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I have long had an interest in our environment and have tried to limit my impact on it. I was an early adopter of solar panels and made an investment in Hepburn Wind's community wind farm. I have never owned a car and use public transport as much as possible. When younger I cycled everywhere, but I am no longer able to do so.

I would like to see a fast and just transition to renewable energy sources. Communities that relied on coal mining or running power stations need training and jobs for the next phase. They need to feel part of the solution.

I see state governments struggling with this as they cannot deliver a steady, reliable stream of solar and wind power to support the coal base load to be retired. Privatising the power generation, transmission, and distribution seems to have exacerbated this.

If governments cannot encourage investment in energy storage and distribution, then they must do it themselves or subsidise it.

I have seen in US farming communities some have benefited financially from having wind farms on their properties, while others object to having to look at towers on their neighbours' lands. The solution there was that all in the community received benefits and the landowner accommodating the towers received a bit more.

In Australia, we see first nations' land as a resource to exploit. We need to engage them more and deliver benefits to them.

I think we need to work closely with all landowners to ensure that they have a say in what is done and they have a share in the benefits. Some do not see personal benefit in reducing the national Carbon footprint. I do not see how to convince them.

In conclusion, I think that we are "kicking the can down the road". I do not see any urgency in actions by governments. They talk about long term goals, but without meaningful steps along the way. They have no transition plan. I do not see action, just talk.

Yours sincerely,

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