

# ***Greenpeace has Selective Blindness***

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The Carbon Sense Coalition today accused Greenpeace of selective blindness in their unrelenting war on coal.

The Chairman of Carbon Sense, Mr Viv Forbes, said he was surprised that a group supposedly protecting the environment are so viciously attacking the energy source that has done more to protect the environment than any other.

## ***Quote:***

Without coal, humans would have stripped every tree from every populated area to provide heating, cooking, building materials, steam power, and charcoal for smelting metals.

Their silly opposition to coal in Britain means that now one large UK power station (Drax) is converting to burn wood, harvested in North American forests, and shipped to Britain to be burnt. Their selective blindness does not compute the net energy waste involved in this stupidity.

Does Greenpeace support burning the forests?

Green policies have also caused such high power prices that poor consumers in Europe's bitter winter were stripping forests for firewood, even burning old books to keep warm.

Does Greenpeace support high power prices, wood-poaching and book-burning?

Green promotion of wind power is defacing the rural environment with networks of roads, power lines and whirling scythes that slaughter millions of bats and raptors all over the world. And causing duplication of generating equipment for the 70% of the time wind turbines do not deliver planned power.

Does Greenpeace support this environmental destruction and waste of community resources?

Greenpeace probably also believe that coal-fired power generation causes city smogs. It does not.

Air pollution is nothing new. King Edward I complained about London pollution in 1306, as did Queen Elizabeth I in 1578, long before the first steam engine operated.

The Asian smog is not caused by producing electricity in modern power stations with closed boilers, pollution controls and using high-quality washed coal such as exported by Australia to Asia. The "power station pollution" pictured so eagerly in ABC and Greenpeace propaganda is actually steam from the cooling towers.

The main products of burning coal are water vapour and carbon dioxide – both are essential life supporters. The carbon dioxide produced by burning coal has done more to encourage the growth of plants and the greening of planet Earth than Greenpeace Pirates will ever do.



### Bayswater Power Station at Full Production.

*The wispy white vapour is steam, from the cooling towers, as harmless as what comes out of a boiling kettle. The tall stacks are the Exhaust Stacks, emitting mostly invisible harmless natural gases including nitrogen, carbon dioxide, oxygen and argon. They all came from the atmosphere in the first place. Where is the pollution?*

Today's Asian smogs have many sources – forest fires in Indonesia; open air cremations in India; dust from volcanic eruptions and the Gobi desert; soot, ash and other pollutants from millions of domestic cooking fires and heaters using anything combustible – cow dung, wood, paper, cardboard, plastic or cheap unwashed coal; and soot and unburnt hydro-carbons from millions of vehicles, many with engines needing maintenance and no pollution controls.

Clean, silent, non-polluting, low-cost electricity (“Clean coal by wire”) into every home is the one thing that could solve most of the Asian air pollution.

Greenpeace will be believable when they can demonstrate that they use nothing made by coal energy and they can survive with their pleasant western lifestyle in world bereft of carbon energy from coal, oil and gas.

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*Disclosure: Viv Forbes holds shares in a small Australian coal explorer which may benefit when Asia decides to solve their energy and pollution problems using “clean coal by wire”. And he has a greater vested interest in being supplied with reliable low cost electricity.*

#### **More Reading for those interested:**

*Is Coal Dirty?*  
<http://carbon-sense.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/is-coal-dirty.pdf>

*No need to panic about global warming:*  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204301404577171531838421366.html>