

Changing the Way We Think About Renewable Energy

When an average Australian hears the words “renewable energy “, they immediately associate it to some government initiative that will take effect in the future. However, what we fail to recognise is that in order for Australia to ever generate 100% of its energy through renewable power sources, action must be taken now by everyone in the community. So what can we do as individuals to achieve this goal? While installing solar panels on the roof of our homes is an extremely commendable step for any household, it may seem expensive and unreliable to others. We can start small by changing our way of thinking. By educating ourselves of the renewable energy options available and their benefits, we are one step closer to moving towards using renewable sources that will last forever rather than being depleted in the near future. It is true that in order to gravitate towards this national goal there will be massive changes that will impact everyone residing in Australia. However, these changes are necessary in order to better the Australian economy, environment and lifestyle. While there are possibilities of jobs cuts, there will also be new jobs created considering the size of this operation. Yes, the initial costs could be more than what we would be willing to pay. However, once renewable energy has full support from the population, the costs will automatically fall as the capital investment is accounted for much quicker. Australia, as a continent is infact very lucky in terms of its size and untapped natural potential. We have more than enough land and water to establish alternative methods of energy generation such as solar, wind, hydro, wave, geothermal and bio-fuels. Hence, Australia will be able to achieve complete control of the electricity and fuels generated, due to the lack of international interference.

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