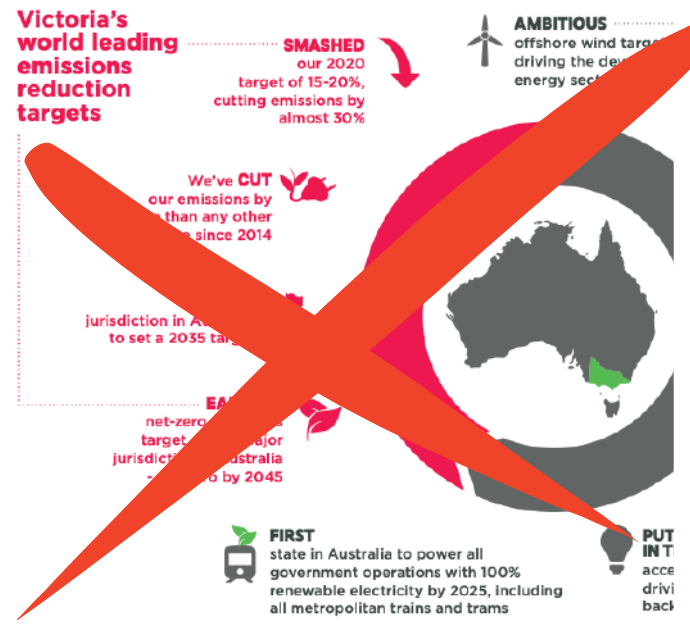
Eliminate the maze of **bureaucracy** that makes energy infrastructure impossible to build.

Streamline approvals so energy projects can be built quickly and cheaply.



5 MAKE NET-ZERO VOLUNTARY

Stop forcing families and businesses to meet arbitrary emission targets. If you want to reduce emissions - great. If you don't - that's your choice. **Government shouldn't pick winners and losers** based on environmental activism.



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Immediate Benefits:

- **Power bills slashed** as competition drives down prices
- **Manufacturing jobs return** as energy becomes competitive again
- **Everything gets cheaper** as energy costs fall across the economy

Long-Term Security:

- **Energy independence** - no relying on other states or countries
- **Reliable power** - nuclear, coal and gas work 24/7, rain or shine
- **Economic boom** as cheap energy attracts investment and jobs

Real Choice:

- **You choose your energy provider** based on price and service
- **Companies compete for your business** instead of government handouts
- **Innovation drives progress** instead of political correctness



THE ENEMIES OF CHEAP ENERGY

Environmental Extremists

Who would rather see families freeze in winter than allow nuclear power or gas development.

Rent Seeker Corporations

Renewable energy companies that exist only because of government handouts and can't compete in a fair market.

Inner-City Elites

Rich people who can afford high energy bills and don't care about working people.

Bureaucrats

Whose jobs depend on maintaining complex approval processes and regulatory maze.

These groups profit from expensive energy. We'll end their racket.



WHY GOVERNMENT "GREEN ENERGY" IS A SCAM

Wind and Solar Are Expensive and Unreliable

- Only work when the wind blows and sun shines
- Require massive backup systems (usually gas plants)
- Cover huge areas of land with industrial machinery
- Kill millions of birds and create toxic waste from batteries

Plus: They're only "cheap" because of massive government subsidies paid for with your taxes.

The German Disaster

Germany went all-in on wind and solar. Result:

- Highest electricity prices in Europe
- Regular blackouts and energy shortages
- Manufacturing companies fleeing to other countries
- Energy poverty for millions of families

That's the "green energy" future politicians want for Victoria. Germany is now undoing this damage with gas and coal. We must stop the damage in Victoria.

THE CHOICE

Current System:

- Politicians pick energy winners and losers
- Nuclear power banned for political reasons
- \$1 billion in subsidies for political favourites
- Massive regulations strangling development
- Sky-high power bills for families and everyone

Libertarian Solution:

- Free market competition drives down prices
- All energy sources compete on merit
- Nuclear power provides cheap, clean electricity
- Minimal regulations, maximum innovation
- Abundant, affordable energy for everyone



ABUNDANT ENERGY = ABUNDANT PROSPERITY

Throughout history, cheap energy has meant prosperity, jobs, and rising living standards.

Expensive energy means poverty, unemployment, and decline.

Victoria has everything needed for energy abundance - coal, gas, uranium, wind, solar, and smart engineers.

The only thing stopping energy abundance is government.

Free the energy market and watch Victoria boom.

**Cheap energy means cheap everything else.
Expensive energy means expensive everything else.**

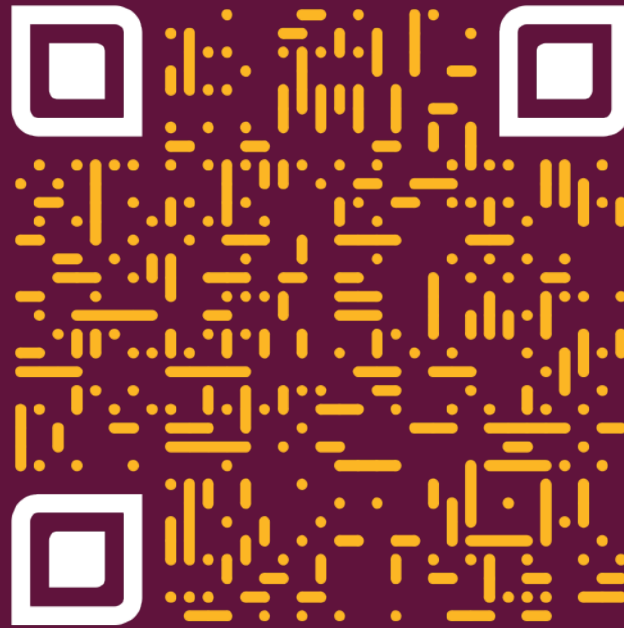
The choice is simple: Free market abundance or government-controlled scarcity.

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If you want lower-cost, more abundant, and more reliable energy, the solution is clear: liberate the producers

Time to free Victorian energy”

<https://vic.libertarians.org.au/policies>



Our Policies



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