

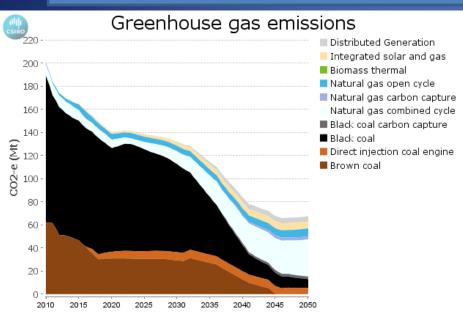
#### All technologies, no ideological bias

"We must act now, while we can secure national prosperity through careful and incremental change...there should be no policy restrictions on the type of technology we use to lower emissions. Nuclear, gas and clean coal should all be on the table - not excluded on ideological grounds".

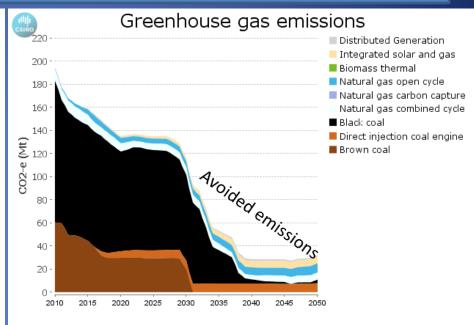
Business Council of Australia President Tony Shepherd, April 2013



# The pathway matters as much as the destination



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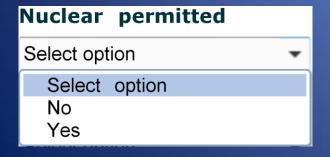


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Nuclear mimics fossil – but without the GHG But nuclear power is prohibited in Australia

Selecting "No" delivers an inferior result

Would this be clear in a comparative energy case study?



### Zero Carbon Options: The Task



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#### Option 1: Reference Renewable Solution – Solar and Wind Hybrid

Energy Source	Technology	Generation Rating	Assumed Annual Generation
Solar	Concentrating Solar Thermal (CST) power towers with heliostat mirror fields and molten salt energy storage	Six modules 760 MW total	2,810 GWh total
Wind	Enercon E-126 turbines	95 turbines at 7.5 MW each for 712.5 MW	1,840 GWh total



Source: BZE 2012

#### Option 2: Reference Nuclear Solution

<b>Energy Source</b>	Technology	Generation Rating
Nuclear	1 x Enhanced CANDU 6 (EC6) pressurised heavy water reactor	1 module at 690 MWe net

Source: ThinkClimate Consulting and Bown and Pang 2012



Two CANDU 6 reactors at Qinshan, China

#### The Criteria

#### Financial/ Economic

- Capital cost
- Levelised cost of electricity (LCOE)
- Requirement for transmission network upgrade
- Lifespan
- Capacity factor
- Reliability

#### **Environmental**

- Greenhouse gas emissions abatement
- Water consumption
- Land area
- Major construction material requirements
- Operational waste

#### **Social**

Job creation





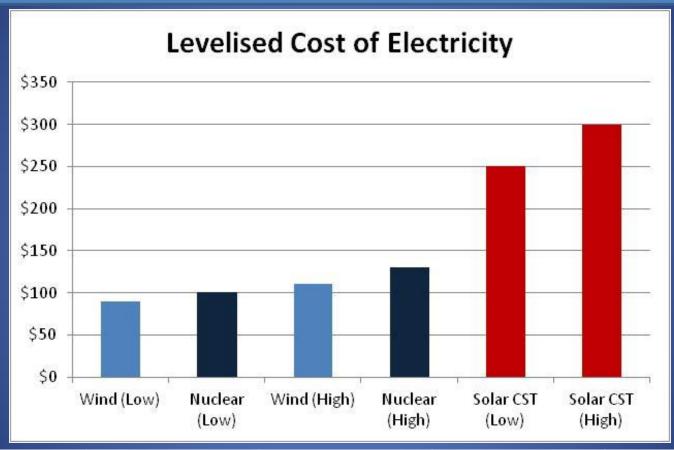


#### Capital Cost

- No capital cost provided in reference renewable solution
  - •"Requirement for \$5 billion in public funding for 25% balance of financing" for the solar component (BZE 2012)
  - •Low range estimate of \$2,000 per kW installed for onshore wind in South Australia
- Nuclear: three sources for potential costs up to 2030
  - Highly inclusive cost
  - •\$5,000 \$7,000 per kW net generation capacity

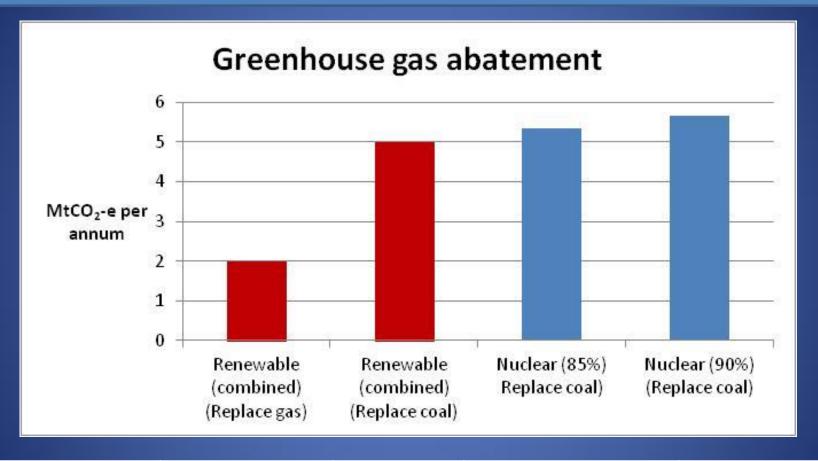
Criteria	Renewable Solar CST		Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Capital Cost	\$6.7 billion	\$1.4 billion	\$8.1 billion	\$3.5 billion - \$4.8 billion

### Levelised cost of electricity



Criteria	Renewable Solar CST		Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
LCOE	\$250-\$300/ MWh	\$90-\$110 MWh	-	\$101-\$138

#### Greenhouse gas emissions abatement



Criteria	Renewable Solar CST	Renewable Wind	Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
GHG Abatement	-	-	2 million – 5 million tCO <sub>2</sub> -e/year	5.36 million tCO <sub>2</sub> -e/year

### Lifespan

**CST:** Low global experience

Collection and storage components may differ to generation components

Wind: Significant global experience and confident ratings

**Nuclear:** Significant global experience. Specific rating for EC6

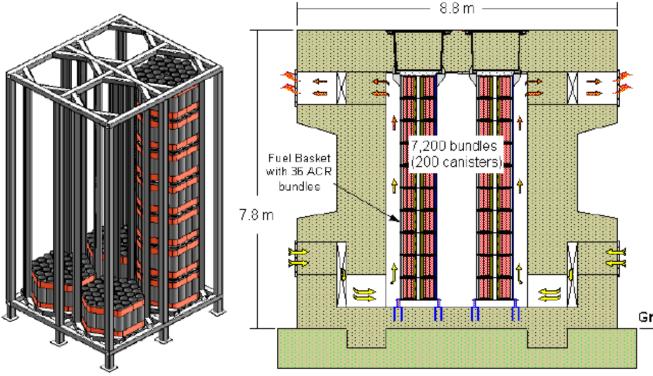


Criteria	Renewable Solar CST		Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Lifespan	Assumed 25 years	25 years	-	Rated 60 years

### Operational Waste

Essentially zero for reference renewable solution
Reference nuclear solution generates spent nuclear fuel
Single EC6 generates 104 t spent fuel per year
Stored on-site in MACSTOR





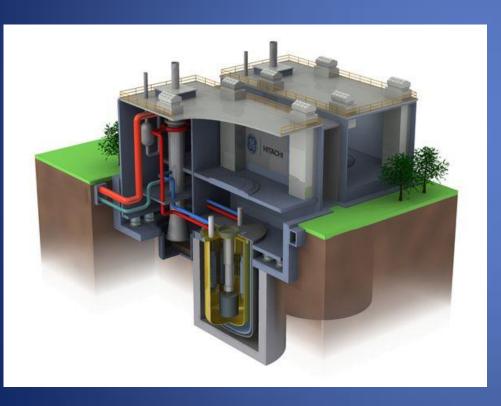
### Operational Waste



Criteria	Renewable Solar CST	Renewable Wind	Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Operational Waste	-	-	-	6,250 t spent fuel, MACSTOR over 9,500 m <sup>2</sup>

#### Future Fuel in Fast Reactor

GEH S-PRISM 311 MWe IFR module



### "Study finds waste-fuelled reactor feasible for UK

The report includes a vote of confidence by analysts DBD Ltd, which says that in terms of fuel fabrication, reactor operation, and fuel storage, there are "no fundamental impediments" to licensability in the UK.
July 2012

#### Land Use





1,360 MWe Nuclear, Qinshan China

350 MWe solar, USA (SEGS)

Criteria	Renewable Solar CST	Renewable Wind	Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Land area	16 km <sup>2</sup> exclusive	2.1 km <sup>2</sup> exclusive, 175 km <sup>2</sup> non-exclusive	18.1 km <sup>2</sup> exclusive, 191 km <sup>2</sup> non-exclusive	2 km <sup>2</sup> exclusive

### **Water Consumption**





No water

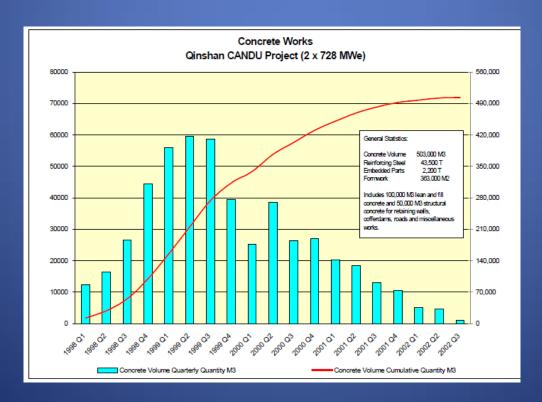
Clean water for mirror washing

Ocean water for cooling

	Renewable Solar CST	Renewable Wind	Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Water use	0.74 GL fresh	-	0.74 GL fresh	-

### **Material Inputs**

Technology	Comment	Confidence
CST	Heliostats only, no towers	Fair. Certain underestimate
Wind	Good general literature, not specific to Enercon turbine	Good
Nuclear	Detailed, extensive estimates for CANDU6	Excellent



### Material Inputs

Criteria	Renewable Solar CST	Renewable Wind	Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Material Inputs	295,000 t steel 90,000 t glass 290,000 t concrete	80,000 t steel 300,000 t concrete	375,000 t steel 85,000 t glass 590,000 t concrete	600,000 t concrete 35,000 t steel
Lifespan	Assumed 25 years	25 years		Rated 60 years
Annual output	2,810 GWh	1,840 GWh	4,650 GWh	Up to 5,400 GWh per year
Lifetime output	70,250 GWh	46,000 GWh	116,250 GWh	<u>Up to 324,000 GWh</u>



For a significant materials saving, the nuclear reference solution delivers nearly three times the lifetime output of zero -carbon electricity

AP1000 construction USA

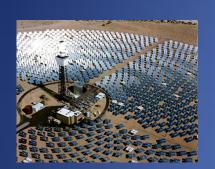
#### **Capacity Factors**

Ratio of maximum potential rated output and actual electricity output e.g.

CF speaks to overall variability and intermittency of output, but DOES NOT mean "it only runs 33% of the time"

Criteria	Renewable Solar CST		Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Capacity Factor	40%	30%	-	Assumed 85%, rated to 90%

### Reliability

















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Criteria	Renewable Solar CST	Renewable Wind	Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Reliability			Diminished compared to fossil	Un-diminished compared to fossil

### Job Creation

Both solutions provide a good job-creation outcome

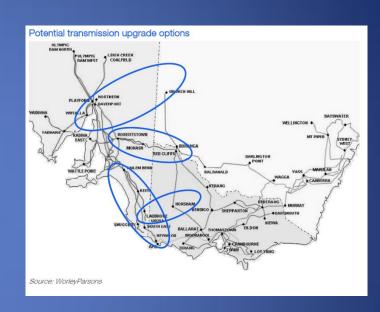


Criteria	Renewable Solar CST	Renewable Wind	Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Job creation	360 direct permanent operations and maintenance jobs; Approximately 1,300 construction jobs	-	-	1,600 construction jobs and up to 520 ongoing operational onsite, offsite and contractor employment opportunities

### Network Enhancement







Criteria	Renewable Solar CST	Renewable Wind	Renewable: Combined	Nuclear EC6
Network enhancement		-	Minimal enhancement for project connection, enhancement for larger renewable pathway	Minimal enhancement for local connection. Connection barrier based on size of single generating unit

### Existing global and local capacity

#### Nuclear:

Nationally significant Globally manageable, technologically unremarkable

#### **Solar CST:**

Largest single facility in the world (by far)
76 times bigger than largest Australian solar

#### Wind:

58% increase in wind capacity in South Australia

Operable Reactors	GWe	Reactors under construction	GWe	On order or planned	GWe
433	372	65	65	158	175

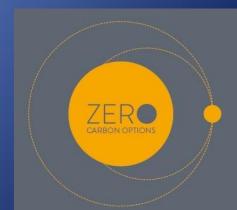


Source: World Nuclear Association 2012

World's largest solar, 350 MW (no storage)

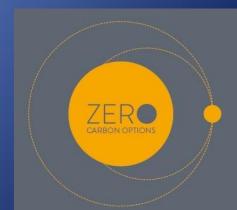
This option could mean:

•10% more greenhouse gas abatement per year...



This option could mean:

•For about half the capital cost...



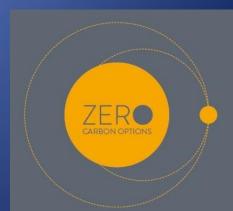
This option could mean:

 Providing significantly cheaper electricity...



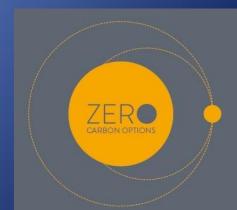
This option could mean:

•That is completely reliable...



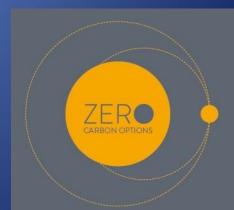
This option could mean:

Consuming far less land area...



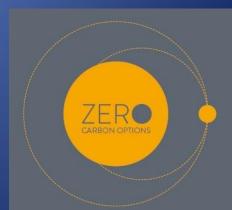
This option could mean:

And no fresh water...



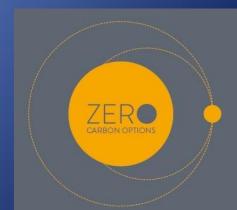
This option could mean:

•Requiring less material resources to build...



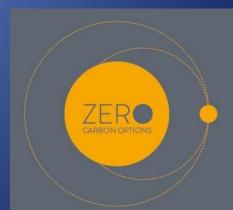
This option could mean:

•With over double the lifespan...



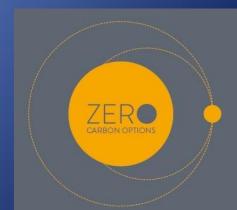
This option could mean:

•That uses our **local fuel** source...



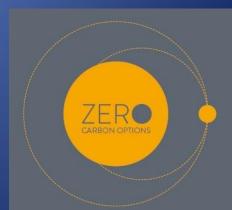
This option could mean:

And provides high-tech jobs...



This option could mean:

Deploying commercially
 mature technology



#### This option could mean:

- •10% more greenhouse gas abatement per year...
- •For about **half** the capital cost...
- Providing significantly cheaper electricity...
- •That is completely **reliable**...
- •Consuming far less land area...
- And no fresh water...
- •Requiring less material resources to build...
- •With over **double** the lifespan...
- •That uses our **local fuel** source...
- And provides high-tech jobs...
- Deploying commercially mature technology

Are we ready to put this option on the table?



