

INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES OF WIND TURBINE FAILURE AND FRAUD



ONTARIO AND GERMANY, FOR STARTERS

Ontario

*The decision in 2009 to emphasize the development of renewable sources of solar, wind, and biomass was particularly ill considered and costly to users. The idea was conceived to use renewable energy as a tool to fight the recession; the interdependence of the two is reflected in the title of the “Green Energy and Green Economy Act” of 2009, which linked local content provisions to the supply of renewable energy power. The strategy of using renewable energy as a way to create jobs, during the recession or any other time, was always disingenuous: The Auditor General noted, “studies in other jurisdictions have shown that for each job created through renewable energy programs, **about two to four jobs are often lost in other sectors of the economy because of higher electricity prices**”.*

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/sites/default/files/ontario-no-longer-a-place-to-prosper.pdf>

GERMANY

Like South Australia, Germany's grid is on the very brink of collapse. Power consumers (read 'voters') are furious and those in power appear powerless to undo the damage.

Once seen as "a paragon of green energy virtue", the Energiewende is nothing like it was sold to be by green energy hucksters. In fact things have gotten so bad that we can expect activists to grow totally silent on Germany's Energiewende as its failure becomes glaring and embarrassing. <https://stopthesethings.com/2017/12/07/renewables-fiasco-the-astronomical-cost-of-germanys-green-energy-failure/>

The WSJ editorial boards reminds readers that Germany is not even going to come close to meeting it's 2020 or 2030 targets, despite the hundreds of billions of euros committed to the project so far.

No greenhouse gas reductions in 9 years

The truth is that the lion's share of the country's greenhouse gas reductions happened right after 1990 when free market principles were implemented to revamp totally run-down Communist East Germany.

Yet since the mass state intervention that is the Energiewende, Germany's reductions have ground to a halt.

In reality the country — under Merkel's leadership — has not seen its emissions of greenhouse gases fall since the end of the last decade, 2009! [Read here.](#)

"Astronomical costs"

By any measure this is an astonishing failure of Communist dimensions. The WSJ editorial board writes of "astronomical costs" in return for nothing.

By one estimate, businesses and households paid an extra €125 billion in increased electricity bills between 2000 and 2015 to subsidize renewables, on top of billions more in other handouts.

Zero impact

One the WSJ does not mention is that the latest estimates project the Energiewende to cost Germans more than 1.5 trillion euros by 2050.

The aimed greenhouse gas reductions would translate into maybe a theoretical 2 hundredths of a degree Celsius of less global warming. And here it may surprise some that many experts believe the global warming theory is recklessly hyped. The reduced warming achieved may even be as puny as just a few thousandths of a degree.

This is hardly “saving the planet”.

GERMANY'S GREEN ENERGY DISASTER A CAUTIONARY TALE FOR WORLD LEADERS, FORBES

Merkel's energy plan called for the addition of 25,000 megawatts of sea-based wind turbine power by 2030. However through the first six months of 2012 only 45 megawatts had been added to Germany's existing 200-megawatt supply, according to an industry analyst [quoted by Reuters](#). And despite massive subsidies funded by a household energy surcharge (which currently comprises [14 percent](#) of German power bills), major wind projects in the North Sea are being delayed or canceled due to skittish investors.

The basic problem? Wind farms are notoriously unreliable as a power source. Not only that, they take up vast amounts of space and kill tens of thousands of birds annually.

“Generating energy with wind involves extreme fluctuations because it depends on the weather and includes periods without any recognizable capacity for days, or suddenly occurring supply peaks that push the grid to its limits,” a [2012 report](#) from Germany energy expert Dr. Guenter Keil notes. “There is a threat of power outages over large areas, mainly in wintertime when the demand is high and less (power) gets delivered from abroad.” <https://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2013/03/14/germanys-green-energy-disaster-a-cautionary-tale-for-world-leaders/#7bfeb47454e9>