
Australia is heavily reliant on coal

€35bn/yr in exports

Coal production
forecast to increase
34% by 2030

24 coal fired power
stations



Coal is politically contentious

Coal unpopular in cities

Important to the regions

Politicians back RE and coal expansion



Joel Fitzgibbon ✓
@fitzhunter

A good chat about strong future global demand for coal with @mattjcan & World Coal Association Chief Executive Michelle Manook



Proactive or reactive?

In 2016, Engie announced the closure of Hazelwood Power Station with 5 months' notice

~800 staff directly affected

Unemployment rate ballooned to 8% in the region



Where are we now?

Electric truck manufacturer
SEA launched in same region

Unemployment down 2.3%
since plant closure

State government committed
hundreds of millions to region



Collie, Western Australia (WA)

- WA grid is 35% coal
- Collie supplies all of WA's coal
- ~1,250 coal workers in Collie
- No transition plan for workers





Beyond Zero Emissions community group:
blueprint for coal phase-out in Collie

VISION:

- wind turbine manufacturing
- solar panel and battery recycling
- Zero carbon cement



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Climate Change: young voices on a hot topic: Phasing out coal to cut CO₂ emissions, and keep the jobs

**Free online session on Thursday,
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