

Net zero dogma will cost jobs, drive up our bills and damage the economy

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The phrase “forked tongue” was first used in Psalms in the Bible to describe someone who is being deceitful or hypocritical by saying one thing and meaning another. In Native American tribes, someone who spoke with a forked tongue could no longer be considered worthy of trust.

Imagine someone says to you that food security is vital and that they are on the side of farmers to ensure we have a broader range of food and reduce our dependency on imports. Almost all politicians say this. Have you ever thought about the area of land contained within the M25, effectively Greater London? It is some 700 sq miles, our biggest conurbation, which takes a long time to drive around.

Now think about productive English farmland of a similar area, producing high quality food. The Prime Minister and other Labour ministers have been at pains to extol how important farming is, that security of food production is key. But then, in the next breath, they announce they will carpet [an area of farmland the size of Greater London](#) with solar panels within a decade, thus preventing the growth of a huge amount of British food.

This extraordinary plan, just announced by the most dangerous man to the British economy, Ed Miliband, is all in [the religious pursuit of net zero](#), which is Labour and Tory doctrine, their new Bible. The numbers are mind boggling. It is the jarring transformation of the glorious patchwork quilt of the English countryside [into a mirror of glass](#).

As you splutter over your tea and cornflakes, you will presume that this can all be stopped. Local planners and councillors will reject this monstrous carbuncle. Think again. The Energy Secretary is designating these [vast acreages of solar panels](#) as “nationally significant infrastructure projects” which means he can bypass all normal planning rules.

The same approach will apply to onshore wind farms, so a forest of spinning blades is coming to a field near you soon. All this will be blended with a spider’s web of mega pylons carrying the electricity across the country. Solar panels will mainly be made in China using cheap electricity from coal-fired power stations, so most of the jobs will be overseas as we send them our money.

All of this will be part of Labour’s Planning and Infrastructure Bill next year. It lurks like a hissing snake next to Angela Rayner’s changes to the housing planning rules also announced this week. Essentially Labour are acting like a drunk in charge of a lumbering tank, quashing dissent as far and as fast as possible.

None of this comes for free. It requires investment of more than £40bn every year for a decade, apparently from the private sector who will want a juicy profit from us consumers. So it will drive up bills, not reduce them. If there was no net zero, then none of this desecration would happen, none of the extra cost would be incurred.

We would be better off, all of us would enjoy lower bills, higher growth and a higher quality of life. It is basic maths that renewables plus back-up, must cost more than just back-up. Do not be surprised that a Trump economy will grow much faster than the UK and EU nations, because he will ditch the religious cult of net zero and boost activity.

This net zero virtue signalling is a vast act of arrogant green colonialism, as huge open cast mines in developing nations tear up rare earth metals. Mines where children are used as cheap labour in appalling conditions.

Apart from ruining our environment and countryside, net zero is the greatest act of financial self harm ever imposed on a nation by incompetent politicians from the two main parties. Our economy is in distress, manufacturing jobs are being slain.

Our politicians have misled us all for many years. Saying one thing whilst meaning another. Labour's net zero drive is just the latest example.