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Solar and wind energy have become the cheapest forms of new energy infrastructure and it makes no economic sense to subsidise fossil fuel infrastructure.

Although I understand that coal-fired power stations must remain part of the mix to generate our electricity for the next decade or so, it is environmentally outrageous to go on polluting our atmosphere at an unnecessary rate!! Situations such as the 'drowning' of Pacific Islands and the degradation of the Great Barrier Reef are reason enough to stop new coal-mining ventures. Solar and wind energy production must be encouraged and the expansion of coal mining discouraged. We must not stand idly by and watch the planet being destroyed.

If it were my suburb which was to have a wind farm or large solar farm installed I know that environmental benefits would flow from the installations.

However I would still like to have the developers discuss their plans with the community and listen to opinions as to how it could be done with minimal blighting of the landscape and risk to native wildlife etc.

When people who are affected by developments of any kind in their suburbs or towns chances are it will lead to less protest and better outcomes for all. No one likes to be dictated to.

Yours sincerely,  
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