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Graham and John discuss the reckless renewables rally on the 6th of February...

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Well, good day, everyone. And welcome to another great week of club grubbery. It's a Monday and it's already February. No, it's not 29th of January. Johnny, how are you? Good mate, how are you going? Oh, it's full on, isn't it? Absolutely, absolutely full on. And that picture behind you tells a massive story Australia's biggest rally.

And let's hope on the 6th of February, we've got one of those happening as well. And our three guests tonight are here to talk to us about the rally. They're running the um, Uh, reckless renewables and, um, I'll tell you what, it is reckless. But before we go into that, before we introduce them, Johnny, a couple of news items.

Yeah, Hoody, uh, look, I'd like to, uh, draw further attention to this later on, but, uh, Justice Beach Jones, uh, he was the, uh, Supreme Court judge, uh, that was in charge. Of the Casam case that, uh, AFL solicitors and Tony, uh, Nikolic ran in the Supreme Court. Now, he's, uh, turned up in a video, uh, which was apparently a speech to some law firm, now, uh, singing the virtues of, uh, mRNA vaccines.

Very interestingly, uh, Justice Beach Jones was, uh, appointed to the High Court, uh, not long after the, uh, Kasem, uh, case matter. So, I think we probably need to follow up a little bit further on that one hoodie, uh, but, uh, Once again, once again, the justice system, there is one of those is there John? Well, I suppose they'd like to have us believe there is one.

Uh, anyway, they didn't want to know. They didn't seem to want to know anything about the science when those cases were going on and that would be all over it. And now, uh, now, now this guy's, uh, you know, advocating, uh, how good these things are, well, fair dinkum. Uh, doesn't say much for their, uh, abilities to research stuff.

Does it? Jared Renick. Uh, now this is massive news. This, so, uh, Senator Jared Renick has put out a post that I think is, uh, absolutely, um, um, We're going to, uh, have an impact now. It's, uh, the South Australian employment tribunal has ruled. That employers are responsible for compensating employees who acquire a vaccine injury from work directives.

Now, this is a really big case, Woody, I'd imagine they'll appeal it, but, uh, thank God some common sense has prevailed and one would hope that, uh, the scope of this just isn't limited to those with a physical injury. Uh, it should also encompass those that have a, uh, a mental. Uh, impacted injury, uh, psychological injury, uh, or those that were terminated from their employment and have suffered.

Uh, so, uh, let's, let's see where that goes. Let's see where that goes. And we'll watch that. And Jared Renick doing his thing again. Now, before I introduce our guests, it's very, very clear, especially in the last three years, John, that, um, the people of this country are getting a little bit fed up. Now, the big crowd behind you was, um, was February 12th, 2022.

And those people, most of them were there fighting against mandates. Many of them had lost their jobs. The crowd was filled with nurses, doctors, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, business owners, people from every walk of life traveled from all over the country. And, uh, they made that the biggest rally in Australian history.

It was clear and it has been clear that a lot of people in the last few years are waking up to the fact that we are over governed. The government is meddling in our affairs. The government should be afraid of the people, but now the people are afraid of the government. There's too much going on. They take too much on themselves.

They're too busy swanning around, impressing the global stage at the expense of Australians who are losing a bucket load based on their. Irrational decisions. Bowen running around touting this, this, uh, this climate change agenda. And it just seems like everything's knee jerk. Uh, just as it was with the vaccine.

Yeah, we've got to put it out there. It's all been tested. Dah, dah, dah, dah, dah. Um, electric cars, wind turbines, uh, renewable energy, um, we've got, uh, you know, fracking, all this sort of stuff is really upsetting people. Why? Because no proper research has been done and what can possibly go wrong? And the people have had enough.

The people have had enough of the virtue signaling from corporate, corporate leaders, they've had enough of the government caving into what the corporates want. And we're sick and tired of being told what to do and told what to expect. We want a Labour party that matches the values that were, that formed it back in Barcalden under the Tree of Knowledge during the Shira strike.

We want an opposition or a Liberal party that fits the mould of Robert Menzies who started that party. And we want the Greens to be who they were really. meant to be because their founders would roll in their graves if they'd seen what the Greens have become that they've got no care for the environment whatsoever.

They're too busy in this woke agenda, telling people what they should do and how they should feel. The country has become thin skinned. Nobody can say anything anymore. Political correctness is ruling everything. And as a result, the politicians are getting away with murder. When you put all that together in one package, a couple of days after Australia Day, a lot of Australians are starting to ask the question, what on earth are we doing to our country?

And, um, you know what we said before, John, a lot of people weren't interested in going to the rally in Canberra that's behind you because that wasn't their bag. But we've been saying all along that more and more people are going to wake up when central bank digital currencies come in, when digital ID comes in, when the UN and the World Economic Forum start to take everything over and start ruling things, when AI takes over, and when the global warming slash climate change agenda takes kicks off the way it has.

It is exponentially growing and there's no rationality in any of it, just the same as it was with the medical tyranny we've had in the last three years. So free Australians on this screen with us today, John, uh, putting their boots where their mouths are. They're going to Canberra. They've had a gutful just like a whole bunch of other Australians.

And we've all got to unite and go there and tell these politicians, you do what we want you to do. Because that's the way it is. And why be tired if you don't do what the people want you to do, because you'll be out on your ear. We've already heard that Scott Morrison is, uh, has got another cushy job for himself working, uh, something to do with the U S defense industry.

I was pleased to hear the other day that he, um, he wasn't in parliament long enough to have a full parliamentary pension. Glad to hear it. Glad to hear it. Well, the people are fed up and let's start talking to them. Joining us on the screen, we have Katie McCallum from the Wide Bay Burnett area of Southwest Queensland, southeast corner, west corner of Queensland.

Welcome to Club Grubbery, Katie. Thanks very much for having us, Brian. Really appreciate it. Good on you. And Jim Wilmot, you're just over the ridge from Katy, I believe, in the same area of Queensland. Welcome to the program. Thanks, Woody. Pleased to be here, mate. Good on you, mate. And Bruce Murray, uh, you're from, uh, Teagarden's Hawk's Nest, an area that I'm familiar with.

And, um, you used to do a lot of flying around that area. It's great to have you on. And I believe you are the president of the Progress Association. That's correct. And good to be here. Well done guys. So you guys are part of a very big team that are organizing this big rally on the 6th of February and I'm being contacted daily by people are saying, are you going to this hoodie?

And John and I will be there. Um, you know, I'll be arriving on the night of the 5th. John and I'll be there all day and I'll be heading home on the 7th. And, um, we're going to be there and we're coming just to, just to stand in the crowd. very much. And cheer you guys on because good on you for having a go and more and more Australians need to have a go.

So, um, we're, we're looking forward to, hopefully we'll catch up with you and shake your hands, but let's, let's get cracking, Katie. Tell us what, uh, reckless renewables is all about. Well, for me here, where I sit, I'm up on top of the black snake range Gympie. Um, reckless renewables means for us that the Queensland government is about to roll out a program called the Wide Bay Burnett Plan.

And they hope to use the entire of the Wide Bay Burnett, which is pretty much the area from Bundaberg down to Noosa, and then all the way west as far as the ends of the North Burnett and South Burnett Regional Councils. And they want to coat that area with glass, black glass, and wind turbines to power the rest of the Queensland economy.

And that's reckless for us because what that's going to do is it's going to take over prime cattle properties. It's going to destroy family homes. It's going to destroy forever homes of retirees who moved out here for a tree change. Um, more significantly for me, because I live up on the range next to Rattans National Park, it's going to destroy areas of national environmental significance.

And no one seems to want to listen to us. That's why we've called it the Reckless Renewables, and that's going on all over Australia, not just here. But for us in particular here, we formed a group called the Kilkeven Action Group, and that was in response to a direct threat from a government owned corporation here in Queensland called Powerlink.

And they're, um, about to attempt to gain access onto all the properties through our region to put up a giant transmission line to connect to the proposed pumped hydro at Barumba, uh, which hopefully won't go ahead, uh, which is why we're fighting with things like this rally. And, um, the transmission lines, they come through our region.

It will destroy our region. It will destroy everything about it. The natural environment, that will destroy our economy. And once our economy is destroyed, our communities will be destroyed. And that's, that's pretty much the crux of what's going to happen out here. Well, it's pretty much what they want to happen, isn't it?

Because they're doing the best they can to destroy the agriculture. We know that that's going on around the world. You wouldn't know it by looking at Channel 7 or the ABC. But hundreds of thousands of farmers are protesting right across Europe at the moment with their tractors on autobahns. Um, it's just crazy.

Jimmy Wilmot, um, give us your version of what's going on. Uh, Hooty, look, um, I'm also involved in an organization called Property Rights Australia. I'm chair of it. Um, I'm a, I'm a farmer here in the South Burnett. We grow beef. And, um, yeah, we, we, um, help groups like Katie, um, you know, fight back against, um, government policies that, uh, take away our property rights and we see more and more of that happening.

And both Katie and I are on this National Rational Energy Network and we're working with our other counterparts to put this rally together. At a multi state scale, it's nothing but the biggest land grab that we have ever seen in Australia. And look, these government owned, these bloated bureaucracies, as you said before, Hrida, are just out of control.

They've been supercharged by Lots of money from federal government through the capacity investment scheme, a lot of other initiatives, and, um, they're on the warpath, and, um, there are heaps of different government owned corporations that are just running roughshod over, um, a lot of communities like Katie's, uh, from, uh, far north Queensland right down through New South Wales, Victoria, and over to South, South Australia, and the stories that we hear are tragic.

Um, it is like, you know, there is a definite, deliberate attempt by governments at a state and federal level to hollow out regional communities on the basis of saving the climate. Like we've got an energy minister here, Blackout Bowen, that thinks by putting all wind and turbines and solar panels into the environment, it's going to help farms.

It's going to help people like me, Hooty, because we're going to have more benign weather. That's what they believe. And so these, these companies, they are just working with a heap of other, a heap of other foreign companies. And I guess you could call them homegrown billionaire carpetbaggers. I'm not going to mention any names here.

Um, but they're working in cahoots. And a lot of the state governments, cause a lot of this is a state government's, uh, power base responsibilities. And they get money coming down from the feds. They follow this big plan called the integrated system plan put out by the Australian energy marketing operator.

And that's like, they call it a comprehensive roadmap, how are we going to reach these targets by 2050? Now, Katie and I have been doing a lot of community consultation because the mainstream just aren't telling that they're just peddling the rhetoric. Of, um, the feds and the states, people aren't aware of just the massive, the massive spatial footprint.

This is going to put across rural and regional Australia. Quite recently, the last three months, um, late last year, the CEO of the federal government's, um, Clean Energy Finance Corporation said, In order for Australia, you know, if we're going to reach the 2030 targets. The targets that, um, they've set, the Australian landscape will have to dramatically change, Woody.

And what that means is it, they're going to industrialise it. And they're not just going to industrialise little bits here and there, they are going to industrialise millions and millions of hectares of our best farmland, our best environmental areas, and they are going to destroy communities, they are going to destroy and destabilise our food production.

Woody. Woody. And they, that's happening right now. You can see the results. People are leaving. Look, Katie will vouch for this, they're leaving the area in droves. Because that's why Bay Plan's already saying, well, this whole area is an investigation area for wind and solar. Property values have already gone down.

People are attempting to commit suicide because their kids are getting abused at bus stops for their parents hanging, I don't want wind turbines on my property. This is what's happening. Old ladies, you know, they're trying to sell up their forever homes. Now they're going to have a, they're going to have a turbine close by or a power line over them.

They can't sell. People can't sell. Some people sell and lose millions of dollars. This is a disaster and it is unfolding before our eyes when we give the idea of the spatial footprint that's going to be needed because renewable energy is weak energy. When you see it, you know, it could be even the IPA said up to 181 million hectares.

No one really seems to know because they just would need to have such an overbuild to get this even any resemblance of a reliable energy. So, look, there's a heaps more I can say Woody, but I'll, I'll leave Bruce have a, have a chat. Yeah, thanks Jim and Bruce you're from a coastal area and I've got to say that.

My wife Michelle and I over five tours have covered 70,000 kilometers in every part of Australia except the Northern Territory. And I can honestly tell you from the West Australian border with South Australia through South Australia, Victoria. And up into New South Wales, it's like being on a set for the War of the Worlds.

It is non stop, horizon to horizon, wind turbines, massive solar reflectors on towers that look space age. And we've got an energy minister, Chris Bowen, who told the people on the, uh, in the coastal community of Portland, where he's about to plant a whole bunch of these things off the coast in the wild transit area.

He told them that, uh, they have to suck it up. Now, that same Chris Bowen has said recently that nuclear power is not an option for Australia, even though we've got all the uranium and we've got places where we can store the by product, no problem at all, because it will take too long to build it. Now, what he's proposing is outrageous.

So, uh, you're from the Hawks, uh, sorry, Hawks Nests and Tea Gardens area, Bruce. Give us your version of what's happening there. At the center of the, uh, storm, I guess, in terms of the Hunter offshore wind zone, it's 1,854 square kilometers of pristine ocean. Um, there will be over 300, closer probably to 350 turbines out in that ocean.

Um, the closest to land is 20 kilometers offshore. Now you might think that's a long way, but these turbines are going to be 260 meters tall. Uh, so probably the top 230 meters of the turbines will be visible, the closest ones. So, it will create a significant impact on the skyline, but that's not the biggest problem.

The biggest problem is what it's going to do with the ocean. So each, these are going to be floating wind turbines because the water depth varies from about 140 meters to 1000 meters. At the edge of the continental shelf. So they're going to require massive anchors. So each turbine will have three massive anchors.

You're going to have kilometers of chains. And when they decommission these things, probably in 20 years, that will get dumped on the ocean. And to give you some context on how stupid this idea is, there is one commercial floating wind farm anywhere in the world. It's called High Wind Scotland. It's got just five turbines, 30 megawatts of capacity.

And the cost of that single wind farm was 16.9 million per megawatt in Australian dollar terms, and that's 2017 prices. So if they're going to build 5.2 gigawatts off our coast, that's 85 billion. And they have a capacity factor of about 50 percent if we're lucky. I think last year the global capacity factor for offshore wind turbines was 45%.

So realistically, for what they're going to generate in the capacity that you're actually going to get, you're talking about over 170 billion for that capacity, and that could, if it delivers 50 percent capacity, it's still not going to be the equivalent of a rearing power station, which is 2.9 gigawatts.

So you have an enormous cost factor, and I think, I believe that Chris Bowen should resign or be sacked, because he stands up in Parliament and says that Renewables are cheaper than any other form of energy. Now, that's only true if you don't take into account capacity factor. So, for a wind turbine, uh, the CSIRO report says 3 million.

Per megawatt hour of production and I've done a study of most of the wind farms in New South Wales and they vary from 20 percent to the best one, which will probably surprise you is out of Silverton. It has a 44 percent capacity factor. So they vary from, uh, 5 million per gigawatt hour. Sorry, per megawatt hour.

The cost per megawatt hour to over 10 million per megawatt hour, and in the CSI report, the cost for coal is 6 million per megawatt hour. So, when he stands up in Parliament and in front of the Australian people and says renewables are the cheapest form of energy, he is actually misleading the public, in my opinion, and the other point of that is, for all these renewable projects, you would have to replace them three times in the life of a coal fired power station or a nuclear power station.

So, we are being misled. Uh, the Australian public is being duped. Thank you. And I believe that Chris Barnes should resign. And the other sad part in New South Wales is the minister has absolute control over these projects. So, if they want to come along and they declare that it's an essential project on your land, the minister is the only person with authority to decide it, and you have no right of appeal to the courts.

That is staggering in this day and age in Australia. That the minister is the only person with a say, and you cannot appeal their decision to the courts. I think that's a disgrace, um, I'm not sure where we're living now, but it doesn't feel like I'm still in Australia. There's a lot of irony, Johnny Larder, because, uh, anchored off the coast of

Newcastle, which is at the bottom end of the, uh, area that, that Bruce is talking about, uh, there are normally 40 to 50 coal ships waiting to take Hunter Valley Coal to China to generate electricity.

Uh, what could possibly go wrong when those ships set sail up the coast? The other thing we have in Queensland is the Queensland Energy Minister spruiking that they're going to spend, um, I don't know, I think it was, uh, 5 billion on putting car charging units every 150 kilometres along roads. Now, what could possibly go wrong there?

But the irony of it is, they're going to fund it with the royalties. That they get from selling coal. So none of this makes sense. Johnny, what's your take? Madness. I don't know how else you'd describe it. What do you, I mean, this bloke must check his sanity with a dipstick. Fair dinkum, Bowen is just a complete nut and moron.

Uh, he wouldn't get a start at the reject shop. I don't know how in God's earth, anyone has elected this fool, uh, to the parliament, how he's risen through the ranks of the Labour Party. Uh, speaks volumes for what their, uh, quality of personnel is like. Fair dinkum. Uh, I don't know. They're mad. They're completely mad.

And, uh, they're going to completely, um, derail this country. We've got, uh, uranium by the bucket full. Um, you know, we should, we've got, uh, the world's best, uh, you know, resources with coal and the like, uh, you know, surely the way forward is to, uh, make those, uh, coal powered fire stations more efficient. Uh, and, and to look at nuclear and, uh, stop all this BS.

Uh, this snowy hydro, uh, thing has been the greatest white elephant, uh, known to man. Uh, they're doing the same thing down here. They're wanting to basically, uh, tear apart, um, this beautiful, pristine country down here in the snowy valleys. Uh, with all these, uh, power lines to run, uh, to keep everyone's power on down in Victoria and South Australia and everywhere else.

Uh, I, I mean, it's, it's, it's madness, uh, and the farmers are the ones that are left holding the can for all this, uh, it's very, very difficult. It's, uh, you know, they're always getting kicked in the guts and this is another example of it. None of this makes sense. It doesn't make any economic sense. It doesn't, uh, it doesn't pass any pub test.

There is no practicality to it. It's just completely reckless and this bloke is a public menace, a public menace, and they should introduce legislation to say that if, uh, people are found to, uh, brought in, Uh, things in the parliament that are clearly reckless, which this is, they should be locked up later on.

They should be able to go back to these people and say, Bowen, that was absolutely ridiculous. You had a tray full of info that told you that this was dangerous. Uh, it was stupid, it made no commercial sense, it made no practical sense, and he should be locked up. Jim, you said earlier that, uh, you know, there's a carpetbagger in the mix and you don't want to mention any names.

You know, I'm, I'm, uh, I'm not reluctant in saying that you can't see the forest for the twigs. Um, but let's see that for what it is. But you guys have stated your case really well, and there wouldn't be too many thinking Australians, critical thinking Australians, who would disagree with you. Um, but I'm still surprised, you know, I've talked to a few young people of late and I asked them where milk comes from and I asked them where, where bread comes from.

It comes from coals, comes from Woolies. Um, you know, we have got to have our agriculture there without agriculture, we starve and Australia can be the, can be the breadbasket for the Southern hemisphere. I mean, you talk about small countries like Ukraine being the second biggest food producer in the world.

Um, why, what, you know, there seems to be a whole lot going on to cancel agriculture. But, uh, Katie, if I can cross to you for a sec, how much, um, support are you guys getting with this campaign? On a community level, it's been fantastic. I mean, of course, everybody's going to stand up because they're protecting their, their homes and their communities.

A lot of the people here are multi generational, so they've been here three, four, five generations, and um, they're devastated. Some of those people have decided that they're going to sell up and get out because they're so heartbroken. Um, and they can't see the fight ahead of them. Um, they just want to leave because the stress is so great.

Um, at a state level, uh, I'll just be honest and tell you that we've had almost zero support from our state members. Um, I'm happy to say that because I've spoken to them. We'll try to speak to them. Uh, that's, um, obviously the member for Nenango and the member for Gympie. At a federal level, we've got Lou O'Brien, who's the member for Wide Bay.

So He has been very supportive. He spoke with me at Parliament House in Brisbane in August last year at the Brisbane Reckless Renewables Rally. And he's dead against all of this. He's made it very clear. He stood up in Parliament in Canberra a few times now and he's pointed out that the industrialisation of the wide bay net will see this place looking like a toxic wasteland, like a giant pin cushion, um, which I thought was a good description.

So from the, the politicians we're getting good support federally. very much. Um, and now that we've got this national rational energy network set up, we're able to bring, uh, issues like the wide baby net to the federal level and get the word out there so that we can all support each other. Yeah, well done.

And Malcolm Roberts is going to be speaking on stage down there, apparently. Who else have you got from Parliament? Yeah, so, um, I've been quite fortunate to get a little bit of a Queensland crew together. We're all going to stand up there together. So we've got Senator Malcolm Roberts, Senator Gerard Rennick, um, we've got Colin Boyce, member of, um, Parliament for Flynn.

We've got, um, Lou O'Brien, who's a member of Parliament for Wide Bay. We've got Jimmy Wilmot right there from Property Rights Australia. Um, Mandy Tennant will be representing Stop Yungala, which is the other pumped hydro project that's going to devastate that whole area up there, um, in the Pioneer Valley.

Um, and then we've also got Stephen Nowakowski speaking with us. So it's a really good mix of people from different groups, different postcodes, different narratives. But the concept is that we want to stand together and show that Queenslanders, regardless of where we've come from. And where we want to go to, we all recognise that these renewables are reckless, and that how you look, no matter how you look at it, it's destroying the environment, it's destroying communities, and it's destroying agricultural land, which is where our food's produced.

So I'm really happy that all those people are going to be standing together. I can't wait to speak with them all. Jim, can you tell us what sort of, uh, feedback you're getting from First Nations people about this kind of development? They must be up in arms about it. Um, definitely. Like, you know, you've got, um, on the ground First Nations people, um, protesting against, uh, multiple wind farms in North Queensland.

Um, again, it seems to. The negotiation goes above people on the ground and in on ground zero at these communities and up at a land land cancel level. And that's all the consultation that happens at that level, and even around like the Mary River area, the Wide Bay area, you've got a lot of concern among some First Nations people of, they can just see it's wrong.

Um, they can see a lot of their, um, the valuable environmental areas, their cultural areas, um, will be destroyed. And, you know, the government trots out this thing called offsets, you know, it's even though we're going to permanently destroy. Um, this area, we're going to offset it somewhere else and, you know, offsets are just a pile of garbage.

They're, um, small bits of land here, there and everywhere. Um, and who looks after their land? You can't replace biodiversity by killing it, would he? Um, once you destroy the environment in one area, you can't just plant a few trees over it and say, oh, let's wait 50 years. It's going to, you know, produce all the biodiversity that was there.

So, um, yeah, look, First Nations people, um, are right on board. Um, it's only those, um, I guess, corporate activists, uh, First Nation peoples that are a rhetoric of the federal and state government. It's bizarre, Johnny, given that, uh, we've just had the referendum, uh, and the whole country was being focused by Omafone, I'm sorry, Anthony Albanese, um, was being focused on, uh, doing the right thing for, uh, first nations people.

And that's on one hand. And while everyone's looking at this hand on this hand, they're around the back beating him with a stick and, and destroying their, uh, cultural lands with all this kind of garbage. And I'll say, I know there's plenty of consultation. Um, I mean, where do you go with that? Yeah, well, where can you go with it?

It's, you know, they, they don't want to consult. They just, uh, want to dictate, I mean, why doesn't, the only thing we'd get agreement on is, uh, having Bowen's office, 20 Ks offshore, floating anchored out as well with no return. That, that's about the only thing that, uh, I think most Australians would think was a reasonable outcome, uh, from all this.

But I think farmers, some farmers too, have got to be a little bit more, um, upfront with what's going on. I mean, I have heard some stories too about, uh, certain farmers fighting, uh, about transmission lines, but then I've heard also that they're also, uh, willing to negotiate with these turbine companies because of the lucrative, um, uh, royalties that are coming in.

So, I mean. You know, you can't have your cake, uh, and eat it too in this instance. I mean, you, you've got to have a moral compass, uh, some of these people out there and, and stand, um, at the coalface of this and say, no, I don't care what you offer us. We're not going to, uh, we're not going to fall for this nonsense, uh, and, and, and show some courage.

And I'm not saying that's. Uh, the majority of farmers, it's, it's obviously a minority, but, uh, still, it doesn't set a good example. I don't know so much. I think it's a majority, to be honest with you, from the people we've talked to, uh, on the tour, a lot of farmers are just quite happy. I mean, in the Riverina, for example, a lot of farmers are happy not to farm because they're getting more money for their water rights on the Murray River than they are for farming.

So we've got vast tracts of orchards and vineyards that are dead. And it's frightening to drive through there. You see, you drive through there for an hour and it's just dead trees everywhere. And, um, the farmers either can't afford to pay for the water because of that stupid water authority, or they get more money for selling their water rights than they do for the fruit that they're growing.

So everything's upside down and inside out. Um, but local, locally and, uh, Bruce Murray, you're obviously getting a fair bit of support locally. What about the New South Wales State Government? Yeah. And mostly by the local members. Um, we're getting good support from our federal national member. Um, but as far as the Labor Party is concerned, they're not allowed to oppose policy.

Um, so, uh, we're not getting any support at all, um, from that area. Uh, we do have support from the local Worimi people in our opposition to this thing. Um, the commercial fishermen who are going to lose most of their fishing grounds, uh, because this 1, 854 square kilometers will become an exclusion zone for fishing.

Um, we also have, uh, the unique Australian subspecies of Gould's Petrel, which the only place that they nest in the world is on Cabotree Island and Bundalaba Island just off Port Stephens. Um, and they've been nursed back from the brink of extinction over the last 50 years. Um, we've gone from 200 breeding pairs to over a thousand breeding pairs and our private advice from the scientists is that the petrels will not survive this wind farm.

We also have one of the Australia's best marlin fisheries, uh, and the, uh, they've chopped out a little piece of the area, uh, as a concession to the marlin fishermen, uh, but really that it's destroying that whole area and that fishery as well. So, uh, once again, we are destroying the environment in the name of saving the environment.

Uh, and the other thing we need to really remember is none of these projects would be built if Chris Byrne wasn't guaranteeing the profits and he has taken the capability investment scheme off budget, uh, and he won't tell you what, how much he's spending and it's no longer a budget item to see where the money's going and how it's being spent.

Um, but if you take a 85 billion offshore investment, that's not going to earn much money. The taxpayer and the Australian consumer are going to be paying through the nose for this thing. And going back to Highwind Scotland, it's been in service for six years and they're now about to tow the turbines to Norway for heavy maintenance, which will take three or four months per turbine.

So that's six years in service. As an offshore wind farm. So the insanity of this whole proposal is just ridiculous and it's not going to solve our looming power crisis. Um, if you go to a website called real real time generation, and you can look right across Australia of electric generation, um, New South Wales has 13.

5 gigawatts of renewable energy right now. And at night time, it usually drops down to less than one gigawatt of actual production. And guess what fills the gap? Coal power stations that have been idling all day are then cranked up to keep the lights on at night. And building more wind and more solar will not fix that deficit.

And it will take an awful lot of battery power to run, you know, eight gigawatts of energy for 12 hours at night. That's billions of dollars, again, subsidized by the Australian taxpayer and the consumers. Uh, and it's just insanity on a, on a grand scale. I tell you, I'm no expert on, uh, engineering, but can you imagine what this salt water would be doing to those, uh, turbines?

I mean, you don't have to be Einstein to work out that it's going to be a maintenance nightmare. You can see it. I mean, the flow, the flow on effects from all this is just ridiculous, whether it be. The things you don't think about, like the fisheries, whether it be the impact of, uh, having all these corridors where the RFS volunteers are now going to have to, uh, manage all this with all the, uh, the undergrowth, uh, the fire risk, the aviation risk.

I mean, when you've got power lines all over the place and these wind turbines, uh, and you get a fire and you've got poor visibility and you're expecting, uh, helicopters and planes to fly at low level to put these fires out. I mean, how do you do it when you've got these, uh, these things strung from, uh, one, one sector to another?

Uh, I mean, we're just going to see, uh, fatality after fatality of, uh, uh, helicopter operators and, uh, uh, aviation assets trying to put out fires. It's just a complete balls up. Yeah. And you've got the damage also, not only the fishery and, and, uh, all the other industry agriculture and aquaculture, you've also got, uh, the tourism industry is going to suffer.

Yeah. Yeah. Um, there's so much at stake about all of this, and nobody, has anyone asked how much carbon is produced in manufacturing this junk? I mean, where does it end? I think another impact, the Illawarra offshore wind farm, or wind zone, is just 10 kilometers offshore, and if you look at, um, we've posted a track of all of the Sydney to Hobart yachts in the yacht race, every single one of them, One went through the exclusion zone.

So next year, or when they build these wind farms, if they ever build them Sydney to Hobart yacht race will have to move offshore because they won't be able to go through that exclusion zone. So they'll all be traveling another 20 K off the coast, uh, to avoid the, uh, the Illawarra offshore wind zone. Uh, so once again, madness, uh, no thought went into declaring that zone, uh, just as no thought went into this.

I think they think. You know, Illawarra and the other industrial areas, I will give them a wind farm. You know, it's, it's ridiculous. Uh, there doesn't seem to have been any scientific investigation in how they cited these things. Um, as I said, they, they haven't taken into account the ecology of the areas that they're dumping them in, and that's literally what's happening.

They're dumping them. Anyone with a proposal to build a wind farm gets a guaranteed profit, uh, as I said, the minister decides whether or not they're allowed to build it, and if you oppose it, you have no recourse to the

courts. Um, it is just insanity. How do you retrieve it if it sinks, uh, you know, they struggled to get, uh, airplanes out of water, uh, boats out of water when, when they sink, uh, you start talking about the depths of some of that water off the coast there.

I mean, it's very, very deep. Uh, you imagine, uh, once one of these things tips over, uh, it'll be an environmental catastrophe. They all weigh hundreds of tons, you know, they're all going to be in excess of 250 tons, uh, that's floating, uh, and then you've got all the anchors that are holding them in place.

And as I said, when they decommission these, and if I win Scotland is any guide, maybe 10 years, maybe 15 years, all of those anchors will be left on the seabed. And therefore, you know, fishery, they will never ever be a trawling fishery. Uh, because the fishermen won't be able to get in there. What can possibly go wrong, Johnny, as you've often been heard to say.

You just couldn't make this stuff up. You couldn't make this stuff up. Now you guys have really eloquently put your arguments forward and I, there's not too many critical thinkers. I don't think any would disagree with what you've said and we're all enraged by it. So tell us what's happening on the day, Katie, give us a rundown.

Where are you meeting? What time's it starting? Give us all that sort of stuff. Yeah, so it's, uh, next Tuesday at the front of Parliament House. We kick off at 10am in the morning, and we've got a jam packed schedule of some amazing speakers. Um, the Chairman of National Rational Energy Network, Grant Piper, is going to kick off with a bit of a A speech to sum it all up and then we're just going to get into it and hopefully there's going to be tens of thousands of people there to cheer us all on as we all hop up for our five minutes where we get to tell everybody what this government proposes for our environment, for our communities, and for our economy.

So we would like as many people to get down to Canberra as possibly can. We need support. We need numbers. We need mainstream media to see. And as you know, after what happened in the last couple of years, we need them to see that the will of the people is that we do not want these reckless renewables anywhere in Australia.

And that at a federal level, we need a Senate inquiry. There needs to be a stay put on all these projects immediately. And that the, the federal Senate needs to get an inquiry up, which they've tried six times now, but it keeps getting voted down by the Labor, the Teals, the Independents and the Grains up in the Senate.

Um, so if we can get tens of thousands of people, maybe more, that might give those politicians some indication of what they're dealing with. And if we go back to the Senate for another attempt to get an inquiry out, they might all decide to vote yes. God help us. So that's what happens. We can tell you from bitter experience that that crowd behind John there.

Uh, was reported at 10, 000 by the mainstream media. There was only 10, 000 people there. Now this is how they work. I've been in a rally with 300, 000 people and they reported 3000. Um, so the mainstream media are just as useful as tits on the ball, Jim. Exactly. Let's be honest, you can't rely on the mainstream media anymore because they're all in bed with the government and, uh, and the corporation.

So we give that one a miss, but we're going to be there, Johnny. Hmm. Hmm. And we'll be there. You will be two little faces in the crowd cheering you guys on and go for it. Give them heaps, give them heaps. And a lot of our followers are going to be there. Look, I'll tell you what, it's um, it's a nice little drive from, from big chunks of population on the East coast of Australia to get to Canberra for goodness sake, get there.

Cause folks, we got to realize if we're not part of the solution, we're part of the problem. And, uh, you know, this misinformation disinformation bill is going to be pushed through this year sometime. You can bet your bottom dollar. And we've got to make these politicians realize that the biggest purveyors of misinformation and missing information is the government itself.

So, uh, I want to thank you all for coming on. And I think this needs all the help it can get to be successful. So if you don't mind, I'll close it off with a prayer. Lord, Father in heaven, we thank you that we can come together to

discuss issues that are perplexing to so many people in Australia. And the land and the way it's used and the gifts that are given from the land has always been a priority for you.

And we just pray that you will be with the people on the land, that you will strengthen them and encourage them, and that you will empower our people to turn up and to be counted. That they will be safe on in their travels and they'll be safe in Canberra and that they will achieve the things that desperately need achieving.

Lord we pray that there'll be ears that are open and eyes that will see amongst the politicians in Canberra and that they may develop a backbone to stand up and say we have to put the people first for once. Put the people first. We ask this in Jesus. Holy name. Amen. God bless you all. Johnny, you've often been heard to say you just couldn't make this stuff up.

You couldn't stay out of the trees, everybody. And, uh, literally, and, uh, do your best to get there. Be safe on the way. I know there's a few convoys heading down that way. I think there's one guy from the Gold Coast. Um, it's a big drive for me, 15 back, but I'm happy to do it. And it's going to be great just to stand amongst the people and watch someone else do the yelling and screaming.

Um, Johnny Lardy, you've been in fine form tonight, mate. You've come up with some sayings I haven't heard come out of your mouth for a while. You must be stewing. Well, I'm looking forward to having a cup of coffee with Chris. Uh, I think he'll, uh, he'll, he'll look forward to having one with us. There's no doubt.

And, uh Yeah, I'll Bowie. Yeah, he's a great fella. He's a great bloke, isn't he? What a great bloke. Good on you, Bowie. We love you. I hope you got the courage to turn up and face a few questions. Yeah, Elmer. Sorry, Anthony. Sorry, Prime Minister. If you happen to be visiting Australia on the 6th of February, turn up.

So now, park the Airbus at Canberra, at the Fairbairn. He went to the tennis, he went to the tennis, uh, after the final and they, uh, announced him and he, he received a massive boo. Massive boo. It was fair. They've all been invited, Hootie. They've all been invited. Yeah. Yeah, we've invited them all. Yeah, no, we're giving, we're giving him a lovely reception.

I think we could do better than the tennis. If you can find your way out onto the stage there, you're, you weren't there when we needed to see you there before, but, uh, look. Anyway, if you love somebody and you haven't told them for goodness sake, ring them and tell them because everyone's a bit on the downside at the moment, a bit perplexed.

And we got to start doing what it takes to make people wake up to what's happening. What you did yesterday got you to today, folks. So just take it easy. And we've got a big week coming your way again on Club Grubbery. Thanks for following us. Thanks for watching. Thanks for your support. Go to www.clubgrubbery.com.au.

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He's obviously very busy, but he has agreed. So it's, uh, it's all, all go. He confirmed that with you today, didn't he?

All right. Let's get this up and at it. See you in Canberra, everybody. Thanks for watching. Bye. See you there. Can't wait. See you later.