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Snowy 2.0: Australia's divisive plan for a vast underground battery

Far beneath a national park in one of the coldest parts of Australia, the government wants to build a power station capable of generating 10% of the nation's energy. It is part of an expensive hydro electricity scheme in the Kosciuszko National Park in New South Wales.

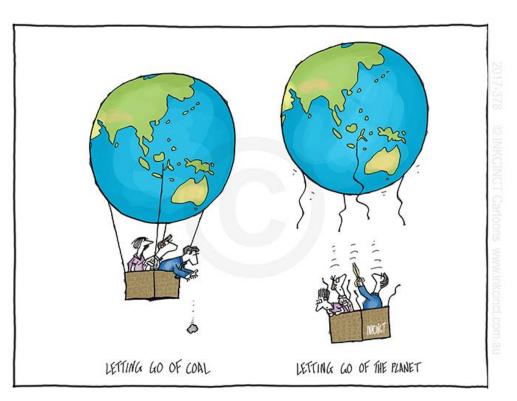
- It is simple enough in concept, but elaborate in design, and challenging in practice. The Kosciuszko plan would see energy generated underwater and the water reused, while the entire operation would be almost completely hidden beneath the national park.
- Australia is one of the sunniest continents, and wind energy is currently the cheapest source of large-scale renewables. Add to the mix hydro technology and Australia has the potential to become a clean energy superpower as more of its coal-fired stations shut down.

Yet not everyone is convinced that such a monumental project is worth the effort. "It is probably around a 6 to 7 billion dollar project, and you can build a lot of other storage and renewables schemes for that kind of money," says Andrew Stock, an energy expert at Australia's independent Climate Council. It's also unclear if power bills will fall when the giant storage unit is working.

BBC Sydney, October 17, 2019

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