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‘Renewables *Will* Save The Planet: How?’

Researchers and policy makers have been hoping for decades that renewables could replace fossil fuels and save the planet from dreadful climate change. The dramatic uptake in renewables is now driving the net zero transition since the Paris Agreement in 2016 unlocked political opportunities. This Paris Agreement showed there was now mutual benefit in both economic and climate agendas. The renewables trends will be demonstrated in global data and in local data. Leaders and laggards are now emerging in this new economy. The Perth regional grid is a world leading demonstration. How this Distributed Energy approach is being driven by households and utility experiments, will flow into larger industries as they electrify everything and shift to emerging commercial opportunities in net zero products on their global markets. Attempts will always be made to stop change but the renewables transition is galloping. Long term net positive projects will be needed to make global cooling, so we need to support demonstrations in this arena as well.



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