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21 January 2026

Dear Sirs

Re: Proposed Glenora Wind Farm at Ballycastle, Co.Mayo REF: PA16.318701

We, Michael Callander and Rosalind Callander resident at the above address wish to make further observations and submissions concerning the above application. Please read this letter in conjunction with our letter to you of 14 February 2024.

We note all the objections and submissions made by 3<sup>rd</sup> party observers and the submissions of prescribed bodies posted on your website on 13 January 2026.

Regarding the submissions of prescribed bodies we would comment as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

The requirement for these huge turbines to be lit can only be contrary to the Mayo dark skies policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

We note the Archaeological and Nature Conservation recommendations.

We stated in our previous letter of 14 February 2024 that we were concerned with flooding in this area.

The area of the proposed access road ( and including our property) is subject to flooding at periods of high tides and high rainfall. We attach a photograph

marked A showing the area and hatched red. This includes part of the R314 which becomes impassable.

We are further concerned with peat slippage which has been documented and commented on by Mr Kevin Loftus ( 3<sup>rd</sup> party observer).

Our area consists of Metadolerite bedrock which is non-porous. When water moves through the peat, due to gravity, it can only move downwards. Digging works and removing 116 hectares of trees can only exacerbate the situation.

The magnitude of these proposed works can only expose us further to these risks.

There is also serious risk of water and river pollution due to the complex system of waterways.

We note the comments concerning bird collision and destruction of natural habitat. You will receive a separate submission from another 3<sup>rd</sup> party concerning the sighting of corncrakes in the area of the proposed access road. These sightings have been photographed and reported to the relevant authorities.

Regarding the archaeological requirements, this area as part of the historic Ceide Fields Complex has to be preserved. We cannot see how that can be achieved.

#### MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

We note the temporary widening of the road in our townland of Ballyglass and the provision of a new roadway to facilitate the delivery of turbine components and abnormal loads. This road (which will cease to be temporary after completed works as it will not be possible to reinstate the landscape) runs past dwellings and will cause considerable disruption to those homeowners. We note some deliveries will take place at night. We are entitled to peace and quiet and enjoyment of our homes.

The route also goes over a narrow bridge in Ballyglass as well as 2 other bridges on the R314. The one in Ballyglass as shown on the attached photograph B is one car width and the other two are narrow. Please see attached photographs C and D. We can't see how these will be negotiated or stand up to the heavy

traffic which will be using them. Additionally, attached photograph E which shows alternative routes from the R314 will be subject to traffic relating to the project.

We note that the Council state that the National Landscape Strategy is to achieve a balance between social, cultural and economic needs and the environment and the landscape. This proposed development in terms of these aims will not be achievable.

We note that permission for a smaller wind farm was rejected by the Council and ABP in 2004. The landscape has not changed – it is still rural, scenic, sensitive and vulnerable and will be forever changed if this development is allowed to go ahead.

#### FAILTE IRELAND

They comment on the major landscape and visual disturbance that the proposed development will introduce into this remote and secluded landscape.

Also, the direct and indirect impact on the landscape and tourism including The Western Way, Wild Atlantic Way and the wider context of the Ceide Fields.

We agree. We attach ~~a pdf of~~ Ceide Coast North Mayo Tourism Map & Guide. This was produced by ourselves and a few others to promote this area. It was financed by local businesses and reprinted with the aid of Mayo Councillors. To date thirty thousand copies have been distributed and shows the level of commitment to tourism in this area.

Not only will the construction phase have a significant impact but there will be a major irreversible change in the character of the area.

We have had sight of the lengthy response of MKO which we could not find on your website.

Their response shows the sheer magnitude of the proposed development. For all the reasons stated the area is quite clearly not suitable.

They have ignored the fact that our homes will be devalued considerably. People move to this area for the very thing that will be taken away.

We actually find their response in dismissing all the very reasonable and logical concerns to be arrogant, facile, disingenuous and disdainful.

We note that there are to be separate applications for the substation and grid connection infrastructure. This is “ project splitting” and we cannot distinguish the facts of this application from those in the case of O’Grianna v An Bord Pleanala – IEHC 632 , 12.12. 2024.

We would also state that this application is based on out of date guidelines and technology. We attach a summary of The Irish Academy of Engineering Report “Rebalancing Ireland’s Energy Policy” and a document entitled Rationality Returns to Australia as Climate Scare Wanes by Vijay Jayaraj for your information.

We conclude by stating that we strongly object to this application and urge the Commission to reject it.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Michael Callander



Rosalind Callander



## Some Issues Raised in The Irish Academy of Engineers Report – ‘Rebalancing Ireland’s Energy Policy’

1. On 17 November 2025, The Irish Academy of Engineers launched a significant Report titled ‘Rebalancing Ireland’s Energy Policy’
2. **Many Engineering Groups** - Irish Climate Science Forum [www.icsf.ie](http://www.icsf.ie) and All Ireland Engineers, etc and indeed State Institutions (NESC – Eir.Grid, etc) have already been quietly raising questions about the realistic attainability of Climate Change goals.

The main issues raised in The Irish Academy of Engineers Report are as follows:

### Wrong Energy Choices made initially:

- Ireland made the wrong policy choices and adopted CO2 reduction targets without taking cognizance of the **structural limitations** and our **small isolated Grid**.
- We also have **very little Hydro Electric and no Nuclear Capacity** and Ireland is not therefore comparable to countries who have these.

### Energy Goals are proving to be unattainable:

- Net Zero by 2050 is totally unattainable and technically impossible.
- Producing 80% of our electricity from Renewable Energy (RE) by 2030 is also a totally unattainable goal.
- **By 2050 on current energy policy, Ireland will still be 66% dependent on Fossil Fuels.**

### Electricity Cost Issues;

- The government is ignoring the impact of RE policy on the cost of electricity to consumers and the impacts on our international competitiveness.
- **Imperfections charges account for 7% of the total cost of electricity.** These are the additional **costs of keeping the Eirgrid system stable.**
- **Capacity costs** are also necessary to back up the unreliability of RE output
- **Curtailement payments** are also incurred because the Grid is insufficiently planned or developed to cope with RE. Both payments combined cost **1.2 Billion per annum.**
- **The mechanism to pay for RE** is structured in a manner that over pays for RE produced.

### Energy Security:

- **The current plan cannot bring about Energy Security.** Gas Storage capacity is much too low and there are no effective plans to reverse this. Current storage is sufficient to provide supply to meet the country’s needs for **90 days.**
- Currently Ireland has a fossil fuel output capacity of approx. **6 GW of electricity.** It is estimated that this **needs to double to 12 GW** of fossil fuel by 2050. So much for the notion that RE can effectively replace fossil fuel?

### **Infrastructural Deficit:**

- Our Ports have not been developed sufficiently in order to import Gas or service offshore wind developments.
- Our Grid is under developed and incapable of coping with Renewable Energy output.
- **Nuclear Energy was banned in Ireland in 1999 and drilling for Gas was banned in 2021, so as of now, neither options are legally available.**
- **Nuclear** - In the particular case of Small Micro Nuclear Reactors, much preparatory work is required to create a legislative and regulatory framework that would allow their deployment if they prove to be viable. This would be a serious mistake to ignore their potential.
  
- If the idea that Ireland could become the *Saudi Arabia of wind* due to the country's large wind resource were to remain an objective – either in policy or in the business plans of renewables companies – the best way to facilitate this would be to allow market forces to operate and **not to offer State support contracts**. This would protect consumers from the cost of excess revenue support schemes.

**There is clearly a huge Gap between Energy Policy and reality.** The question now for our government is how do we close that gap and how quickly? **It is time for an Energy Review and rethink.**

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# Rationality Returns to Australia as Climate Scare Wanes

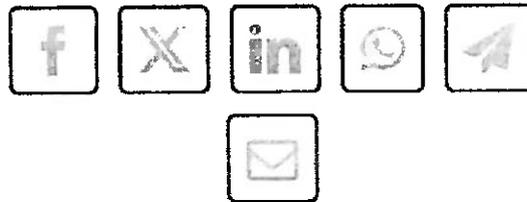
Australia's green energy experiment has left millions of its citizens with a shaky power grid, serving as a case study on how blind allegiance to climate dogma leads to economic and social turmoil.



**Vijay Jayaraj**

Date: 6 December 2025

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The once sacred “net zero” pledge has been exposed as a curse producing public anger, stark warnings from industry and a rethinking of national energy policy. Cracks in the so-called consensus about human-caused global warming are widening.



Last week, the National Party of Australia finally broke the spell. By unanimously voting to abandon a 2050 net zero target, party members fired the first shot in a rebellion against the “green” agenda,

declaring that cheap and reliable power must come before climate ideology. Faced with a struggling grid, shuttering industries and an angry electorate, and the party stated the obvious: "We need to prioritize cheaper energy."

On November 13, the Liberal Party followed in the footsteps of Nationals and reversed their commitment to net zero by 2050. "Our emissions reduction goals will never come at the expense of Australian families, and this is the principle that will guide every decision we take," Sussan Ley, the leader of the Liberals, the main opposition party.

These decisions did not emerge in a vacuum. It is a natural reaction to years of recklessness that dismantled a stable energy system and replaced it with wishful thinking. Wind and solar technologies have not delivered the affordability or reliability their advocates promised.

Household electricity prices in Australia are currently **50% higher** than those in the U.S. Power **costs** by as much as \$526 per household. Why endure this when reliable coal and natural gas plants once kept lights on affordably?

Governments sidelined these sources, labeling them outdated, while wind turbines could operate less than half the time of conventional sources and solar panels less than a quarter. These numbers reveal the truth: Intermittent wind and solar cannot sustain a modern economy.

Battery storage – heralded as the backup savior of wind and solar – has failed to live up to its billing. Flagship mega-projects like the Snowy 2.0 pump-hydro scheme suffered cost blowouts, delays and technical hurdles. What began as a \$2 billion project has ballooned beyond \$12 billion, with tunneling disasters and technical setbacks making completion uncertain.

Australian Capital Territory's Page Research Centre (PRC) says the net zero commitment no longer serves the interests of Australians. It notes electricity and gas prices have risen sharply since Australia committed to the “decarbonization” target. “Lower-income households already spend nearly four times the share of their income on energy compared to higher-income households, making affordability a question not only of economics but of equity,” says the PRC.

A PRC report also shows that the fiscal burden of green policies is substantial: “Between the Capacity Investment Scheme, Rewiring the Nation, hydrogen subsidies, and state-based SuperGrid programs, the combined public exposure to net-zero-aligned spending exceeds \$120–\$140 billion.”

Industries suffer most from this chaos. The Tomago Aluminium Smelter), Australia’s largest, is at risk of closure without a viable energy deal, as current contracts expire amid unaffordable prices. Tomago employs thousands, but high grid costs render operations unsustainable.

BlueScope Steel reported a 90% profit plunge in 2025, blaming energy expenses three to four times higher than in the United States. Manufacturers like these once thrived on cheap coal, but now they demand subsidies or face shutdowns, accelerating deindustrialization.

Farmers’ federations and business councils have raised alarms that current energy policy risks national competitiveness. Entrepreneur Dick Smith – known to some as Australia’s national treasure – recently condemned the “lies” demonizing fossil fuels and fostering fear about climate change.

Australia can reclaim its energy sovereignty by investing in what works: coal, natural gas and nuclear. Modern coal plants with high-efficiency, low-emission technology produce a fraction of the emissions of older units while providing stable baseload power. Gas remains indispensable for balancing supply and demand.

Nuclear, long demonized by green lobbies, offers reliability that no solar array can match. Yet regulatory barriers persist. Successive governments have banned nuclear power since 1998, even as allies like the U.S., France and Japan expand their fleets. The ban looks more absurd than ever.

The National Party's abandonment of net zero signals broader rebellion. State branches in Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia had already rejected the target, pressuring federal leaders. Even mainstream media outlets that once championed "green" narratives are now questioning their validity.

The conversation has shifted from "how fast" to decarbonize to "whether" it makes sense at all.

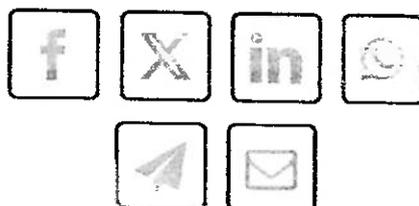


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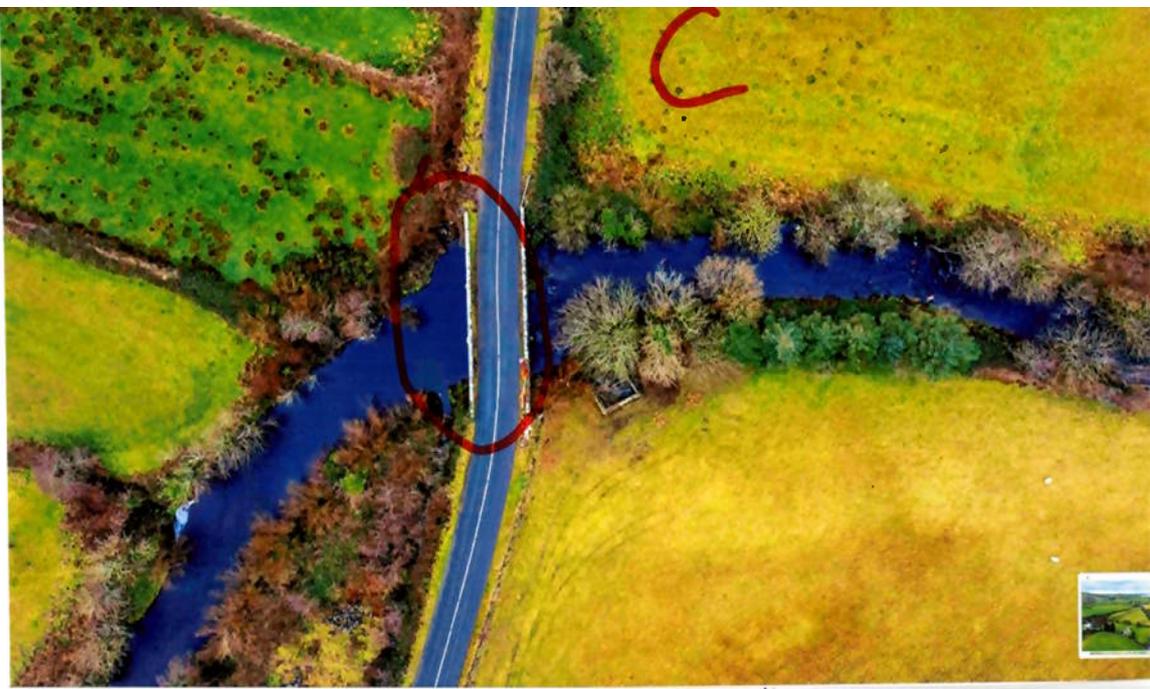
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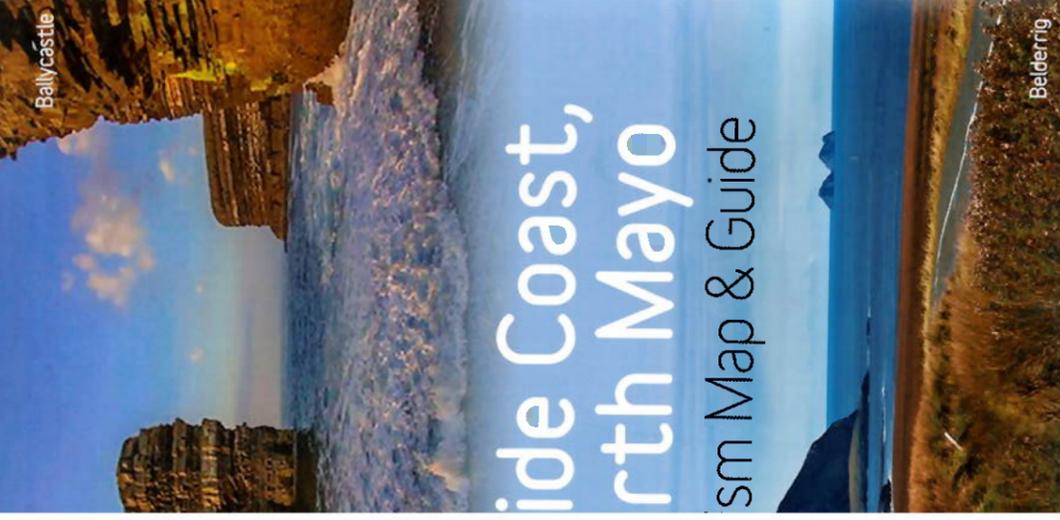
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Killala Community Centre  
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**Lacken Drownings 1927 Monument**  
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**Seaweed Gatherers**  
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**Cúpla Focal**  
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Hello / How are you  
I am well  
Please  
Thank you  
You're welcome  
Very tasty  
I would like...  
How much  
What a lovely day  
Beach  
The sea  
I print  
Cheers  
Goodbye

Cén chaoi a bhfuil tú?  
Tá mé go maith  
Le do thoil  
Go raibín maith agat  
Tá fáilte romhat  
An-bhliasta  
Ba mháth lom...  
Cé mhéid  
Tá an lá go deas  
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Sláinte  
Slán

Kay-he-will-too  
Thaw-may-gu-my  
Le-du-hell  
Gura-may-agath  
Thaw-faite-rowat  
On-vlas-ta  
Bah-why-lum  
Kay-veid  
Thaw-on-law-gu-jass  
Thraw  
On-arraig-ah  
Pee-unta-awoin  
Slawn-cha  
Slawn

**Killala**

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F: 096 21388  
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## Water Based Activities

- Surfing
- Swimming
- Paddle Boarding
- SCUBA Diving
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Bird Watching
- Whales & Dolphins
- Harbour/Pier

## Land Based Attractions

- Historic Abbey or Church
- Point of Interest
- Round Tower
- Neolithic Sites
- Megalithic Site
- Carbad More Court Tomb
- Wedge Tomb
- Megalithic tomb and stone circles
- Ogham Stone
- Standing stone Foghill
- Standing stone Ballinlena
- Kilcummin church, sun dial and Holy well
- Rathlacken tomb
- Gazebo
- Doomreenny Standing Stone

## Cycling/Rothaíocht Walking/Siúlóidí visit: [mayotrails.ie](http://mayotrails.ie)

- Walking Routes
- (Easy) 1-2hrs
- (Moderate) 2-3hrs
- (Hard) 3-5hrs
- Western Way
- Bicycle Hire
- Greenway
- Scenic Drive
- Wild Atlantic Way
- Tour d'Humbert
- Tour d'Humbert landing point

## Useful Services

- ATM
- Filling Station
- Parking
- Post Office
- Church
- Tourist Office
- Shopping
- Airport

## Eat, Sleep and Refresh

- Hotel/B&B/ Self-Catering
- Food/Drink

