

Inquiry into the Closure of the Hazelwood and Yallourn Power Stations

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For too long the Latrobe Valley has had power stations chew up the airwaves and media while too many other things get overlooked. There is plenty of future in jobs related to power generation and coal, they will just shift and change. However lots of things get over looked.

Ie.

Build a look out tower in coach road Newborough - jobs for engineers and fabriactors

Recent bus shelters rolled out by the state government were built in Geelong.

The Gov Hub had a facade built in Ballarat - no jobs in that part for locals

Latrobe City purchased play equipment for Moe Botanical Gardens that was made in Finland - Could have easily followed code and made out of local timber instead. Jobs for carpenters and draftspersons.

The roads are woeful

I have a list of jobs for Yallourn North that I've been unsuccessful in getting funding for, for nearly a decade. This includes drainage in reserves and in streetscapes, as well as other constructions and improvements of community facilities such as the hall.

All the local towns need interactive and easy to use promotional websites. I built one for my community only to have it butchered by a council endorsed community group.

Part of the power stations need to be preserved. The cooling tower at Yallourn was the first in the country. It has an internal structure so will continue to stand long after the water is turned off. The administration building at Yallourn too needs to be restored to it's former glory. Power works could be the Scienceworks of the East. Perfect for retiring power workers.

The Moe rail corridor needs duplication urgently.

The region keeps getting budget measures. ie. The level crossing at Lloyd St Moe isn't being removed, when one has been designed for the top of Saviges Road that wouldn't require property acquisition given the rail corridor is wider there. It should be built.

The roundabout bridge at Narracan drive needs a full rebuild too. The viaduct along Narracan Drive can be duplicated.

The Botanical Gardens in Moe is anything but Botanical.

Lake Narracan is an underutilised asset. I have been trying to get a sign on the Northern Shore for it for over a decade. No one will put one there. Tourists have spent a decade driving past on Purvis Road having no idea it is there. A missed opportunity. There isn't even a sign for Mid Valley Shopping Centre along the highway at Morwell.

Even just for footpaths. Old Gippstown Drive overpass in Moe just had some concrete works. But they didn't retrofit to make it accessible for all abilities. So it's just money wasted on something that will have to be redone in a tourist area. If done properly walkers would walk into the CBD from Old Gippstown.

There needs to be a full truck stop service station at Morwell between Monash Way and Tramway Road. Perfect spot. Council owns the land.

The list goes on.

Everywhere I look there is opportunity for jobs. But they aren't all grand panaceas. They are just ordinary jobs for ordinary people many of them.

So why do they always get overlooked.

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