

Sunrise in Australia

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Congratulation to Australia! The change of government to Kevin Rudd will ring in the solar age in Australia.

The new Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, announced directly after his election that his government will «address with "great urgency" the pressing challenges of climate change and water».

The new Australian government wants to increase the use of renewable energies strongly in order to create a mass-market and to bring down the cost of solar energy, wind energy and other renewable energy technologies. Also planned is a billion-budget for research and development of 'Clean Coal ' and renewable energies.

Just a few months ago in May 2007 John Howard, the Australian Prime Minister at that time, said: *"There are only two ways to produce energy in our country: We can burn our fossil fuels or build nuclear power plants."* John Howard ignored thereby - just like the Iranian president Mahmud Ahmadinedschad - the gigantic energy potential of large solar power stations (solar chimney power plants, parabolic reflector power plants, photovoltaic solar power plants, etc.) and of wind farms. He also ignored, how much space, sun and wind exist in Australia as natural and free resources. John Howard was voted out. The rumours about possible nuclear power plants in Australia became obsolete by the triumphal election victory of Kevin Rudd.

Since each nuclear reactor contains the radioactivity of approximately 2'000 nuclear bombs the size of Hiroshima, this dedicated «No to nuclear energy» is a globally responsible and an economically sustainable decision.

A rapid and solid build-up of renewable energies in Australia will also give an important international signal to countries such as India, Pakistan and Iran. **This is a chance for peace, economy, security, independence and ecology in these globally important regions.**

Every private household can support this: Order from your electricity supplier a natural power product, which contains a portion of solar electricity (e.g. a natural power product produced by water, wind, solar and biomass energies).

»All households using natural power provide a significant contribution to build up a future-qualified energy supply and by this means support peace, economy, security, neutrality and ecology.«



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