

I'm writing this from Nelson, where Climate Change is responsible for the fires and the loss of industry, as wood waste burns on and firebreaks were thought to be too old-fashioned to bother about any more. That wood waste could have been harvested as an alternative fuel. Leaving it as a fire hazard is too dangerous.

If this country is to progress at all in carbon reduction, we need to stop more coal fired boilers being commissioned by Fonterra, (and others) who have one here in Tasman and have just been granted permission for one in Waimate. Our local hospital has managed to switch to methane from the landfill here, and some of our schools have switched away from coal to electric or solar. Process heat would be the sanest place to start, before moving on to petrol driven cars.

Tiwai Point uses the whole of the supply from Manapouri, and this needs to end and the electricity made available to Southland.

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